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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS HAS DECIDED THAT, AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, OCTOBER 24 SHOULD BE OFFICIALLY CELEBRATED AS "UNITED NATIONS DAY". THIS OCTOBER 24 WILL BE THE FOURTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

UNITED NATIONS DAY CELEBRATIONS WILL BE GENERAL THROUGH CANADA. THE PRIME MINISTER, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JOHN G. DIEFENBAKER, WILL ISSUE A SPECIAL UNITED NATIONS DAY MESSAGE IN THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH LANGUAGES.

IN OTTAWA THERE WILL BE A DISPLAY IN FRONT OF THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS OF THE FLAGS OF THE 82 MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING A FLAG NOT DISPLAYED BEFORE, THAT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA WHICH WAS ADMITTED TO THE UNITED NATIONS ON DECEMBER 12, 1958. THE UNITED NATIONS FLAG WILL BE FLOWN FROM THE EASTERN FLAG-POLE OF THE CENTRE BLOCK.

THE DOMINION CARILLONEUR, MR. ROBERT DONWELL, WILL PLAY THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS OF THOSE MEMBER COUNTRIES WHOSE NATIONALS ARE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE PRINCIPAL ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE CHAIRMEN

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OF ITS MAIN COMMITTEES. THIS RECITAL WILL BE GIVEN FROM 1 - 2 P.M. ON OCTOBER 24; THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE THE "UNITED NATIONS MARCH" AND THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS OF PERU, BRAZIL, BURMA, CHINA, FRANCE, MOROCCO, THE PHILIPPINES, ROUMANIA, SWEDEN, TURKEY, THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA, THE U.S.S.R., THE UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES, AUSTRIA, BOLIVIA, BELGIUM, INDONESIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, GUATEMALA, LIBERIA, JAPAN, MEXICO AND HAITI. IT WILL CONCLUDE WITH "O CANADA" AND "GOD SAVE THE QUEEN".

ON THE OCCASION OF UNITED NATIONS DAY, THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION IN CANADA WILL DISTRIBUTE IN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES ACROSS THE COUNTRY SOME 7,000 COPIES OF A SPECIAL LEAFLET ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH LANGUAGES AND ENTITLED "CANADA AND THE UNITED NATIONS - A RECORD AFTER FOURTEEN YEARS".