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MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1961.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today that Mr. Jean Rey, a member of the Commission of the European Economic Community, will visit Canada from June 13 until June 18. Mr. Rey, a former Belgian Minister for Economic Affairs, is the Commissioner-in-charge of the foreign relations of the European Economic Community. He will be accompanied by a group of senior officials.

Mr. Rey will be in Ottawa on June 14 and 15, when he will meet with Cabinet Ministers and senior Government officials. He will also visit Montreal and Quebec.

Details of the programme arranged for Mr. Rey are attached, together with biographical notes.

PROGRAMME FOR VISIT OF MR. JEAN REY

- Tuesday June 13 - Arrive in Montreal.
- Wednesday June 14 10:45 a.m. - DOT aircraft leaves Dorval for over-flight of Seaway.
12 noon - Arrive Ottawa Airport.
1:00 p.m. - Lunch at Rideau Club. Host, the Minister of Finance.
3:00 p.m. - Meeting with senior Government officials.
6:30 p.m. - Reception at Beacon Arms. Host, the Belgian Chargé d'Affaires
- Thursday June 15 10:30 a.m. - Recording of TV Panel Programme.
11:45 a.m. - Call on Minister of Trade and Commerce.
12 noon - Call on the Secretary of State for External Affairs.
3:00 p.m. - Press Conference - (Large Conference Room, East Block).
5:00 p.m. - Departure from Ottawa for Montreal.
8:00 p.m. - Dinner with Canadian businessmen.
- Friday June 16 - Morning free.
- Lunch - Université de Montreal.
- Early afternoon, departure for Quebec.
- Late afternoon, meeting with officials of Quebec Government.
- Dinner. Host, Quebec Prime Minister.
- June 17 and 18 - (Programme arranged by Quebec Government and industrial establishments)
- Visit to iron ore developments at Sept Iles and Schefferville, Labrador.
- Saturday June 18 - Afternoon, return to and departure from Montreal.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON MR. JEAN REY

Born in Liège, July 15, 1902. The son of Arnold Rey, a Protestant pastor. His great-great-grandfather, Louis Jamme, was a member of the first House of Representatives (1831) and the first burgomaster of Liège after the revolution of 1830. His grandfather, Léo Gérard, was burgomaster of Liège from 1891 to 1900 and a member of the House of Representatives (1891).

Education: Athénée and University of Liège (Doctor at Law).

Private profession: Lawyer, Appeal Court of Liège, since 1926.

Army Record:- "Capitaine Commandant" in the Reserve forces.
- Took part in the 18-Day Battle, 1940.
- Prisoner in Germany from 1940 to 1945.

Political Record: - Communal Counsellor of Liège from 1935 to 1958.
- Elected Member for the District of Liège in 1939.
- Founding Member of the Walloon Liberal Entente, grouping representatives of the Liberal Federations of the Wallonn region.
- Re-elected to the House in 1946, 1949, 1950 and 1954 until January 1958.
- Vice-President of the Superior Council for the Family (1947).
- Alternate Delegate to the First Assembly of the Council of Europe (1949) and the Fifth Assembly (1953).
- Minister of Reconstruction in the Two-Party Government (Parti Social Chrétien - Libéral) formed by Mr. Eyskens.
- Member of the Commission for the Study of European Problems (1952).
- Minister of Economic Affairs from 1954 to January 1958.

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