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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1954.

The Department of External Affairs announced today that Mr. Shigeru Yoshida, Prime Minister of Japan, is scheduled to arrive in Vancouver on Sunday, September 26, to spend a few days in Canada as a guest of the Government. He will be welcomed at the Vancouver airport by the Honourable James A. Sinclair, Minister of Fisheries and by the Honourable R. W. Mayhew, P.C., present Canadian Ambassador to Japan, on behalf of the Prime Minister of Canada. The welcoming party will also include the Honourable Thomas C. Davis, Q.C., Ambassador designate to Japan, His Excellency Dr. Koto Matsudaira, Japanese Ambassador to Canada, and Mr. A. R. Menzies, Head of the Far Eastern Division of the Department of External Affairs. Mr. Yoshida will be accompanied by his daughter Mrs. Aso, his son-in-law Mr. T. Aso, a member of the House of Representatives, and a group of senior officials.

Sunday afternoon the Prime Minister of Japan will make a scenic drive around Vancouver in the course of which he will lay a wreath at the Japanese Memorial and will visit the University of British Columbia where he will be greeted by the President. That evening Mr. Mayhew will entertain informally in his honour at dinner.

The Prime Minister of Japan and his party will board a special R.C.A.F. aircraft and fly overnight to Ottawa. Upon arrival at the Rockcliffe airport at 11.00 a.m. Monday, September 27, he will be met by the Prime Minister of Canada and a group including other Cabinet Ministers and diplomats. Following an inspection of the guard of honour Mr. Yoshida will make a short statement over the loud speaker system and then proceed to the Chateau Laurier; he will lunch privately with Mr. Matsudaira. At 3.00 p.m. he will call on Mr. St. Laurent and afterwards visit the Parliament Building before proceeding to the Parliamentary Press Gallery for a press conference at 4.30 p.m. At 8.00 p.m. the Prime Minister of Canada will give a dinner in his honour.

The morning of Tuesday, September 28, has been reserved for any necessary additional conversations with members of the Canadian Government. At 1.00 p.m. the Ambassador of Japan will give a formal lunch at the Country Club in honour of Prime Minister Yoshida. At 4.30 p.m. Mr. Yoshida and his party will leave by train for New York.

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