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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1958.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE HONOURABLE SIDNEY E. SMITH, WILL HEAD THE CANADIAN DELEGATION AT THE FORTHCOMING MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN COPENHAGEN FROM MONDAY, MAY 5, TO WEDNESDAY, MAY 7. MR. SMITH WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. JULES LEGER, UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS; MR. L.D. WILGRESS, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CANADA TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL; MR. D.V. LEPAN, ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS; AND OTHER OFFICIALS FROM HIS DEPARTMENT.

MR. SMITH, TOGETHER WITH MR. LEGER AND MR. LEPAN, LEFT OTTAWA TODAY FOR LONDON WHERE HE WILL HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTERS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT. DURING HIS STAY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, MR. SMITH WILL ALSO BE RECEIVED BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN AND WILL SPEND THE NIGHT OF MAY 1 AT WINDSOR CASTLE.

THE SPRING MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL IS NORMALLY DEVOTED TO CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE AND WILL AGAIN THIS YEAR PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A FULL EXAMINATION OF THE STATE OF THE ALLIANCE IN THE LIGHT OF THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.

THIS WILL BE THE SECOND TIME THAT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING HAS BEEN HELD IN A CITY OTHER THAN PARIS SINCE THE PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT OF NATO IN PARIS IN 1952. THE NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS MET IN MAY LAST YEAR IN BONN.