

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today that the Vice-Chancellor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr. Walter Scheel, will pay an official visit to Canada from September 27 to September 30. This visit is in the context of continuing consultations at both the official and governmental levels between Canada and the Federal Republic of Germany and is in return for the visit which Mr. Sharp paid to the Federal Republic in April 1970.

The last official visit to Canada of a Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany, in April 1969, was that of Mr. Scheel's predecessor in office, Mr. Willy Brandt, the present Chancellor.

During his visit, Mr. Scheel will hold discussions in Ottawa with the Prime Minister and other members of the Cabinet including Mr. Sharp, who will be his host during the visit. He will also address a meeting of the Empire Club in Toronto.

After the completion of talks in Ottawa, Mr. Scheel, who will be accompanied by his wife, will spend the week-end in the Laurentians prior to leaving Canada.

-- (A short biography of Mr. Scheel is attached.)