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The Department of External Affairs announced today that a Ministerial meeting of the North Atlantic Council will be held in Paris commencing on December 14. Canada will be represented by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L.B. Pearson and the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Brooke Claxton. They will be assisted by the Permanent Representative of Canada to the North Atlantic Council, Mr. L.D. Wilgress and the members of the Permanent Delegation in Paris. In addition, the following advisers will attend: Lieutenant-General Charles Foulkes, Chairman, Chiefs of Staff; Mr. K.W. Taylor, Deputy Minister of Finance; Mr. T.N. Beaupre, Assistant Deputy Minister of Defence Production; Rear Admiral H.G. de Wolf, Chairman, Canadian Joint Staff, Washington; Major-General J.B.D. Smith, Chairman, Canadian Joint Staff, London; Mr. M.H. Wershof, Department of External Affairs.

The Ministerial meeting is expected to last three days and will be preceded by a meeting of the Military Committee of the North Atlantic Council.

It is customary to hold Ministerial meetings of the Council (attended by Cabinet Ministers) once or twice a year. The last Ministerial meeting was held in April 1953. The Permanent Representatives to the Council meet regularly in Paris, every week, throughout the year.

Among the main tasks of the forthcoming Ministerial meeting will be completion of the 1953 Annual Review of the NATO defence build-up, and consideration of the international situation as it concerns NATO.
