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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L. B. Pearson, will attend the Seventh Meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Colombo Plan which is being held this year in Singapore.

The Ministerial sessions of the Committee will open on October 17. The meeting of officials which normally precedes the Ministerial sessions will open in Singapore on September 29.

Members of the Delegation will also include the following officials from Ottawa: Mr. J. F. Parkinson, Department of Finance, Mr. John English, Department of Trade and Commerce, and Mr. A. E. Ritchie, Mr. John Hadwen and Mr. A. R. Crepault from the Department of External Affairs; and Mr. D. S. Armstrong, Canadian Trade Commissioner in Singapore.

Members of the Colombo Plan include Australia, Brunei, Burma, Canada, Cambodia, Ceylon, Federation of Malaya, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Nepal, New Zealand, North Borneo, Pakistan, The Philippines, Sarawak, Singapore, Thailand, the United Kingdom, the United States and the State of Vietnam.

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