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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Ministerial Meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Paris, on October 22, will consider the recommendations prepared on the basis of the decisions reached at the recent Nine-Power Conference in London regarding the association of Germany with the West and arrangements for a German defence contribution. This Meeting will be preceded by a meeting on October 21 of the nine Foreign Ministers who attended the London Conference.

Canada will be represented at both these meetings by Mr. L. B. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs; he will be assisted by Mr. L. D. Wilgress, Permanent Representative of Canada to the North Atlantic Council, Dr. R. A. MacKay, Associate Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs; General Charles Foulkes, Chairman, Chiefs of Staff and Air Vice Marshal D. M. Smith, Chairman of the Canadian Joint Staff, London. Mr. J. G. H. Halstead of the Department of External Affairs and Mr. A. B. Hockin, of the Department of Finance, are accompanying the delegation.

The NATO Ministerial Meeting will consider reports on the arrangements for the admission of Germany to NATO, on the reinforcement of the NATO machinery, and on the association of other NATO countries with the Three-Power Declaration on Germany made at the London Conference.

Mr. Pearson, accompanied by other members of the delegation from Ottawa, will leave Rockcliffe Airport at 1:00 p.m. today for Paris.