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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1965.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today that under the Government's programme of cultural relations with countries entirely or partially of French expression, the Toronto Symphony Orchestra will visit France in early October to give a series of three concerts, two in Paris and one in Lyon. This will be the second visit to Paris of a Canadian symphony orchestra in recent years as the Montreal Symphony Orchestra played there during a European tour in 1962.

The Toronto Symphony Orchestra, together with Le Théâtre du Nouveau Monde, Les Feux Follets and the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, as has been previously announced, will be representing Canada in the field of the performing arts at the Commonwealth Arts Festival, taking place in London, September 16 - October 2. It is fortunate that the Toronto Symphony Orchestra was available immediately afterwards to undertake this tour to France.

Mr. Martin pointed out that the presence of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra in Paris and Le Théâtre du Nouveau Monde in London cannot help but be a reminder to both founding nations of the richness of Canada's bicultural heritage. He added that the possibility of arranging a tour of European countries of French expression next year by the National Ballet and the Montreal Symphony Orchestra was being explored.

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