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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Mexico will be celebrating from September 12 to 17, 1960 the 150th Anniversary of its independence, the centenary of its Reform Laws, and the 50th anniversary of the 1910 Revolution.

The Honourable Pierre Sévigny, Associate Minister of National Defence, has been appointed Special Ambassador and will represent Canada at the celebrations.

Mr. Sévigny will be heading a special Canadian mission, composed of Mr. W.A. Irwin, Canadian Ambassador to Mexico, Mr. E.R. Bellemare, Counsellor at the Canadian Embassy in Mexico City, Lieutenant-Colonel L.P. Laplante, Aide-de-camp to Mr. Sévigny, and Mr. G. Lévesque, Executive Assistant.

Members of the special mission will leave Ottawa by air on September 10 and will arrive in Mexico City the same day.

The Speaker of the Senate, the Honourable Mark Drouin and the Assistant Speaker of the House of Commons, Mr. Jacques Flynn, will also attend the celebrations as guests of the Mexican Congress.

On Friday, September 16, a detachment of twenty-six cadets from the Royal Military College in Kingston, commanded by Captain E.L. Bobinski of the Queen's Own Rifles, will take part in Mexico City in a military parade with cadet contingents from other American states.

The cadet detachment will leave Trenton, Ontario, by air on September 11 and will arrive in Mexico City the same day.