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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today that the Honourable René Tremblay, P.C., M.P., Minister Without Portfolio, will represent Canada at the celebrations marking the formation of the Federation of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur in September. Mr. Tremblay will leave from Quebec City by air on September 3.

Malaysia will consist of the states of the present Federation of Malaya, the State of Singapore, and the colonies of Sarawak and North Borneo (the latter to be called Sabah after it becomes part of Malaysia).

Agreement on the formation of the new Federation was reached by the governments concerned in London on July 9.