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## MARCH 14 - COMMONWEALTH DAY

On Monday, March 14, Commonwealth Day will be observed in Canada and throughout the Commonwealth for the seventh consecutive year. It was Prime Minister Trudeau's proposal at the 1975 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Kingston, Jamaica, that an annual observance should make the Commonwealth better known to its people, particularly in the schools, by whatever activities are considered appropriate.

Commonwealth Day is not a statutory holiday. Its observance is intended to emphasize the value Canada attaches to this unique association of 47 countries of all sizes, races and cultures. Across the country, schools, public libraries, numerous organizations and branches of the Royal Commonwealth Society have been provided with Commonwealth Day posters and information materials to assist in the plans to mark the occasion.

A varied programme of events--both official and non-governmental--has been planned to observe Commonwealth Day, including interfaith services to be held on Sunday, March 13, in Ottawa, Halifax, Vancouver, Victoria and Toronto under the auspices of the Royal Commonwealth Society. A service in Ottawa will be held in the McLeod-Stewarton United Church, Bank Street at Argyle, at 4:00 p.m.