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CENTRAL AND EAST EUROPEAN JOURNALISTS VISIT CANADA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced that External Affairs and International Trade Canada is sponsoring a visit by 10 senior journalists from Central and Eastern Europe May 20-31.

They will travel to Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal to view first-hand how the political system and the news gathering and diffusion process function in Canada.

"This visit is just one example of several initiatives Canada has taken to open channels of communication with Central and Eastern Europe and to support the movement toward democracy in that region," stated Mr. Clark.

In Ottawa, the 10 journalists from Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Yugoslavia will meet with Members of Parliament, senior government officials, and with Parliamentary correspondents. In Toronto and Montreal, they will meet with civic leaders, as well as with the Canadian print and electronic media.

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