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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today that the Honourable W. Ross MacDonald, Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the Government in the Senate, will officiate in Port of Spain on January 24 at the formal unveiling ceremonies which will mark the opening of the University residence to be known as "Canada Hall". The Pro Vice-Chancellor of the University of the West Indies, Dr. H.D. Huggins, will lead the academic procession and preside over the ceremonies.

"Canada Hall" consists of two separate three-story dormitories and a single-story service block. Each of the dormitory buildings contains 96 single bedrooms which have been provided with built-in furniture. The service block comprises caretaking, storage, laundry and other related services. All the electrical and plumbing equipment as well as the built-in furniture in "Canada Hall" were supplied from Canadian sources. The cost to Canada for this University residence and its furnishing was \$700,000.

The building of "Canada Hall" is one of a number of capital assistance projects undertaken by Canada in the Caribbean area under its \$10 million Commonwealth Caribbean Assistance Programme. In September 1958, Canada began this five-year Assistance Programme for the Commonwealth islands in the West Indies. Canada is continuing this 1958-63 Caribbean Assistance Programme during the present fiscal year with a further contribution of \$2.1 million. The capital