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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT A MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN PARIS COMMENCING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, PRECEDED BY A MEETING OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE ON DECEMBER 5, AND A JOINT MEETING OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND THE PERMANENT COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 7.

CANADA WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MR. L.B. PEARSON AND THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE, MR. RALPH CAMPNEY. THEY WILL BE ASSISTED BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CANADA TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL, MR. L.D. WILGRESS, GENERAL CHARLES FOULKES, CHAIRMAN, CHIEFS OF STAFF, AND OFFICIALS OF THE PERMANENT DELEGATION IN PARIS AND OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, NATIONAL DEFENCE, FINANCE AND DEFENCE PRODUCTION.

WHILE THE COUNCIL ON THE LEVEL OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES IN PARIS IS IN CONTINUOUS SESSION, MINISTERIAL MEETINGS ARE HELD FROM TIME TO TIME AS OCCASION REQUIRES AND A FULL SCALE MEETING OF MINISTERS IS HELD ONCE A YEAR IN DECEMBER. IN ADDITION TO THE SUBJECTS WHICH ARE USUALLY CONSIDERED AT THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL MEETINGS, SUCH AS THE COMPLETION OF THE 1956 ANNUAL REVIEW OF NATO DEFENCE PLANS AND PREPARATIONS FOR 1957, THE MINISTERS WILL GIVE PARTICULAR CONSIDERATION AT THE COMING MEETINGS TO THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AS WELL AS TO THE REPORT BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ITALY, NORWAY AND DENMARK WHO WERE ASKED LAST SPRING BY THE COUNCIL TO MAKE ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE AND EXTEND NATO COOPERATION IN ORDER TO DEVELOP GREATER UNITY WITHIN THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY.