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The Department of External Affairs today issued the following information concerning the programme for the visit to Canada of the Right Honourable R. G. Menzies, P.C., K.C., M.P., Prime Minister of Australia. The Prime Minister of Australia, who is at present visiting in the United States, will visit Ottawa as the guest of the Government of Canada from Monday, August 7, to Wednesday, August 9. He will fly from Ottawa to Vancouver where he will spend August 10, returning to the United States on the morning of Friday, August 11. While in Ottawa, Mr. Menzies will stay at the residence of the High Commissioner for Australia, the Right Honourable F. M. Forde, P.C.

The Prime Minister of Australia and the members of his party will arrive at Rockcliffe Airport in a Canadian Government aircraft from New York at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, August 7 and will be welcomed by the Acting Prime Minister, Mr. C. D. Howe, Major General H. F. G. Letson, representing His Excellency the Governor General, Mr. L. B. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs, the High Commissioner for Australia, other members of the Cabinet, and the Mayor of Ottawa. There will be a guard of honour and an artillery salute of nineteen guns.

On Monday evening, the Australian High Commissioner will give a dinner for Mr. Menzies at his official residence. On Tuesday morning, August 8, Mr. Menzies will call at Government House to sign the visitors' book in the absence of His Excellency the Governor General in Western Canada. He will later call on His Worship the Mayor of Ottawa. At 11 A.M., Mr. Menzies will lay a wreath at the National War Memorial and will then call on Mr. D. C. Abbott, Minister of Finance, at his office.

The Australian Prime Minister will, on Tuesday, be the guest of honour at a luncheon by the Canadian Club of Ottawa at the Chateau Laurier and will give an address which will later be broadcast on a national network. At 3 P.M., he will proceed to the East Block to call on the Prime Minister of Canada, who is returning to Ottawa to meet him, and on Mr. Pearson. The Prime Minister will give a dinner on behalf of the Government of Canada for Mr. Menzies that evening at the Country Club.

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At 10:30 A.M., on Wednesday, August 9, Mr. Menzies will hold a press conference and later that morning will meet briefly with the Canadian Cabinet in the Privy Council Chamber. The Australian High Commissioner will give a luncheon for Mr. Menzies and the members of his staff at the Country Club. Mr. Menzies will call on Mr. Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence, during the afternoon and, after an early dinner with the Australian High Commissioner, will leave with his party from Rockcliffe Airport at 7:40 P.M. for Vancouver.

On arrival at Vancouver on Thursday morning, August 10, the Australian Prime Minister will be welcomed by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, with representatives of the provincial government and the City of Vancouver, the Australian Government Trade Commissioner and other officials. There will be a guard of honour and an artillery salute of nineteen guns. The programme for Mr. Menzies' visit to Vancouver includes the laying of a wreath at the Cenotaph and presentation of the "Keys of the City" by the City of Vancouver and of an honorary degree by the University of British Columbia. There will be a reception for Mr. Menzies by the Chancellor of the University during the afternoon.

Mr. Menzies will be entertained at dinner by the City of Vancouver and will leave by air for Seattle on Friday morning, August 11.

Mr. Menzies will be accompanied on his visit to Canada by:

Mr. Allen Brown,
Secretary,
Prime Minister's Department.

Brigadier H. G. Rourke,
Defence Representative.

Mr. J. R. Willoughby,
Personal Assistant to the Prime Minister.
