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The Department of External Affairs announced today that fourteen Canadian teachers will shortly be leaving Canada to take up assignments abroad under Canadian foreign aid programmes. This is a result of one of the decisions taken at the Commonwealth Education Conference held at Oxford in 1959 when Canada offered certain assistance designed to help other Commonwealth countries in the training of teachers. The fourteen teachers are: Mr. C. Wayne Hall, Secretary of the Institute of Education at Macdonald College and Mr. J.G. Egnatoff of the Teachers! College, Saskatoon, who are both going to the Teachers! College at Lagos, Nigeria; Mr. J.I.F. Levaque, Supervisor of the Industrial Arts Department for the Ottawa Separate School Board, who is going to Uganda in Africa; Mrs. M.M. McDonald of the Eston High School, Saskatchewan; Mr. J.C. Jensen, Superintendent of Schools for the city of Drumheller, Alberta; Mr. F.L. Bates of the Teachers' College, Regina, Saskatchewan; Mr. R.V. Whiteley, Hoad of the Science Department of the Scaforth High School in Ontario; Mr. R.B. Gould, Superintendent of Schools for the city of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, and Mr. C. A.E. Hensley, Head of the Schools Science Centre at Winnipeg, Manitoba, all of whom are going to the West Indies; Mr. D.M. Collacott of the Community Planning Branch, Department of Education for the Province of Ontario, who is going to North Borneo; Mr. C.S. Carroll, Head of the Mathematics Department of North Vancouver High School and Mr. W.G. Wedder, Assistant Principal of Hardisty Junior High School at Edmonton, who are going to the Teachers! College in Singapore; and Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Smith, both Teacher Counsellors of the Victoria School District in B.C. who are together going to Kanowit in Sarawak.

Eleven of the fourteen teachers will be in Ottawa from August 24 to 26 to attend a briefing session before leaving Canada. They will attend lectures and talks on the less developed countries and their problems, with particular emphasis on education, and will be shown appropriate films. Special speakers will include: Mr. F.G. Patten, Superintendent of the Collegiate Institute Board of Ottawa; Mr. V.N. Bruce, Principal of Lisgar Collegiate, Ottawa, Mr. R.N. Murray, Adviser on Education, Federation Government, West Indies and Dr. J.R. Kidd, Executive Director, Canadian Association for Adult Education, Toronto.

A luncheon will be given on August 25 at which the teachers will have an opportunity to meet officials of the Departments of Trade and Commerce and External Affairs as well as the following members of the Advisory Committee on Teacher Training and Supply: Dr. C.E. Phillips, Director of Graduate Studies, Ontario College of Education, Toronto; Mr. F.K. Stewart, Executive Secretary, Canadian Education Association, Toronto; Dr. G.G. Croskery, Secretary-Treasurer, Canadian Teachers! Federation, Ottawa and Dr. Eveline LeBlanc, representative of l'Association Canadienne des Educateurs de Langue Française. Other guests at the luncheon will include delegates to the UNESCO World Conference on Adult Education from Ghana, Malaya, and Nigeria, and Mr. Walter Etinoff, an industrial arts student from Antigua, who is in Canada under the auspices of the Canada-West Indies Aid Programme.

The teachers will hear a talk by Mr. John Young, a teacher from British Columbia, who spent some years in the jungle areas of Sarawak under the auspices of the Colombo Plan organizing and establishing schools for the indigenous Dyak population.

At the end of the briefing period, the teachers will leave separately for their several destinations in South-East Asia, Africa, and the West Indies.