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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1954.

The Department of External Affairs announced today that at the invitation of the Government of Canada the Rt. Hon. Sir John Kotelawala, K.B.E., Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Defence of Ceylon will pay an official visit to Canada for four days from Thursday, December 2 to Monday, December 6 during the course of a tour which will take him around the world.

The Prime Minister will be accompanied by Mr. Gunasena de Soyza, C.M.G., O.B.E., Permanent Secretary (Deputy Minister) of the Ministry of External Affairs and Defence; Mr. P. Nadesan, Secretary to the Prime Minister and Information Officer; and M. Jayasekera, the Prime Minister's personal aide. The party will be accompanied by three Canadian officials designated by External Affairs, National Defence and R.C.M.P.

The program arranged for the Prime Minister's visit to Ottawa, Toronto, Niagara Falls and Montreal is as follows:

## Thursday, December 2

8:30 a.m. Leave LaGuardia airfield, New York, by Department of Transport aircraft.

## Ottawa

11:30 a.m. Arrive Uplands Airport (R.C.A.F.). Met by the Prime Minister, the representative of the Governor-General, members of the Cabinet, members of the diplomatic corps and other dignitaries. Review guard of honour. Make a short statement to the press.

11:45 a.m. Proceed to Government House where Sir John Kotelawala will stay as guest of the Governor-General.

3:30 p.m. Call on the Prime Minister in the East Block.

4:30 p.m. Press conference in main conference room, East Block.

8:00 p.m. Dinner at Government House

## Friday, December 3

9:30 a.m. Leave Government House for National Research Council, Montreal Road