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AFRICAN ECONOMISTS VISIT OTTAWA

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TO-DAY THAT A GROUP OF FOURTEEN GOVERNMENT ECONOMISTS FROM AFRICA ARE SPENDING FOUR DAYS IN OTTAWA THIS WEEK FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION WITH CANADIAN OFFICIALS OF THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, THE BANK OF CANADA AND THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

THE OTTAWA VISIT WAS ARRANGED JOINTLY BY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK, AS PART OF A SIX-MONTH PROGRAMME UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION. THE GROUP HAS ALREADY SPENT SOME TIME IN THE UNITED STATES, ATTENDING LECTURES AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON ALL PHASES OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE ECONOMISTS SPENT TWO DAYS IN MONTREAL LAST WEEK VISITING THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF MAYORS AND MUNICIPALITIES, THE FOUNDATION ENGINEERING COMPANY OF CANADA, AND THE ALUMINUM COMPANY OF CANADA. SOME OF THE GROUP WILL LEAVE OTTAWA ON JANUARY 28 TO RETURN TO MONTREAL. THE OTHERS WILL GO TO LEVIS, QUEBEC, TO OBSERVE CREDIT UNIONS AND COOPERATIVES IN THE AREA.

THIS IS THE THIRD INTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAMME ARRANGED BY UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS FOR AFRICAN OFFICIALS. SIMILAR COURSES WERE HELD IN 1957-58 AND 1958-59.

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THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP IN OTTAWA ARE: MR. ASSEFA HABTU AND MR. KETEMA DESTA OF ETHIOPIA, MR. SAMUEL EGYIR GRANT OF GHANA, MR. ALPHA BAKAR BARRY AND MR. MOMORY CAMARA OF GUINEA, MR. NATHANIEL KEVIN AND MR. ALFRED THOMPSON OF LIBERIA, MR. NAGUIB MOHAMMED SHIBANI OF LIBYA, MR. HIREI GASSIM AND MR. ALI MOHAMED ALANE OF SOMALIA, MR. NAHMOUD ABDI ARRALEH OF SOMALILAND, MR. PAULIN EKLOU OF TOGOLAND, MR. BRAHIM TURKI OF TUNISIA, AND MR. ABDEL HADY ABDEL ASIZ EL-TARANEESY OF THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC.