

A few moments ago I mentioned our rapid progress in all fields of knowledge. During this session we will be called upon to study government measures to put Canada's technological and scientific capacity in the very first rank among the nations of the world.

The study announced by the Government will give the brightest hopes for the future of all Canadians. It is a historical project of the greatest importance since the Government is proposing to recommend a much considerable aid to science and technology, in the widest sense of the word, and to encourage more investment in that field by our Canadian companies. The Canadian citizen has never had so much support in his efforts to increase his scientific and technological knowledge.

We are pleased to note the efforts of the Canadian Government to bring about a settlement of the conflict which has already been going on for too long in Vietnam.

The Canadian proposal to co-operate in the establishment of an international presence in Vietnam is perhaps the key to an impending agreement that would put an end to that disturbing conflict.

In my opinion, Canada has also gained the consideration, the confidence and respect of nations for its present international policy on disarmament. Its desire not only to see peace restored throughout the world but to help to

attain it by all available means should comfort all our fellow-citizens.

Honourable senators, I shall stop here and refrain from commenting on the important bills relating to urban renewal, changes to our Immigration Act, and to Government statutes on arts, letters and science, as well as legislation proposed with respect to manpower, which are all important pieces of legislation and will all stress the Canadian development in this centennial year.

It does not seem right to pass lightly over these. Moreover, they will not escape the attention of this house.

We give thanks to Providence for the achievements of the first hundred years of our young nation. They are not negligible.

We remain proud to proclaim ourselves Canadians, free Canadians, free to speak, to think, to express ourselves, to act, to practise the religion of our choice, to stand up for what we believe is right and to object to what we consider wrong.

It is this heritage of freedom that we want to preserve here, with you, during this second session of our 27th Parliament.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Nichol, debate adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.

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