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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS HAS DECIDED THAT, AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, OCTOBER 24 SHOULD BE OFFICIALLY CELEBRATED AS "UNITED NATIONS DAY". THIS OCTOBER 24 WILL BE THE FOURTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

UNITED NATIONS DAY CELEBRATIONS WILL BE GENERAL THROUGH CANADA. THE PRIME MINISTER, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JOHN G. DIEFENBAKER, WILL ISSUE A SPECIAL UNITED NATIONS DAY MESSAGE IN THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH LANGUAGES.

IN OTTAWA THERE WILL BE A DISPLAY IN FRONT OF THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS OF THE FLAGS OF THE 82 MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING A FLAG NOT DISPLAYED BEFORE, THAT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA WHICH WAS ADMITTED TO THE UNITED NATIONS ON DECEMBER 12, 1958. THE UNITED NATIONS FLAG WILL BE FLOWN FROM THE EASTERN FLAG-POLE OF THE CENTRE BLOCK.

THE DOMINION CARILLONEUR, MR. ROBERT DONWELL, WILL PLAY THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS OF THOSE MEMBER COUNTRIES WHOSE NATIONALS ARE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE PRINCIPAL ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE CHAIRMEN