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The Department of External Affairs announced today that twenty-one newspapermen from thirteen North Atlantic Treaty countries will start a three-week tour of Canada at Ottawa on Sunday, June 6,

Seventeen of the journalists will fly from Paris on Saturday, June 5, and will arrive at Rockcliffe Airport at 2:15 p.m. Sunday. They will be met by officials of the Departments of National Defence and External Affairs and by representatives of their countries' Missions in Ottawa. The group will be joined here by two United States correspondents, and by two Turkish correspondents at present accompanying the Prime Minister of Turkey on his United States tour.

This tour is one of a series arranged by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in member countries and is being sponsored by the Departments of National Defence and External Affairs. The purpose is to provide an opportunity to journalists from NATO countries to observe Canada's defence installations, industrial projects and civic institutions. The group will travel approximately 8,000 miles in Canada in an RCAF North Star and will visit Ottawa, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Victoria, Whitehorse, Calgary, Rivers, Churchill, London, Toronto, Montreal, Quebec City, Arvida, Sept Iles, Halifax, St. Johns and Gander. A number of Canadian journalists have participated in similar NATO tours in Europe.

During their two and one-half day stay in Ottawa the visiting journalists will meet with members of the government, representatives of NATO Missions in Ottawa and officials of departments concerned with NATO. On Monday morning, June 7, they will meet with the Minister of National Defence and the Chairman, Chiefs of Staff. In the afternoon they will witness a fly-past of fighter aircraft at Rockcliffe Airport and then tour the capital area. On Tuesday morning they will meet with the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources and with the Minister of Trade and Commerce and Defence Production. They will visit the Parliament Buildings, the House of Commons and the Parliamentary Press Gallery. In the afternoon they will meet with the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

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