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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. L. DANA WILGRESS TO LEAD THE CANADIAN PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS, DUE TO BEGIN IN GENEVA ON NOVEMBER 10, TO STUDY THE PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF MINIMIZING THE POSSIBILITY OF SURPRISE ATTACK. MR. WILGRESS FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS HAS BEEN THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CANADA TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY POLITICAL AND TECHNICAL ADVISORS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE.

THE PROSPECTIVE CONFERENCE IS THE OUTCOME OF PROPOSALS MADE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE U.S.S.R. SOME MONTHS AGO. THE SOVIET UNION HAS INDICATED THAT EXPERTS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA, POLAND AND ROUMANIA WILL TAKE PART ON ITS SIDE. FOR THE WESTERN COUNTRIES THERE WILL ALSO BE EXPERTS FROM FRANCE, ITALY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE UNITED STATES AND POSSIBLY OTHER COUNTRIES.