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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1956.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT A GROUP OF LEADING JOURNALISTS FROM EUROPEAN NATO COUNTRIES WILL ARRIVE IN OTTAWA FROM PARIS VIA RCAF AIRCRAFT ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5, TO BEGIN AN 18-DAY TOUR OF CANADA. THIS IS THE THIRD TOUR OF THIS COUNTRY BY JOURNALISTS FROM THE OTHER FOURTEEN NATO COUNTRIES AND THE 1956 TOUR WILL AGAIN BE SPONSORED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, IN CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND A NUMBER OF PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS. THIS IS ONE OF A SERIES OF TOURS IN 1956 ARRANGED BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION IN MEMBER COUNTRIES.

THE JOURNALISTS WILL LEAVE OTTAWA ON SATURDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 8, FLYING WESTWARD VIA TORONTO, NIAGARA FALLS, GIMLI, CALGARY AND VICTORIA. THE GROUP WILL RETURN FROM VICTORIA ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14, TRAVELLING VIA VANCOUVER, EDMONTON, YELLOWKNIFE, CHURCHILL AND MONTREAL. DURING THIS TOUR THE JOURNALISTS WILL SEE ESTABLISHMENTS OF CANADA'S THREE ARMED SERVICES, AT VICTORIA, CHURCHILL AND ST. HUBERT'S IN ADDITION, AT THE RCAF STATION AT GIMLI, MANITOBA, THEY WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH NATO AIRMEN FROM EUROPE WHO ARE RECEIVING INSTRUCTION THERE UNDER THE CANADIAN NATO AIRCREW TRAINING PROGRAMME. THEY WILL BE THE GUESTS OF THE CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION IN TORONTO AND IN OTHER CENTRES WILL TOUR INDUSTRIAL PLANTS, POWER AND IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENTS AND UNIVERSITIES AND WILL SEE AT FIRST HAND MANY ASPECTS OF CANADIAN LIFE, INCLUDING A LOGGING CAMP, CATTLE RANCH AND GOLD MINE.

THE TRIP HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO ENABLE THESE JOURNALISTS TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PARTICULAR ROLE WHICH CANADA IS PLAYING IN THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.