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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1959.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE HON. HOWARD GREEN, ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT JACQUES FLYNN, M.P. FOR QUEBEC SOUTH, WILL REPRESENT CANADA AT A FORTHCOMING HUMAN RIGHTS SEMINAR WHICH IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA. THE SEMINAR, WHICH WILL MEET IN BUENOS AIRES FROM AUGUST 31 TO SEPTEMBER 11, WILL CONSIDER ONE OF THE MOST PRESSING PROBLEMS OF THE MODERN STATE, THE PROTECTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL CITIZEN FROM THE ABUSE OF ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY. IN MAKING THIS APPOINTMENT, MR. GREEN COMMENTED THAT MR. FLYNN WAS SPECIALLY QUALIFIED TO CONTRIBUTE USEFULLY TO THE SEMINAR BY REASON OF HIS LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY EXPERIENCE, AND HIS SPECIAL EXPERIENCE AS A COUNSEL FOR THE WARTIME PRICES AND TRADE BOARD FROM 1940 TO 1945.

THIS WILL BE THE THIRD SUCH SEMINAR ORGANIZED IN THE AMERICAN REGION AT WHICH CANADA HAS BEEN REPRESENTED. PREVIOUS SEMINARS WERE HELD AT SANTIAGO, CHILE, ON THE PROTECTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL UNDER CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE, AND AT BOGOTA, COLOMBIA ON THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN PUBLIC LIFE. SOME TWENTY AMERICAN COUNTRIES WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE PRESENT SEMINAR, WHICH WILL, IN THE WORDS OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS "GIVE GOVERNMENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE THEIR IDEAS AND EXPERIENCE" BY BRINGING TOGETHER "KEY PEOPLE FOR SHORT PERIODS OF TIME TO STIMULATE THEIR THINKING AND THROUGH THEIR LEADERSHIP TO ENCOURAGE GREATER AWARENESS IN MATTERS RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS."