

GOVERNMENT



OF CANADA

No. 56

PRESS RELEASE

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

OTTAWA - CANADA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1959.

The Department of External Affairs has announced that the Canadian delegation to the Third Annual General Congress of the International Atomic Energy Agency, which opens in Vienna today, will be led by Mr. M. H. Wershof, Canadian Representative on the Board of Governors of the Agency, and also Canadian Permanent Representative to the European Office of the United Nations. Mr. J. L. Gray, President of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, is also a member of the delegation.

The International Atomic Energy Agency is an inter-governmental organization, established under the aegis of the United Nations, whose basic objectives are "to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world" and to "ensure, so far as it is able, that assistance provided by it, or at its request or under its supervision or control is not used in such a way as to further any military purpose".

In almost three years of existence, the Agency has sponsored many panels and conferences on various aspects of nuclear science and technology and has also facilitated the provision and receipt of technical assistance in the nuclear field between its 70 member states. Canada participated actively in the establishment of the Agency and holds one of the seats on the Board of Governors assigned to the five Members most advanced in the technology of atomic energy including the production of source materials.