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MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 1957.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANNOUNCED TODAY DETAILS OF THE FORTHCOMING VISIT TO OTTAWA OF MR. B.R. SEN, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION.

MR. SEN WILL BE IN OTTAWA FROM THE EVENING OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, UNTIL THE AFTERNOON OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, AND WILL STAY AT THE CHATEAU LAURIER. MR. SEN, WHO WAS ELECTED THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FAO IN SEPTEMBER, 1956, TO SUCCEED DR. P. V. CARDON OF THE UNITED STATES, HAS HAD A DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN THE INDIAN DIPLOMATIC AND GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

WHILE IN OTTAWA HE WILL CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE ON FRIDAY AND ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY ON MINISTERS OR DEPUTY MINISTERS OF DEPARTMENTS WHOSE INTERESTS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE WORK OF FAO: NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE, NORTHERN AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL RESOURCES, FISHERIES AND TRADE AND COMMERCE. MR. SEN WILL ALSO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL FAO COMMITTEE.

THERE WILL BE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT 2:30 IN ROOM 268 OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS. ON MONDAY EVENING, MR. SEN WILL ADDRESS AN OPEN MEETING AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM SPONSORED BY THE OTTAWA BRANCHES OF THE AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE OF CANADA, THE UNITED NATIONS SOCIETY, CANADIAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, THE INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, AND THE CIVIL SERVICE ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CANADIAN FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE, MR. H.H. HANNAM, HAS INVITED MR. SEN FOR LUNCHEON AT HIS FARM ON SUNDAY. THERE WILL BE A TEA THAT AFTERNOON AT FRIENDSHIP HOUSE TO MEET UNITED NATION AND COLOMBO PLAN TRAINEES IN OTTAWA.

CANADA HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THIS SPECIALIZED AGENCY OF THE UNITED NATIONS SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN QUEBEC CITY IN 1945. THE CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE \$6.8 MILLION FAO 1957 BUDGET IS 4.61 PER CENT AND WILL BE THE FIFTH LARGEST PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTION IN THE 74-MEMBER ORGANIZATION.

FAO HAS ADMINISTERED THE AGRICULTURAL PHASES OF THE UNITED NATIONS EXPANDED PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SINCE 1951. CANADA HAS PROVIDED OVER 100 EXPERTS FOR ASSIGNMENT ABROAD AND HAS WELCOMED 24 TRAINEES TO CANADA UNDER FAO AUSPICES. OF CANADA'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME, APPROXIMATELY HALF A MILLION DOLLARS FURTHERS THE WORK OF FAO.

THE CANADIAN FAO INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WITH DR. J.F. BOOTH OF THAT DEPARTMENT AS CHAIRMAN, AND OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF TRADE AND COMMERCE, NORTHERN AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL RESOURCES, NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE, FINANCE, FISHERIES AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS IS ALSO REPRESENTED.

THE SECRETARIAT HEADQUARTERS IN ROME DIRECTS FAO ACTIVITIES IN FISHERIES, FORESTRY, NUTRITION AND ECONOMIC FIELDS AS WELL AS IN THE IMPORTANT PROBLEMS IN AGRICULTURE OF INCREASING PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION AND RELATED PROBLEMS OF SURPLUS PRODUCTS AND THEIR DISPOSAL, IMPROVEMENT IN NUTRITION AND STABILIZATION OF PRICES.