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WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1955.

The Department of External Affairs announced today details of a two-week tour of Canada by a party of twenty journalists from fourteen NATO countries which will begin in Halifax on Friday, May 20.

Eighteen of the correspondents will leave Paris by air early Thursday, May 19, and will arrive about midnight at HMCS Shearwater, Halifax. Upon arrival in Montreal, after visiting Arvida and Quebec City, they will be joined by two correspondents from the United States. The party will then visit Ottawa, Edmonton, Calgary, Rivers (Manitoba), Winnipeg, Gimli (Manitoba), Centralia (Ontario), Niagara Falls and Toronto, where the tour concludes on June 5.

The tour is sponsored jointly by the Departments of National Defence and External Affairs and is one of a series arranged by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in member countries. A similar tour to Canada was arranged last year. A number of Canadian journalists also visited other NATO countries last year and tours of NATO countries by Canadian journalists have been arranged for this year.

When the journalists arrive in Ottawa on Wednesday, May 25, they will be met by officials of the Departments of National Defence and External Affairs and by representatives of NATO diplomatic missions in Ottawa. During their two-day stay in the capital, they will meet the Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce and Minister of Defence Production; Hon. L. B. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs; Hon. R. O. Campney, Minister of National Defence; Hon. J. W. Pickersgill, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration; and Hon. Jean Lesage, Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. They will visit the Parliament Buildings, the House of Commons, the Senate Chamber, the E. B. Eddy Company and the Westgate Shopping Centre. The Ottawa Tourist and Convention Bureau has arranged for them a boat trip on the Rideau Canal.

On the last day of the tour, in Toronto on June 4, the NATO journalists will visit the Canadian International Trade Fair and attend the Canadian International Air Show with members of the Aviation Writers' Association who are holding their annual meeting in Toronto at the same time.

#Hon. Walter Harris,
Minister of Finance;

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
Ottawa Canada

1955 CANADIAN TOUR OF NATO JOURNALISTS
May 20, 1955 to June 5, 1955

I. MEMBERS OF THE PARTY

1. Number of journalists on the tour - 20

2. Journalists selected and whose names have been received as of May 16, 1955:

Belgium: M. Vanden Eynde - "La Derniere Heure", Brussels

Denmark: Mr. Jens Waaben Noergaard - "Politiken", Copenhagen

France: M. Edwin Forte - "Agence France Presse", Paris
M. Jose Hanu - "La Voix du Nord", Lille
M. Francois Roussel - "La Croix", Paris

Germany: Mr. Karl Weiss - "Suddeutsche Zeitung", Munich
Mr. Gosta von Uxkull - "Die Zeit", Hamburg
Mr. Hans Wendt - "Nordwest Deutscher Rundfunk", Bonn

Greece: Mr. Achilles Kyriazis, - "Ethnos", Athens

Iceland: Mr. Skuli Skulason, Chief Editor - "Falkinn", Reykjavik

Italy: Mr. Gianfranco Piazzessi - "La Nazione", Florence
"Resto del Carlino", Bologna
Mr. Bruno d'Agostino - "Giornale d'Italia", Rome

Luxembourg: M. Ernest Faber, Director - "Lutzeburger Journal",
Luxembourg

Netherlands: Mr. Adrianus Hendrik van de Nadort - "Verenigde
Christelijke Dagbladpers" (provincial press combination)

Norway: Mr. A. Barlaup - "Verdens Gang", Oslo

Portugal: Mr. Luiz Ferreira - "Diario de Manha", Lisbon

Turkey: Mr. Bulent Ecevit - "Halkci", Ankara

United Kingdom: Mr. Frank Melville - "Sunday Pictorial", London

United States: Mr. Edward Talbot - "New York Herald Tribune",
Washington
Mr. Cecil Holland - "Washington Star", Washington

II. ESCORT OFFICERS

Mr. Paul Lieven
NATO Information Division
Palais de Chaillot
Paris, France

Mr. John G. Halstead and
Mr. Willson S. Durdin
Department of External
Affairs
Ottawa, Canada

Amended to May 13, 1955.

NATO TOUR NO. 26

1955 NATO JOURNALISTS TOUR OF CANADA

May 20, 1955 to June 5, 1955

Sponsored by

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DETAILED PROGRAMME FOR CANADIAN TOUR BY NATO JOURNALISTS

(Note re time designations: Z, Zebra or Greenwich Mean Time; NDT, Newfoundland Daylight Time; ADT, Atlantic Daylight Time; EDT, Eastern Daylight Time; CDT, Central Daylight Time; MST, Mountain Standard Time.)

(The following is subject to change)

Paris
Thursday, May 19 Leave 0500Z (0600 Paris time) via RCAF North Star, light meal en route

Lajes, Azores
Thursday, May 19 Arrive 1300Z, refuel. Leave 1500Z, dinner en route.

Gander, Nfld
Thursday, May 19 Arrive 2300Z (2030 NDT), refuel. Leave 0030Z, (2200 NDT), light meal en route.

Halifax
Friday, May 20 Arrive HMCS Shearwater 0315Z (0015 ADT); by RCN bus to Nova Scotian hotel.

HALIFAX

Transportation and baggage arrangements by RCN

Friday, May 20

0900 ADT Leave by bus for HMCS Shearwater

0945 Tour of HMCS Shearwater and air display

1230 Luncheon at Shearwater Wardroom Officers' Mess

1400 Leave Shearwater by boat for HMC Dockyard

1415 Tour of Dockyard and ships alongside

1530 Leave by bus for Halifax Shipyards

1630 Leave by bus for hotel

1745 Leave by bus for HMCS Stadacona

1800 Reception at Wardroom Officers' Mess

1930 Dinner, Wardroom Officers' Mess

2030 Return to hotel by staff cars; balance of evening free.

Saturday, May 21

0830 Leave by bus for HMCS Shearwater

0900 Leave from HMCS Shearwater for Bagotville (2.30 hours)

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ARVIDA

Transportation and baggage arrangements by RCAF

Saturday, May 21

1030 EDT Arrive RCAF Station, Bagotville; leave by bus for Port Alfred; leave Port Alfred by bus for Arvida

1215 Arrive Saguenay Inn, Arvida; guests of Aluminum Company of Canada

1245 Lunch at Saguenay Inn

1400 Leave by bus for tour of Shipshaw Power Plant and Aluminum Bridge

1515 Tour Arvida Works

1630 Visit to Aluminum Co. Laboratory and see film "The Kitimat Story"

1730 Return by bus to Saguenay Inn

1830 Reception at Saguenay Inn

1915 Dinner at Saguenay Inn; evening free

Sunday, May 22

- Church

1000 Leave Saguenay Inn by bus for Bagotville

1100 Leave Bagotville for Quebec City (45 minutes)

QUEBEC

Transportation and baggage arrangements by Army

Sunday, May 22

1145 EDT Arrive Quebec City; leave by bus for hotel

1215 Arrive Chateau Frontenac; lunch

1400 Sightseeing tour by bus of Quebec, Montmorency Falls, etc.

1730 Return to hotel

1900 Dinner; evening free

Monday, May 23

1000 Leave hotel by bus for airport

1030 Leave Quebec for Montreal (45 minutes)

MONTREAL

Transportation and baggage arrangements by Army

Monday, May 23

1115 EDT Arrive Montreal (St. Hubert's air station)
1115 Leave by bus for hotel
1145 Arrive Sheraton-Mount Royal Hotel; lunch at hotel
1400 Leave from Mount Royal Place entrance by Murray Hill
Limousine Service bus with guide for sightseeing tour
of the city.
1700 Arrive CBC Building; tour of CBC radio and television
studios; recording of interviews by CBC-International
Service (Murray Hill bus is discharged)
1745 Return to hotel by Army bus; evening free

Tuesday, May 24

0930 Leave by bus for Canadair plant
1015 Arrive Canadair plant; briefing; tour plants No's 1 & 2;
flying display of F 86
1215 Leave by bus for hotel
1300 Luncheon at hotel given by Mr. C.E. Smith, Director,
Montreal Tourist and Conventicn Bureau
1415 Leave by bus for National Harbours Board wharf, McGill St.
1430 Tour of Montreal Harbour installations aboard National
Harbours Board tug "Sir Hugh Allan"
1600 Tour Canadian Vickers Works, see hulls of new destroyer
escorts and visit engineering shop
1630 Leave Vickers by boat for harbour wharf
1730 Return to hotel by bus
1830 Reception given by Mr. Samuel Bronfman, President,
Seagram's Ltd. at House of Seagram, 1430 Peel St.
1930 Dinner given by Sheraton Hotels of Canada Ltd. and Mr.
Thomas C. Deveau, General Manager, Sheraton- Mount
Royal Hotel

Wednesday, May 25

0900 Leave hotel by bus for Dorval airport
1000 Leave Dorval (No. 6 Hangar, RCAF) for Ottawa (45 minutes)

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OTTAWA

Transportation and baggage arrangements by Army

Wednesday, May 25

- 1045 EDT Arrive at Uplands Airport (south side of cantilever hangar); greeted by officers of the Departments of External Affairs and National Defence and representatives of NATO missions
- 1100 Leave by bus for Dow's Lake landing stage (4 miles)
- 1120 Board sightseeing launch at Dow's Lake for Rideau Canal trip to head of locks by Chateau Laurier (30 minutes); trip courtesy of the City of Ottawa Tourist and Convention Bureau
- 1150 Arrive Chateau Laurier; proceed on foot to the East Block
- 1215 Meeting with Hon. D.B. Pearson, Minister of External Affairs
- 1245 Return to Chateau Laurier for lunch
- 1430 Leave hotel by Mackenzie Ave. entrance for bus trip via Sussex St. and Inter-Provincial Bridge for E.B. Eddy Co. lower paper mill, Laurier Ave., Hull
- 1445 Tour of E.B. Eddy plant
- 1545 Leave by bus for Chateau Laurier via Champlain Bridge, Island Park Drive, Experimental Farm, and Driveway, stopping briefly at Westgate Shopping Centre en route; dinner and rest of day free for private engagements such as meeting with representatives at NATO missions in Ottawa.

Thursday, May 26

- 0900 Leave by bus from Mackenzie Ave. entrance of hotel for National Defence Headquarters, Army General Staff Conference Room, second floor, "A" Building, Elgin St. entrance
- 0915 Welcome by Hon. R.O. Campney, Minister of National Defence; briefing by General C. Foulkes, Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee; briefings on defence subjects
- 1030 Leave by bus for Langevin Block, Elgin St. entrance, Conference Room, Room 304.
- 1045 Welcome by the Hon. Jean Lesage, Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources; briefing by Mr. Gordon Robertson, Deputy Minister, on Canadian North
- 1145 Leave by bus for No. 1 Temporary Building, Board Room, Room No. 140, second floor
- 1200 Meeting with Rt. Hon. C.D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce
- 1230 Return to hotel by bus; lunch under private arrangements
- 1340 Leave hotel by bus, Mackenzie Ave. entrance, for Parliament Buildings

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OTTAWA (Cont'd)

Thursday, May 26 (Cont'd)

1350 Arrive Parliament Buildings and proceed to the Chambers of the Speaker of the House, Room 220

1415 Group photograph on steps of Parliament Buildings

1430 Visit to House of Commons for Question Period, Diplomatic Gallery

1500 Visit Peace Tower

1515 Meeting with Hon. J.W. Pickersgill, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Senate Committee Room, Room 368, Parliament Buildings

1545 Visit Senate Chamber and return to hotel

1730 Leave hotel by bus for Parliament Buildings; reception in Railway Committee Room, Parliament Buildings, given by Ministers of External Affairs, Defence, and Finance for visitors, NATO ambassadors, and press gallery

1900 Return to hotel; dinner and evening free for private engagements

Friday, May 27

0900 Leave hotel by bus for Uplands Airport

1000 Leave Uplands for Edmonton (9 hours)

EDMONTON

Transportation and baggage arrangements by RCAF

Friday, May 27

1600 MST Arrive Edmonton Municipal Airport; visit RCAF Survival School; by bus to Hotel Macdonald
Dinner at hotel or other restaurant; evening free

Saturday, May 28

0845 Briefing at Macdonald Hotel by Imperial Oil, Canadian Chemical and Cellulose and CIL representatives

0945 Leave by bus for oil fields; view drill rig

1200 Lunch in Devon hotel

1400 Tour of Chemical Valley - Imperial Oil lubricating and grease refinery; terminus of Inter-Provincial Pipe Line; Canadian Chemical and Cellulose Plant, and drive round outside of CIL plant

1630 Return to hotel by way of Provincial Government grounds, University and residential section; evening free

Sunday, May 29

- Church

0930 Leave hotel by bus for airport

1000 Leave Edmonton for Calgary (1 hour)

CALGARY

Transportation and Baggage arrangements by Army

Sunday, May 29

1100 MST Arrive Calgary Municipal Airport (TCA side); luggage to be delivered directly to hotel

1100 Trip by bus to cattle ranch in Calgary district; lunch at ranch or box lunch en route

1630 Return by bus to hotel; dinner at hotel; evening free

Monday, May 30

0830 Leave hotel by bus for Calgary Municipal Airport

0900 Leave Calgary for Rivers, Manitoba (2.45 hours); lunch aboard aircraft

RIVERS

Transportation arrangements by Army

Monday, May 30

1345 CDT Arrive Rivers RCAF Station, visit Joint Air Training Centre

1700 Leave Rivers for Winnipeg (45 minutes)

WINNIPEG

Transportation and baggage arrangements by RCAF

Monday, May 30

1745 CDT Arrive Winnipeg; by bus to Fort Garry Hotel

Dinner and evening free

Tuesday, May 31

0900 Leave hotel by bus for RCAF Station; tour of RCAF Navigation Training Centre; luncheon at Officers' Mess with trainees from NATO countries

1400 Leave Winnipeg air station for Gimli (30 minutes)

GIMLI

Transportation arrangements by RCAF

Tuesday, May 31

1430 CDT Arrive RCAF Station, Gimli for tour of RCAF NATO Flying Training School

GIMLI (Cont'd)

Tuesday, May 31 (Cont'd)

1800 Dinner at RCAF Officers' Mess with trainees from NATO countries

2100 Leave Gimli for Winnipeg (30 minutes)

WINNIPEG

Transportation and baggage arrangements by RCAF

Tuesday, May 31

2130 CDT Arrive Winnipeg; by bus to hotel

Wednesday, June 1

0800 Leave hotel by bus for Winnipeg airport

0830 Leave Winnipeg for Centralia (4 hours); luncheon aboard aircraft

CENTRALIA

Transportation and baggage arrangements by RCAF

Wednesday, June 1

1330 EDT Arrive RCAF Station, Centralia

1430 NATO Wings Parade; tour of NATO Flying Training School

1800 Dinner in RCAF Officers' Mess with trainees from NATO countries; party to stay overnight at Station

Thursday, June 2

0845 Leave Centralia for Toronto (45 minutes)

TORONTO

Transportation and baggage arrangements by Army

Thursday, June 2

0930 EDT Arrive Malton (aircraft to taxi to rolling gate of A.V. Roe plant with factory car acting as guide; bus required for tour);

Briefing, view of 3-D model of plant layout, tour of CF 100 production line, CF 100 flight testing

TORONTO (Cont'd)

Thursday, June 2 (Cont'd)

- 1115 Leave by bus for Orenda plant; briefing
- 1130 Lunch in Orenda cafeteria
- 1215 Tour of Orenda production line
- 1300 Leave by bus for Royal York Hotel; 2 hours free
- 1530 By subway at Union Station to College Street Station; board bus for University
- 1545 Arrive Simcoe Hall and enter Senate Chamber; welcome by Dr. Sidney Smith, president of the University of Toronto; walk across campus to Hart House to inspect Great Hall and return to Howard Ferguson Hall for tea in senior common room
- 1700 Leave by bus via University Ave. for Bank of Nova Scotia Building, 44 King St. West
Reception by Mr. K.R. Thomson of Thomson Newspapers, 25th floor, Bank of Nova Scotia Building
- 1830 Return to hotel by bus; dinner and evening free

Friday, June 3

- 0830 Leave hotel by bus for Niagara Falls with Ontario Hydro Power Commission official, R.J. Cooksley
- 1045 Arrive at Hydro Remedial Works Information Centre; view Falls and proceed on foot to Oaks Garden and return
- 1130 Reassemble at Information Centre; briefing and viewing of Remedial Works
- 1200 Lunch on outside balcony of Refectory
- 1300 Sightseeing tour by bus of Gorge, Whirlpool and Spanish aerial car en route to Hydro reception centre at Sir Adam Beck Generating Station No. 2
- 1345 Briefing and tour of Station
- 1530 Leave for Toronto
- 1745 Arrive Royal York Hotel
- 1830 Leave hotel by bus for King Edward Hotel for Aviation Writers' Association (AWA) reception; guests of AWA
- 1930 AWA dinner at King Edward Hotel; Hon. Ralph Campney, Minister of National Defence, guest speaker; party guests of AWA

Saturday, June 4

- 0900 Leave hotel by bus for Canadian International Trade Fair, (CITF), Exhibition Grounds
- 0930 Arrive CITF; visit aircraft section and tour Fair

TORONTO (Cont'd)

Saturday, June 4 (Cont'd)

1200 CITF reception, Press Room, Committee Lounge

1230 Luncheon by Mr. Glen Bannerman, Director, CITF, in Directors' Dining Room, Administration Building

1330 Tour of balance of fair; CBC interviews

1400 Proceed to National Air Show; party to be seated in AWA reserved section

1700 Leave by bus for hotel

1830 National Air Show reception in Royal York Hotel

1930 National Air Show dinner; Rt. Hon. C.D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, guest speaker

Sunday, June 5

0900 Leave hotel by bus for Malton Airport (TCA side)

1000 (1400Z) Leave Malton for Gander (5.45 hours), lunch and dinner en route

1715 ADT (1945Z) Arrive Gander, refuel

1915 ADT (1245Z) Leave Gander for Paris, breakfast en route

Monday, June 6

1000 local time (0900Z) Arrive Orly Airport, Paris