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Visit of the Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister  
and the Finance Minister of France

At the invitation of the Government of Canada Mr. René Mayer, President of the Council of Ministers of France, Mr. Georges Bidault, Foreign Minister, and Mr. Maurice Bourguès-Maunoury, Minister of Finance, will visit Ottawa at the end of this week. The following programme has been arranged.

Sunday, March 29

12 noon - Arrival at Rockcliffe airport aboard special R.C.A.F. aircraft.

Welcomed by the Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers and senior officials.

Review of guard of honour by Mr. Mayer.

1.15 p.m. - Informal lunch at Prime Minister's residence.

7.45 p.m. - Dinner at French Embassy.

*added* - 9.30 p.m. - Informal reception at French Embassy.

Monday, March 30

10.30 a.m. - The Minister of National Defence and the Minister of Veterans Affairs will receive the Prime Minister of France at the National War Memorial.

Mr. Mayer will lay a wreath and inspect the guard of honour and talk with war veterans.

11.00 a.m. - Call on Prime Minister of Canada and upon the Secretary (or Acting Secretary) of State for External Affairs.

1.00 p.m. - Lunch at Government House.

3.30 p.m. - Call on the Ministers of Defence Production and Finance.

6.00 p.m. - Press Conference at French Embassy.

*added* - 8.00 p.m. - Canadian Government dinner at Country Club. *bevan*

Tuesday, March 31

9.00 a.m. - Departure from Rockcliffe airport aboard special R.C.A.F. aircraft. *not*