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WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1955.

The Department of External Affairs announced today details of a two-week tour of Canada by a party of twenty journalists from fourteen NATO countries which will begin in Halifax on Friday, May 20.

Eighteen of the correspondents will leave Paris by air early Thursday, May 19, and will arrive about midnight at HMCS Shearwater, Halifax. Upon arrival in Montreal, after visiting Arvida and Quebec City, they will be joined by two correspondents from the United States. The party will then visit Ottawa, Edmonton, Calgary, Rivers (Manitoba), Winnipeg, Gimli (Manitoba), Centralia (Ontario), Niagara Falls and Toronto, where the tour concludes on June 5.

The tour is sponsored jointly by the Departments of National Defence and External Affairs and is one of a series arranged by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in member countries. A similar tour to Canada was arranged last year. A number of Canadian journalists also visited other NATO countries last year and tours of NATO countries by Canadian journalists have been arranged for this year.

When the journalists arrive in Ottawa on Wednesday, May 25, they will be met by officials of the Departments of National Defence and External Affairs and by representatives of NATO diplomatic missions in Ottawa. During their two-day stay in the capital, they will meet the Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce and Minister of Defence Production; Hon. L. B. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs; Hon. R. O. Campney, Minister of National Defence; Hon. J. W. Pickersgill, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration; and Hon. Jean Lesage, Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. They will visit the Parliament Buildings, the House of Commons, the Senate Chamber, the E. B. Eddy Company and the Westgate Shopping Centre. The Ottawa Tourist and Convention Bureau has arranged for them a boat trip on the Rideau Canal.

On the last day of the tour, in Toronto on June 4, the NATO journalists will visit the Canadian International Trade Fair and attend the Canadian International Air Show with members of the Aviation Writers' Association who are holding their annual meeting in Toronto at the same time.

#Hon. Walter Harris,
Minister of Finance;