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TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1955

The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Right Honourable Robert Gordon Menzies, C.H., Q.C., M.P., Prime Minister of Australia, will arrive in Canada tomorrow, Wednesday, March 9, for a 5-day visit. He will be met on arrival in Montreal by the High Commissioner for Australia, His Excellency Sir Douglas Copland, K.B.E., C.M.G., and the Chief of Protocol, Mr. E. D'Arcy McGreer. Mr. Menzies will spend the first two days of his visit at Government House as a guest of His Excellency Right Honourable Vincent Massey, C.H., Governor General of Canada.

He will be accompanied by the Honourable A.G. Townley, Minister of Air and Civil Aviation, and Mrs. Townley; Mr. A.H. Tange, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs; Mr. A.D. McKnight, Secretary of the Army; Mr. E.W. Hicks, Secretary of Air; Mr. Hugh Dash, Press Secretary to the Prime Minister; Miss L.H. Craig, Private Secretary; Group Captain D.A. Chapman, Air Adviser to the Australian High Commissioner; and Mr. L.H. Bury.

The programme will be as follows:-

Wednesday, March 9 - Ottawa

3:00 p.m. Arrival at Uplands airport. The party will be greeted by the Prime Minister of Canada, and by the representative of His Excellency the Governor General, Mr. Lionel Massey, Secretary to the Governor General. Mr. Menzies will inspect a guard of honour from No. 1 Administrative Unit, Army Headquarters, under Captain R.M.G. Groves. The Royal Canadian Signals Band of Kingston will be in attendance at the ceremony in the Cantilever hangar. Mr. St. Laurent introduces Mr. Menzies to members of the Cabinet, the Acting Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, His Excellency A.H.J. Lovink, and other dignitaries.

4:15 p.m. The Prime Minister calls on the Right Honourable C.D. Howe;

7:45 p.m. Dinner at Government House.

Thursday, March 10.- Ottawa

11:00 a.m. Mr. Menzies calls on the Prime Minister of Canada, in the East Block;

11:30 a.m. Press Conference in the main conference room, East Block;

12:30 p.m. Luncheon with the Canadian Women's Club, followed by an address;

2:30 p.m. The Prime Minister pays a visit to the House of Commons;

4:00 p.m. The Prime Minister calls on the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable R.O. Campney;

7:45 p.m. The Prime Minister of Canada is host at dinner at 24 Sussex Street.

Friday, March 11 - Ottawa and Montreal

- 11:30 a.m. The Prime Minister departs by plane from Uplands airport for Montreal. He is accompanied by the High Commissioner for Australia, Mr. McKnight, Mr. Hicks, Miss Craig and the Chief of Protocol.
- 12:15 p.m. Arrival at Dorval;
- 1:15 p.m. Luncheon at the Mount Royal Club in honour of the Prime Minister of Australia with Dr. F. Cyril James, Principal and Vice Chancellor of McGill University as host;
- 3:30 p.m. Special convocation at McGill University for presentation of an honorary degree to Mr. Menzies;
- 5:30 p.m. Departure from Dorval by air for Ottawa;
- 6:15 p.m. Arrival at Uplands airport;
- 8:00 p.m. The High Commissioner for Australia gives a dinner at the Country Club.

Saturday, March 12 - Ottawa

- 12:15 p.m. The Prime Minister calls on the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L.B. Pearson;
- 8:00 p.m. Dinner by the High Commissioner of Australia.

Sunday, March 13 - Ottawa

- 11:30 p.m. Departure by air from Uplands airport for Washington.
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