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The great Canadian birthday party – country-wide celebrations

On July 1, Canada's one-hundred-and-tenth birthday, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation will carry a three-hour special television spectacular, in English and French, featuring local and national celebrities "in a national view of the Canadian mosaic", Secretary of State John Roberts announced recently.

"While we are planning our major emphasis on our national celebration from coast to coast, Ottawa will be the site of a special day of festivities, including a parade of original floats depicting Canada's history and diversity," he said.

The Trooping of the Colour will take place in the morning and, beginning at 1 p.m., Ottawa will celebrate the "great Canadian birthday party", a giant five-hour festival of folk-dancing, music, sports, children's activities and contests. It is being organized by a volunteer citizen's committee with federal support and assistance.

The climax to the festivities in Ottawa will be a three-hour spectacular on Parliament Hill featuring English and French performers and celebrities from across the country.

Performers

Some of the performers in the show, which begins at sunset, are: Frank Augustyn and Karen Kain, ballet dancers; Les Ballets Jazz; Howard Cable, musician; The Canadian Brass; Ti-Jean Carignan, violinist; Patsy Gallant, singer; Jean Gascon, actor and director; Bruno Gerussi, actor; Juliette, singer; the Ottawa Choral Society; René Simard, 16-year-old popular singer; Les Sortilèges, folk dancers; Al Waxman, actor.

Live performances from across the country will be included by satellite in the CBC's three-hour special. The Ottawa spectacular will be tied in to the CBC television program so that Canadians across the country will be able to enjoy it.

A giant fireworks display in the evening will end what promises to be the most exciting celebration of Can-

ada's federal national holiday.

Call for national unity

Mr. Roberts described the events which had led up to this year's celebrations as follows:

"In April, the Prime Minister announced the Government's intention to co-ordinate appropriate and festive activities to celebrate and honour Canada's federal national holiday on July 1, 1977.

"The decision was prompted by the growing number of expressions of national unity from groups and associations across the country and the recognition of the impressive number of July 1 projects and activities being

Canada Week

Hundreds of events were planned throughout Canada in over 1,000 communities to mark Canada Week, June 25 to July 1.

They included: parades and march pasts in Newfoundland by the Royal Canadian Legion; a French-language picnic at Port La Joie in Prince Edward Island; in Montreal, fashion shows, fireworks, church-bell ringing, dance contests, a golden age picnic, a "family day" June 27, with games and entertainment for children, followed by an evening concert.

In Ontario, events included an Olympic sail past at Kingston, and the opening of the old railroad from Port Stanley to London.

Manitoba's highlight was the Red River Exhibition with a parade and a Western Canada caravan.

In Saskatchewan, a Queen's Ball was slated for June 24 in Moose Jaw, which would also host a "Las Vegas Night" and a multicultural festival.

British Columbia was to hold the largest citizenship court ever in Canada in Vancouver, June 20, with 500 candidates and 1,000 friends and relatives expected.

And in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, a midnight golf tournament was planned for June 21.



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