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PRESS NOTES FOR SECRETARY-GENERAL'S VISIT TO OTTAWA

From a news point of view the interest in the Secretary-General's meeting with Mr. Pearson in Ottawa is rather high. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has been giving the story a rather heavy play, and the press officer of the Department of External Affairs says Canadian correspondents are very interested in the story.

The statement of Prime Minister Nehru today is expected to heighten it. Undoubtedly, correspondents in Canada will try to get a comment on the possibility of a special session as projected by Nehru.

On the practical level, the Department of External Affairs says the Secretary-General's plane, due at 10:20 a.m. at Ottawa, will be met by the Chief of the Protocol Section and by the press officer of the Department. The press officer's name is Sidney Freifeld. He says that at the airport there will be correspondents and perhaps newsreels and representatives of television and radio. He proposes that the Secretary-General might say some polite and friendly words along the lines that this is the first official visit of the Secretary-General, as Secretary-General, to Canada (the aspect of a meeting between the Secretary-General and the President of the Assembly for the first time in the history of Canada is being pointed up by the press officer of the Department of External Affairs). He also says that the Secretary-General might mention that he is visiting Mr. Pearson as President of the General Assembly. This would all take place on the field itself to the reporters, newsreel and radio people.

Before Mr. Pearson and the Secretary-General sit down to talk it is possible that photographers will wish to take some pictures of the meeting. The press officer is proposing to Mr. Pearson that a communique be issued during the afternoon, and he will telephone it to UN Headquarters as well as issue it in Ottawa. It is also possible that correspondents will try to get a few additional words from the conferees at the conclusion of the conference.

The press officer says that he has distributed to Canadian correspondents a note similar to the one we issued on 22 June except that it eliminates the words "and has not been arranged because of developments of the past few days."