

Oct. 15 Israeli Foreign Minister Golda Meir visited Ottawa.

Oct. 22 Blanche Margaret Meagher (1911–1999) was appointed ambassador to Israel, becoming the 1st Canadian woman to be appointed an ambassador. The Halifax-born diplomat was later ambassador to Austria (1962–1966) and Sweden (1969–1973).

Oct. 23 A coal-mine explosion at Springhill, NS, trapped 174 miners, some as deep as 3,960 m underground. Rescue workers brought 81 men out on the 1st day, 12 on Oct. 30, and 7 more on Nov. 1. The remaining 74 miners died underground. It was the deepest rescue effort in Canadian history, and the 1st such rescue effort to be broadcast on television, by CBHT-TV.

Oct. 28–Dec. 19 PM Diefenbaker and his wife, Olive, left Ottawa on a 6-week marathon world tour. On Oct. 29 the PM met with Secretary Gen. of the UN, Dag Hammarskjöld, in New York to discuss developments in the Middle East, disarmament, China and UN peacekeeping. On Nov. 3 he met with Britain's PM Macmillan in London to discuss the European Common Market, the export of arms to Israel, Cyprus, and other issues. Three days later, Diefenbaker met with Gen. Charles de Gaulle in Paris, expressing his opposition to a French plan to reorganize NATO so the security of Europe would fall under the exclusive control of France, Britain and the US. On Nov. 11 and 12, the PM met with Italian PM Fanfani in Rome. They mutually opposed Gen. de Gaulle's NATO triumvirate proposal. On the 7th Diefenbaker met with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer in Bonn, to discuss the European Economic Community and its rivalry, the British-led European Free Trade Association.

Nov. 15 PM Diefenbaker met with President Ayub Khan in Karachi, only weeks after Khan took power in Pakistan (Oct. 7) in a bloodless coup. Diefenbaker also opened the Warsak dam which was created with Canadian aid. On the 19th Diefenbaker was met by PM Jawaharlal Nehru in New Delhi, India. On the 28th the "Chief" met with Malayan PM Tunku Abdul Rahman in Kuala Lumpur, discussing Communist Chinese threats in the region. On Dec. 2 in Djakarta, Diefenbaker talked with Indonesian PM Ir. H. Djuanda concerning Communist political

subversion in his country. On the leg home Diefenbaker met with Australian Foreign Minister Richard Casey in Canberra, who expressed that Communist China was the greatest threat to his country and to Southeast Asia.

Dec. 9 Canadian and international peacekeepers successfully completed their UN Observation Group obligations in Lebanon.

Dec. 10 In one of the most exciting and brutal fights in boxing history, Yvon "The Fighting Fisherman" Durelle (b 1929), a NB fisherman, knocked down world light-heavyweight champ Archie Moore 3 times in the 1st round and once more in the 5th. Durelle faded in the later stages of the fight and Moore scored a technical knockout in the 11th round to retain his championship, before a frenzied crowd at the Montreal Forum.

Also in 1958

- Canadian photographer Roloff Beny (1924–1984) published the 1st of his 16 books, *Thrones of Heaven and Earth*, a photographic interpretation, with accompanying text, of the artistic and architectural treasures of the Mediterranean.
- Canadian flutist, saxophonist and clarinet maestro Moe Koffman (1928–2001) composed "Swingin' Shepherd Blues," a jazz classic that would be recorded by more than 100 different artists.
- Rockin' Ronnie "The Hawk" Hawkins (b 1935) immigrated to Toronto from Arkansas in a beat-up Chevy. He would spread the sound of rockabilly nationwide.
- The Civil Service Commission (CSC) report, *Personnel Administration in the Public Service* (Heeney Report) was issued by public servant Arnold Heeney (1902–1970), recommending that the CSC, established in 1918, retain exclusive control over the recruitment and advancement of civil servants. In 1961, the new Civil Service Act gave civil servants the right to appeal CSC decisions.
- The UK edition of Vladimir Nabokov's *Lolita* was stopped at the Canadian border by Customs officials, marking the beginning of a long era of Canada Customs' attempts to censor books.