

planning and organizing what promises to be the greatest World Exhibition ever held. The Federal Government's plans for a superb Canadian pavilion are, I understand, well advanced, and the Provinces, some separately and some jointly, are busy working out the details of their pavilions and the exhibits which they will present. There will be also, I have learned today, a good many other pavilions and exhibits sponsored by private Canadian companies and associations. Several of these are already being planned in detail, and it is expected that a number of others will be announced shortly.

If Expo 67 will thus show Canada to the world, it will also, of course, bring the world to Canada. It is fitting that Canada should invite the world to the celebration of its Centennial, and since the Exhibition is so important a part of that celebration, the Government has extended invitations through the Department of External Affairs to 136 countries and territories in all parts of the world to participate in it. The response to this initiative has been gratifying in that to date 24 countries have announced officially their acceptance of our invitations, and many of them are already deep in plans for participation in the Exhibition on an impressive scale. The countries which have announced their intention to participate are: Britain, Belgium, France, Morocco, Austria, the Netherlands, the Federal Republic of Germany, Venezuela, Israel, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iran, the United States, Malaysia, Ceylon, the Republic of China, Jamaica, Monaco, Norway, Italy, Iceland, Japan and Czechoslovakia.