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Five Canadians To Attend Royal Rites: Ottawa, February 12 (CP) -- Five high-ranking Canadians will attend the funeral services for King George VI in Windsor Castle Friday.

They will include two Cabinet Ministers, a general, a diplomat and the Governor General designate.

The Ministers will be the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Pearson and the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton, both of whom later will go to Lisbon to attend the Atlantic Treaty Pact meetings. Mr. Pearson now is in Britain and Mr. Claxton flies there tomorrow.

Also attending will be Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, a personal friend of the late King and soon to become Canada's first native Governor General, and L. Dana Wilgress, Canadian High Commissioner in London. They both are in the U.K.

The general attending, Gen. H.D.G. Crerar, Canada's wartime Army commander, will be at the services as one of His Majesty's aides-de-camp general. He will fly to England tomorrow with Mr. Claxton.

St. George's Chapel, the Royal chapel in which the funeral rites will be performed, has only a limited capacity and no other Canadians are expected to be able to attend.

Five Wreaths To Be Placed On National Memorial: Ottawa, February 12 (CP) -- Five wreaths will be placed at the National War Memorial here Friday during the national ceremony of mourning for the King.

The State Department, issuing details of the ceremony today, said also that it will take place at 2:45 p.m. EST and that the Canadian Legion and 12 other veterans' organizations will be represented.

The wreaths will be placed by Chief Justice Thibaudeau Rinfret, Administrator of Canada in the absence of a Governor General; Senator Elie Beauguard, Speaker of the Senate; Speaker W. Ross Macdonald of the Commons; Field Marshal Lord Alexander, on behalf of the Canadian Legion, and Mayor Charlotte Whitton of Ottawa.

The Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent will accompany Chief Justice Rinfret and Mr. Macdonald to the foot of the war memorial when they place their wreaths. With him when he accompanies Mr. Macdonald will be Mr. George Drew, Leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons.

Canada will observe the same period of official mourning as the United Kingdom--to Saturday, May 31--officials here said today.

Canada And Spain Reach Agreement On Debts: Ottawa, February 11 -- The Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Howe announced on February 11 the conclusion of an agreement between Canada and Spain, providing for the liquidation of commercial debts owing to a number of Canadian firms. These debts have been blocked in Spain since before the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War in July, 1936.

This agreement was concluded in Madrid on January 29, 1952, by Mr. Wm. Frederick Bull, Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, representing the Canadian Government, and Señor Martin Artajo, Spanish Foreign Minister. Preparatory negotiations were conducted by Mr. E.H. Maguire, Canadian Trade Commissioner in Spain.