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FIVE CAMADIANS TO ATTEMD COMPONICALTH EDUCATION COMPERENCE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today that the Canadian Government will send a five-man delegation to the Commonwealth Conference on the Education and Training of Technicians to be held at the College of Technical Education in Huddersfield, England, October 16 - 29, 1966.

With Dr. C.R. Ford, former Director of the Technical and Vocational Training Branch of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration, as Chairman, the delegation will consist of Dr. Grant Hines, Chairman of the Rational Advisory Committee on Technological Education and Supervisor of the Quality Control Laboratory, Stelco of Canada Limited; Mr. E.L. Palin, Assistant Director of the Technological and Trades Training Branch, Ontario Department of Education: Mr. Paul E. Larose, Director of Vocational Training, Quebec Department of Education; and Mr. H.J. Hodder, Director of the Education Division, External Aid Office.

The Conference, which is being held under the auspices of the Commonwealth Education Liaison Committee, stems from a recommendation of the Commonwealth Education Conference held at Ottawa in 1964 which invited the Committee to consider planning a conference of experts from all countries of the Commonwealth on a subject of mutual concern. The Education and Training of

Technicians was subsequently chosen as being one of primary importance for the developing countries within the Commonwealth as well as for the more developed countries.

Mr. Martin said he hoped that as a result of the Conference each participating country of the Commonwealth, irrespective of its stage of economic development, will be able to secure an improvement in its arrangements for educating and training in this field.