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MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1960.

The Department of External Affairs today announced the following programme for the visit to Canada of the Honourable Prime Minister of the Federation of Malaya, Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra.

Tunku Abdul Rahman will be accompanied by the following officials:

H.E. Dato Nik Ahmed KAMIL bin Haji Mahood
Ambassador of the Federation of Malaya to the U.S.A.,
who will accompany the Prime Minister in Ottawa only.

Inche ZAITON Ibrahim bin Ahmed
Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs

Inche SUJAK bin Rahiman
Controller, Trade Division, Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Inche Moh'd, SOPIEE bin Sheikh Ibrahim
Secretary to the Prime Minister

Mr. Frank Sullivan
Press Secretary to the Prime Minister

Inche CHEAH Peck Cheok
Assistant Private Secretary, Prime Minister's Department

Inche SYED ABDULLAH bin Omar
Personal Attendant to the Prime Minister

Inche Luke ANG
Radio Malaya

Wednesday, October 19

^{3.55}
~~12.40~~ p.m. - Arrive at Dorval Airport from Paris.
Met by the Chief of Protocol.
Malayan students and journalists will have an opportunity for a few words with Tunku Abdul Rahman.

^{4.10}
~~12.55~~ p.m. - Board Department of Transport Viscount aircraft.
Lunch aboard aircraft.

- ^{4.55}
~~1.40~~ p.m. - Arrive R.C.A.F. Station, Uplands.
Greeted by the Prime Minister of Canada and a representative of the Governor-General.
The Prime Minister and G/C Mussels, Officer Commanding, Uplands Station, will escort the Tunku to the dais.
The Tunku will inspect the guard of honour.
Upon his return to the dais, the Heads of Diplomatic Missions and Cabinet Ministers will be presented to the Tunku.
Malayan students will also be presented.
The Prime Minister and the Tunku will make short statements for press, radio and television.

- ^{5.15}
2.00 p.m. - The Prime Minister will invite the Tunku to drive with him to Government House.

- ^{5.45}
~~2.30~~ p.m. - Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Madame Vanier will welcome Tunku Abdul Rahman at Government House.

(The timing of these events is, of course, dependent on the punctual arrival of the Tunku's trans-Atlantic flight at Dorval)

~~Afternoon~~ ~~Relaxation after the trans-Atlantic flight.~~

- 7.45 p.m. - Dinner offered by the Prime Minister and Mrs. Dieffenbaker at the Prime Minister's Residence.

Thursday, October 20

- a.m. - Call on the Prime Minister.
- 11:00 a.m. - Visit Parliament Building.
- 11.30 a.m. - The Tunku will confer with members of the Cabinet.
- 1.00 p.m. - Lunch offered by the High Commissioner of the United Kingdom at Earnscliffe.
- 4.00 p.m. - Press Conference, Main Conference Room, External Affairs.
- 4.30 p.m. - Television interview.
- 4.45 p.m. - Return to Government House.
- 7.30 p.m. - Tunku Abdul Rahman will accompany Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Madame Vanier to the Royal Canadian Navy's 50th Anniversary Dinner and Ball.

Friday, October 21

- 10.00 a.m. - Confer with the Commissioner, Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- 1.00 p.m. - The Prime Minister and Mrs. Diefenbaker will lunch with the Tunku.
- * 4.15 p.m. - Visit the National Gallery of Canada
- 8.00 p.m. - Dinner given by Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Madame Vanier in honour of the Tunku.

Saturday, October 22

- * 9.00 a.m. - Their Excellencies bid farewell to Tunku Abdul Rahman.
- * 9.30 a.m. - Arrive at Department of Transport Terminal, Uplands. The Prime Minister and other dignitaries bid farewell.
- * 9.35 a.m. - Depart by Viscount aircraft.
- * 10.55 a.m. - Arrive at Bagotville Airport and proceed immediately to Arvida to inspect the plant and activities of the Aluminum Company of Canada.
- 7.00 p.m. - Dine and spend night at the Saguenay Inn.

Sunday, October 23

- 10.00 a.m. - Leave Arvida.
- 10.30 a.m. - Leave Bagotville by Viscount to fly over the St. Lawrence viewing Quebec, Montreal, the Seaway, the Thousand Islands and Kingston en route.
- 12.45 p.m. - Lunch aboard aircraft.
- 1.30 p.m. - Arrive Mount Hope Airport, Hamilton. Proceed by automobile to the Park Hotel, Niagara Falls.
- 3.00 p.m. - Leave the hotel to inspect the Ontario Hydro Adam Beck No. 1 plant, view the falls and visit the park.
- 8.00 p.m. - Dine privately at the Sheraton Brock Hotel.
- 10.00 p.m. - Return to the Park Hotel to spend the night.

Monday, October 24

- 8.45 a.m. - Leave Niagara Falls.
- 10.30 a.m. - Arrive at the De Havilland Aircraft Co. plant, Toronto.
- 11.45 a.m. - Leave for the Royal York Hotel.
- 1.00 p.m. - Lunch with the Canadian Institute of International Affairs.
- 3.45 p.m. - Call on the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

- 4.00 p.m. - Call on the Prime Minister of Ontario.
- 4.15 p.m. - Visit the Royal Ontario Museum.
- 7.30 p.m. - Dinner offered by the Royal Commonwealth Society in honour of the Tunku.

Tuesday, October 25

- * 9.45 a.m. - Leave the Royal York Hotel.
- 10.30 a.m. - Arrive at Malton Airport.
- 10.40 a.m. - Departure for Washington.

* These times tentative.

Notes on Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra
Prime Minister of the Federation
of Malaya

Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra was born at Alor Star, capital of the State of Kedah, on February 8, 1902. He is the seventh child of the reigning Sultan and is a member of one of Malaya's oldest royal families, which traces its ancestry back over 1000 years. The Tunku was educated in Malaya and Thailand prior to obtaining his Bachelor of Arts degree from Cambridge University in 1925. He later studied law in England. While he was in the United Kingdom the Tunku served as the first Secretary and later as the President of the Malay Society of Great Britain. At the age of 27, the Tunku joined the Kedah Civil Service. He remained in Kedah during the war, when he formed a welfare organization to care for refugees.

In 1949, the Tunku accepted the chairmanship of the Kedah Branch of the United Malays National Organization (U.M.N.O.), which was primarily responsible for the pressure of public opinion which resulted in the formation of the Federation of Malaya on February 1, 1948. Two years later he became President of the U.M.N.O. In 1952 he was appointed an unofficial member of both the Executive and the Legislative Council of the Federation.

An advocate of co-operation among all the races in the country, the Tunku fostered the political alliance of the United Malays National Organization with the Malayan Chinese Association. The alliance, joined by the Malayan Indian Congress, won 51 of 52 seats in the first Federal elections of July 1955, following which the Tunku became the Chief Minister and Minister of Home Affairs. After the party's victory in the 1959 elections, he became Prime Minister for a second time.

The Tunku led the Malayan "Merdeka (Freedom) Mission" to London in January 1956 to negotiate for self-government and independence for Malaya. Malaya's independence was declared on August 31, 1957, and the country then became a full member of the Commonwealth and signed a defence agreement with the United Kingdom.

The Tunku is at present the only member of the Kedah Order of Merit, to which no more than three persons can belong at the same time. In 1960 he received the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership. He has been awarded honorary degrees by Cambridge University, the University of Malaya, the University of Sydney (Australia) and the Araneta University of the Philippines.

Tunku Abdul Rahman, a devout Moslem, made a pilgrimage to Mecca in 1958. He is a keen sportsman, with special enthusiasm for soccer and horse-racing. He is extremely interested in gardening, especially the growing of orchids, and in movie photography, and has written a popular historical play.
