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The Department of External Affairs announced today that a Ministerial meeting of the North Atlantic Council will be held in Paris commencing December 15, to be preceded by meetings of the Military Committee on December 9 and 12 and a joint meeting of the Military Committee and the Permanent Council on December 13. Canada will be represented at the Ministerial meeting by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L.B. Pearson; the Minister of Finance, Mr. W.E. Harris; and the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Ralph Campney. They will be assisted by the Permanent Representative of Canada to the North Atlantic Council, Mr. L.D. Wilgress; the Chairman, Chiefs of Staff, General Charles Foulkes; members of the Permanent Delegation in Paris and of the Departments of External Affairs, National Defence, Defence Production and Finance.

While the Permanent Representatives to the Council in Paris meet regularly every week, Ministerial meetings, which are attended by Cabinet Ministers, are held usually twice a year. This year, however, there already have been three previous Ministerial meetings, one on May 9 - 11 which welcomed the accession of Germany to the North Atlantic Alliance, one on July 16 prior to the Geneva Conference of last summer and one on October 25 on the eve of the recent Geneva Foreign Ministers' Conference. In addition a NATO Defence Ministers' Conference was held on October 10 - 12.

The coming Ministerial meeting will be concerned particularly with completion of the 1955 Annual Review of NATO defence plans, preparations for the 1956 Review, and consideration of the international situation as it affects NATO.

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