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TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 1957.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TO-DAY THAT DR. R.A. MACKAY, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CANADA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, WILL BE CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE 24TH SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE PALAIS DES NATIONS IN GENEVA FROM JULY 2 TO AUGUST 2, 1957. THE CANADIAN DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE FOUR ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES: DR. G.F. DAVIDSON, DEPUTY-MINISTER OF WELFARE, MR. M.H. WERSHOF, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CANADA TO THE EUROPEAN OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, GENEVA, DR. O.J. FIRESTONE, DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE AND MR. S. POLLOCK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

MEMBERS OF THE CANADIAN DELEGATION WILL ALSO ATTEND SPECIAL MEETINGS OF TWO COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE, THE CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE AND THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL CONVENE IN GENEVA ON JUNE 25.

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL COMPRISES EIGHTEEN MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, EACH OF WHICH HOLDS OFFICE FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS. CANADA'S PRESENT TERM OF OFFICE AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL WILL EXPIRE AT THE END OF 1958.

AT ITS 24TH SESSION THE COUNCIL, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITY IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FIELDS, WILL UNDERTAKE ITS ANNUAL GENERAL REVIEW OF UNITED NATIONS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES AS WELL AS A REVIEW OF THE VARIOUS PROGRAMMES IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS FIELDS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, WITH A VIEW TO ENSURING MAXIMUM CO-ORDINATION AMONG THESE BODIES. IT WILL ALSO CARRY OUT ITS ANNUAL SURVEY OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION AND WILL DISCUSS RELATED ECONOMIC ITEMS SUCH AS THE FINANCING OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PROBLEMS, THE USE OF NEW SOURCES OF ENERGY AS A MEANS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORLD FOOD RESERVE.

THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SESSION ALSO INCLUDES MANY ITEMS OF INTEREST IN THE SOCIAL FIELD SUCH AS A REVIEW OF THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION, THE REPORTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OF NARCOTIC DRUGS AS WELL AS THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES.