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PRESS RELEASE

A group of six Canadian teachers and their wives will attend a Briefing Conference at the University of Montreal to-day as they are due to leave Canada to-morrow to take up teaching assignments under Canada's programme of educational assistance for the French-speaking states of Africa.

The Government of the Province of Quebec co-operated with the External Aid Office in selecting these teachers, who will be serving in the following countries:

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| Gery Bertrand | of Granby | to Togo |
| Royal Messier | of Iberville | to Togo |
| Olivier Tremblay | of Verdun | to Togo |
| Raymond Blais | of Hull | to Congo (Brazzaville) |
| Elzear Gauvreau | of Rimouski | to Congo (Brazzaville) |
| Gilles Loiseau | of Ville-Marie (Ten.) | to Congo (Brazzaville) |

This is the second group of teachers to be sent abroad by the External Aid Office under this programme. The seven teachers assigned earlier this year to the French-speaking African states will be staying on for a second year of service. Altogether, there will be a total of some 120 teachers working in the less-developed countries under Canada's external aid programmes in the coming year. Teachers posted to English-speaking countries were briefed two weeks earlier at Macdonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, and have already departed for their countries of assignment.

Representatives of the External Aid Office, the Department of External Affairs, and specialists in various fields who have travelled abroad will attend the Briefing Conference to inform the teachers about various aspects of living and working conditions in Africa.