

NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR

The Department of External Affairs has announced that His Excellency Amazasp Avakimovic Aroutunian presented to His Excellency the Governor General his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to Canada. The ceremony took place at Government House on January 19.

Dr. Aroutunian who was born in 1902 is a Doctor of Economics and bears the title of Professor of Political Economy. He joined the Soviet foreign service in 1943 and served as Head of the Economic Department of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics Foreign Ministry, and as a Member of the Ministry Collegium. From 1955 until his appointment to Ottawa, Dr. Aroutunian was in charge of the First European Department of the Foreign Ministry. He has participated in several conferences and has headed the Soviet delegation at the general conferences of the International Labour Organization in addition to being a member of the governing body of that organization.

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ROYAL VISIT

An outline of the itinerary for the six-week visit to Canada of Her Majesty the Queen, has been announced by the Prime Minister, Mr. John G. Diefenbaker. Her Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness, the Prince Philip, will arrive at St. John's, Newfoundland, (Torbay Airport) in the late afternoon of Thursday, June 18, 1959. The Canada-wide tour will emphasize visits to outlying districts across the country and will provide an opportunity for Her Majesty, as Queen of Canada, to meet the people in those areas and see something of the industry and the way of living of the average Canadian. However, even though Her Majesty will be in the country for some six weeks, the tremendous area will make it impossible for the Queen to visit as many places as Her Majesty would like. It is to be hoped that there will be visits in the future when, with the aid of air travel, Her Majesty will be able to see other portions of the country which cannot be included in this tour.

During the longest tour of Canada any reigning monarch has made, the Queen will visit places in this country never before seen by a King or Queen of Canada. In addition, the Royal Party will pay a visit to Chicago in the Royal Yacht "Britannia", on Monday, July 6. Although the detailed programme will not be available for some time, it is planned so that the Royal Party will have an interesting and varied view of a good cross section of Canada, such as bustling Cornerbrook in rugged Newfoundland country; the rich iron ore deposits which can be scooped from the ground in Northern Quebec and Labrador; the unusual beauty of Gaspé; the St. Lawrence Seaway to

the head of the Great Lakes; Muskoka, playground of Ontario; theatre, with the famous Stratford players; the wide sweep of the prairies with their fields of grain; the Canadian Rockies; the varied industry and beauty of British Columbia, Canada's Pacific Ocean Province 5000 miles from the Queen's Atlantic landing in Newfoundland; the North-west where uranium and gold are found; the oilfields in Alberta; the streams, the forests and the shores of the Maritime Provinces in the East where the visit will end, as it began. All in all, during the tour the Queen and Prince Philip will have travelled some 15,000 miles by car, train, ship and plane and will have seen the country and the people as few Canadians have ever done.

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RECORD UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE

A record 94,400 full-time university-grade students were in attendance at Canadian universities and colleges at December 1, 1958, some 9.1 per cent above the 1957-58 total of 86,500, according to advance figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Prior to the 1957-58 session, the peak was 83,150 students reached in the 1947-48 academic year.

New peaks in enrolment were established in the current academic year in the four Atlantic Provinces, Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia, while enrolment in Ontario and Saskatchewan was approaching the record set in the 1947-48 session. Enrolment in Manitoba was well under the peak reached in the 1946-47 academic year.

By region, enrolment in the current academic year increased 12.2 per cent over the preceding year in the four Western Provinces, 8.8 per cent in Quebec, 7.6 per cent in Ontario and 6.5 per cent in the four Atlantic Provinces. By faculty, increases of more than 10 per cent compared with a year earlier were reported in optometry, education, physical and health education, arts and science, social work, journalism, and pharmacy. Enrolment in engineering was only 2 per cent greater.

By university, the largest enrolments (including students at affiliated colleges) were: University of Toronto, 12,289; Université de Montréal, 11,254; University of British Columbia, 10,326; Université Laval, 8,360; McGill University, 6,796; University of Manitoba, 5,202; and the University of Alberta, 5,183.

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NEW UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

The appointment has been announced of Dr. Walter H. Johns as President of the University of Alberta. Dr. Johns has been Vice-President of the University since 1957. He succeeds Dr. Andrew Stewart, now chairman of the Federal Board of Broadcast Governors.