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NATO TENTH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ON APRIL 4, 1949, WILL BE HELD IN FRONT OF THE PARLIAMENT BUILDING AT 11 O'CLOCK ON THE MORNING OF SATURDAY, APRIL 4. ANNIVERSARY CEREMONIES WILL ALSO BE HELD IN THE OTHER NATO CAPITALS AND AT NATO COMMANDS.

WITH THE RCAF CENTRAL BAND AND A TRI-SERVICE DETACHMENT IN ATTENDANCE, THE FLAGS OF THE FIFTEEN NATO MEMBER COUNTRIES WILL BE UNFURLED WHILE A MEDLEY OF NATIONAL ANTHEMS IS PLAYED AND THEN THE NATO STANDARD WILL BE BROKEN OUT.

A SHORT ADDRESS WILL BE GIVEN BY PRIME MINISTER DIEFENBAKER, WHO WILL TAKE THE SALUTE FROM THE ARMED FORCES DETACHMENT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CEREMONY.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE ATTENDED BY HEADS OF MISSIONS AND MILITARY ATTACHES OF NATO COUNTRIES AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.