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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L. B. Pearson, will head the Canadian Delegation to the forthcoming Ministerial meeting of the North Atlantic Council which will open in Paris on Monday, May 9. Mp. Pearson will be accompanied at the meeting by Mr. L. D. Wilgress, Permanent Representative of Canada to the North Atlantic Council, Mr. J. W. Holmes, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and other officials from his Department. The party from Ottawa is expected to leave for Paris on Friday, May 5.

This meeting will mark the entry into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization of the Federal Republic of Germany and will provide an opportunity for a more comprehensive examination than usual by the Foreign Ministers of the 15 member countries of international political problems of common concern to the alliance.