

The Prime Minister's Tour

THE Prime Minister of Canada left Ottawa by Air on February 4 on a round-the-world tour which will enable him to have discussions with leaders of government and other personalities in eleven countries, including the Asian members of the Commonwealth. When he returns to Ottawa on March 17 the Prime Minister will have travelled more than 26,000 miles and will have spent more than five full days in flying time on his journey.

Mr. St. Laurent, who is travelling in a RCAF C-5 aircraft, is being accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Hugh O'Donnell; his son, Mr. Jean-Paul St. Laurent; Mr. C. S. A. Ritchie of the Department of External Affairs; Mr. Ross Martin of the Privy Council Office, and a small group of other officials.

In the United Kingdom where the Prime Minister was to spend a day and a half on his way to Europe, Sir Winston Churchill was to be his host at lunch.

Europe

In Paris where his visit was to extend from February 7 to February 10, Mr. St. Laurent expected to call on President Coty and have conversations with the Premier and other Ministers. During his stay the Prime Minister was to broadcast to the people of France and to lay a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier under the Arc de Triomphe. Mr. St. Laurent was to be the guest of honour at functions given by the French Government and to meet the representatives of the North Atlantic Council at a reception.

Early on February 10, the Prime Minister was scheduled to fly to Bonn where, after lunch with President Heuss, he was to have talks with Chancellor Adenauer, hold a press conference and be guest of honour at a dinner given by the Chancellor. The Prime Minister planned to inspect members of the 1st Canadian Brigade in the Soest area on February 11 and speak to the troops. He was to lunch with Brigade officers at Fort York. The following day, the Prime Minister was to view an air demonstration when he visited the RCAF station at Grostenquin. After lunch at the station, Mr. St. Laurent was to fly to the RCAF station at Zwiebrucken where he would inspect the airfield facilities. At both air bases the Prime Minister planned to speak to the airmen.

Mr. St. Laurent will visit Italy from February 12 to February 16. The morning following his arrival at Rome, he will lay a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, will lunch with President Einaudi and have conversations with the Prime Minister and other prominent Italians. On Sunday, February 14, he will visit Vatican City and will be received in audience by His Holiness the Pope. On Saturday evening Mr. St. Laurent will be guest of honour at a Government banquet at Villa Madama and on Monday morning will be the guest of the Mayor of Rome at a reception at the Capitol. He will lunch at the Canadian College on that day.

Pakistan, India, Ceylon

From February 17 to 21, Mr. St. Laurent will be in Pakistan. He will spend two days in Karachi as the guest of the Governor General, H. E. Chulam