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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 1956.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT MR. K.D. MALAVIYA, M.P., MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA WILL ARRIVE ON OTTAWA ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, FOR A TEN-DAY VISIT TO EXAMINE THE CANADIAN OIL INDUSTRY. MR. MALAVIYA IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF RECENTLY ESTABLISHED POWER OIL AND NATURAL GAS COMMISSION. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR MR. MALAVIYA TO MEET WITH FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH OIL DEVELOPMENTS IN SASKATCHEWAN AND ALBERTA FIELDS AS WELL AS WITH OFFICIALS OF PRIVATELY OWNED OIL COMPANIES IN CANADA.

MR. MALAVIYA WILL MEET IN WESTERN CANADA THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PRUDHAM, MINISTER OF MINES AND TECHNICAL SURVEYS. DR. M.S. KRISHNAN, THE FORMER HEAD OF THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA, WILL BE ARRIVING FROM INDIA WITH MR. MALAVIYA AND WILL ACCOMPANY HIM ON HIS TOUR. MR. ALEX IGNATIEFF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND TECHNICAL SURVEYS AND MR. R.W. ROSENTHAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE WILL ALSO TRAVEL WITH THE INDIAN MINISTER.

MR. MALAVIYA WILL ARRIVE IN OTTAWA ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 AT 12:05 P.M. EDT ON TCA FLIGHT NO 3 FROM MONTREAL AND WILL LEAVE TUESDAY EVENING FOR TORONTO BY TRAIN. HE WILL BE IN EDMONTON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 20 AND IN CALGARY THE MORNING OF THE 21ST, LEAVING THERE THE 24TH FOR REGINA. MR. MALAVIYA FROM THERE WILL LEAVE FOR WINNIPEG AND CHICAGO. WHILE IN OTTAWA, MR. MALAVIYA WILL BE THE GUEST OF THE HONOURABLE PAUL MARTIN, ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, AT A DINNER AT THE COUNTRY CLUB ON MONDAY EVENING. HIS EXCELLENCY DR. M. A. RAUF, HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR INDIA AND MRS. RAUF WILL ENTERTAIN AT A RECEPTION LATE TUESDAY.

THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, MR. K.N. KAUL, AND MR. L.P. MATHUR AND MR. B.S. NEGI, MEMBERS OF MR. MALAVIYA'S DEPARTMENT, HAVE BEEN IN CANADA FOR SEVERAL DAYS ON A TECHNICAL MISSION. MR. R.B. TOOMBS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND TECHNICAL SURVEYS HAS BEEN ACCOMPANYING THEM ON THEIR TRIP. THEY WILL JOIN MR. MALAVIYA AND DR. KRISHNAN IN WESTERN CANADA.

THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HAS MADE EXTENSIVE PLANS TO ESTABLISH AND DEVELOP AN OIL INDUSTRY WITHIN INDIA. CANADA HAS ALREADY PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO THIS PROGRAMME IN THE FORM OF TWO MAGNETOMETER SURVEYS, WHICH WERE GIVEN UNDER THE COLOMBO PLAN. ONE OF THESE WAS AN AERIAL MAGNETOMETER SURVEY TO SURVEY MINERAL RESOURCES, IN PARTICULAR PETROLEUM IN RAJASTHAN, CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE LAST YEAR. A SURVEY WAS ALSO MADE THIS SPRING OF THE GANGES BASIN.