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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L.B. Pearson, has left Ottawa to attend the special meeting of the United Nations which will be held in San Francisco throughout the week ending June 26, to commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter. The other members of the Canadian Delegation will be Mr. David Johnson, Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, Mr. Christopher C. Eberts, Consul General of Canada in San Francisco, and Mr. J. E. Thibault of the Permanent Delegation in New York.

The opening session, which is to take place at the San Francisco Opera House on Monday afternoon, June 20, will be attended by the President of the United States of America. The past presidents of the General Assemblies, which include Mr. Pearson who presided over the Seventh General Assembly meetings in New York, are to take part in the closing meeting on Sunday afternoon, June 26. During the week the president of the Ninth Session of the United Nations General Assembly, Mr. Eelco N. van Kleffens, is to preside at the meetings which are to be addressed by the representatives of each Member Government of the United Nations. Mr. Pearson will speak on Friday morning, June 24. The previous Wednesday morning, June 22, he is to be the principal speaker at a seminar which has been arranged by non-governmental organizations affiliated with the United Nations. The subject of his address will be "The United Nations - Review and Preview - 1945 - 1955 - 1965".

The commemoration of the Tenth Anniversary of the signing of the Charter will also be celebrated in Canada. The Postmaster General has arranged for the issuance of a special stamp commemorating the Tenth Anniversary of the establishment of the International Civil Aviation Organization, a United Nations specialized agency, with its headquarters in Montreal; and he has also approved a special postal cancellation commemorating the signing of the Charter.

In a review of the United Nations during its first ten years, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is planning to present a special half-hour television programme Sunday evening, June 26, at 9:30 p.m.

In Ottawa the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Band directed by Inspector E. J. Lydall, Supervisor of Music, and the Dominion Carrillonneur, Mr. Robert Donnell, will give a joint hour-long concert on Parliament Hill on Sunday afternoon, June 26. A fanfare by the band on the steps of the Centre Block will mark the opening of the concert at 3:00 p.m. Flags of the sixty member countries of the United Nations will be flown around Confederation Square and on Parliament Hill.

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