

Late in the afternoon of February 28, the Prime Minister will arrive in Ceylon for a three-day visit. That evening he will be the dinner guest of the Prime Minister, Sir John Kotelawala, at the official residence, "Temple Trees". The next day he will call on the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, record a brief radio address to the people of Ceylon, and hold a press conference. Mr. St. Laurent will then drive to Kandy in the hills where he will be the guest of the Governor General, Lord Soulbury. He will stop en route at the shrine of the late Prime Minister, Dr. D. S. Senanayake. His stay in Ceylon will include visits to the University of Ceylon and the famous Botanical Gardens at Peradeniya.

Far East

Late on March 4 Mr. St. Laurent will arrive in Djakarta where he will be the guest of the Indonesian government and will have conversations with President Soekarno, Prime Minister Ali Sastroamidjojo and other prominent Indonesians.

En route from Indonesia to Korea, the Prime Minister will stop overnight in Manila and will meet President Magsaysay.

After calling on President Rhee following his arrival in Seoul on March 7, Mr. St. Laurent will spend the greater part of his two days in Korea with the Canadian Brigade. The day following his arrival he will proceed to Brigade headquarters where, after lunch, he will have discussions with General Taylor, U.S. 8th Army Commander, General Murray, Commander of the Commonwealth Division, and Brigadier Allard, Commander of the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade. During his stay with the Brigade, the Prime Minister will visit the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, the Royal 22nd Regiment where he will lunch on March 9, the Royal Highlanders of Canada, and the Royal Canadian Regiment.

In Japan, where he will arrive on March 10, the Prime Minister will call on His Majesty the Emperor. He will have conversations with Prime Minister Yoshida and Foreign Minister Okazaki, and will meet General Hull, Commander-in-Chief UN Command. The Prime Minister will visit three destroyers of the Royal Canadian Navy at Tokyo on March 11 and will speak to the ships' companies. The following day, the Prime Minister will address a luncheon meeting sponsored jointly by the Canada-Japan Society and the Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Japan. Later he will attend a performance of traditional Japanese theatre as the guest of Foreign Minister Okasaki and afterward will meet members of the Canadian colony at tea at the Canadian Embassy.

The Prime Minister will leave Japan on March 13 returning via Midway, Honolulu where he will stop briefly, and San Francisco where he will arrive about noon on March 16. He will reach Ottawa on March 17.

As the February issue of "External Affairs" was going to press, the untimely death of Mr. Hume Wrong, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, was announced. A tribute to Mr. Wrong will appear in the March issue.