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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1954.

The Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs announced today that a telegram has been received from the President of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council inviting the Government of Canada to attend as an observer the Council's Fourth Extraordinary Session to be held in Rio de Janeiro on November 22, 1954, and that, on behalf of the Canadian Government, he has accepted the invitation and has informed the President of the Council that Canada's observer at the Session will be Mr. S. D. Pierce, Canadian Ambassador to Brazil.

At the Tenth Inter-American Conference of the Organization of American States, held at Caracas, Venezuela, in March 1954 it had been agreed that consideration of major economic problems would be referred to a special economic conference to be held in Rio de Janeiro during the last quarter of 1954. This special conference will be the fourth session of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council to be held since 1948. The Inter-American Economic and Social Council, a dependent organ of the Council of the Organization of American States, is composed of representatives of each member state and assists the Council of the Organization of American States. In the past, the Canadian Government has followed with interest the activities of the Inter-American bodies and has in fact participated in the activities of a number of the subsidiary technical bodies related to the Organization of American States. At this meeting of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council important trade and economic problems will be discussed and Canada has accepted the invitation to attend in view of its position and interest in world economic affairs. Trade between Canada and the American republics has, in recent years, become of increasing importance to Canada and to these countries.

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