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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belgium, Mr. Paul Henri Spaak, will arrive in Canada on Thursday, February 24, for an official visit. Mr. Spaak will be accompanied by Mr. Robert Rothschild, his Private Secretary. During their visit to Ottawa, they will be the guests of His Excellency the Governor General, Right Honourable Vincent Massey, C.H., at Government House.

Mr. Spaak will be welcomed on arrival at Dorval Airport at 9:05 a.m. Thursday, February 24, by His Excellency Fernand Muuls, the Belgian Ambassador to Canada, and by Mr. E. D'Arcy McGreer, the Chief of Protocol. Prior to departure for Ottawa a brief press conference will be held. Mr. Spaak will reach Rockcliffe Airport at 11 a.m., and from there will proceed to Government House.

The Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs will address a Canadian Club luncheon on Thursday. At 4 p.m. he will hold a press conference in the main conference room of the East Block. At 6 p.m. there will be a joint reception in the Railway Committee Room by the Speaker of the Senate, Honourable Wishart McL. Robertson, and the Speaker of the House of Commons, Honourable René Beaudoin. There will be a dinner that evening at Government House at 8 p.m.

On Friday, February 25, at 10 a.m., Mr. Spaak will call on the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L. B. Pearson, and at 11 a.m. on the Prime Minister of Canada, Right Honourable Louis S. St. Laurent. At 11:30 a.m., Mr. Spaak will address the NATO Parliamentary Committee in the Railway Committee Room of the Parliament Building. The Prime Minister will give a luncheon for Mr. Spaak at 24 Sussex street. At 8 o'clock that evening there will be a dinner at the Belgian Embassy.

Mr. Spaak will spend Saturday at Chalk River. In the evening there will be a reception at the Belgian Embassy at 7 p.m.

On Monday, February 28, Mr. Spaak will be in Montreal where he will stay at the Windsor Hotel. He will be entertained at luncheon at 1 o'clock by the Belgian Consul General, Mr. Pierre Vanheerswynghels. There will be a press conference at the Windsor Hotel at 3:30 p.m. and at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Spaak will meet the Belgian community at 452 Notre Dame street, East. The Belgian Foreign Minister will visit the City Hall at 6:30 p.m. and will remain to dinner with His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Jean Drapeau. At 9 o'clock there will be a meeting at the Windsor Hotel at which Mr. Spaak will speak. This will be followed by a reception by the Belgian Consul General.

Tuesday morning Mr. Spaak will visit the University of Montreal and McGill University. The International Civil Aviation Organization will entertain in Mr. Spaak's honour at 1 o'clock and he will be the guest of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs at dinner at the University Club at 7 o'clock that evening.

Mr. Spaak will leave by air for London from Dorval at 2:25 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 2.