

The President and the Prime Minister devoted particular attention to bilateral questions of interest to their two countries. They expressed satisfaction with the rapid progress Tunisia and Canada are making in developing bonds of friendship and co-operation.

During his stay in Montreal, the President was received by the Prime Minister of Quebec, the Honourable Daniel Johnson, and the Mayor of Montreal, His Worship Jean Drapeau, who jointly gave a luncheon in his honour. The President was invested with an honorary degree by the University of Montreal. On this occasion, he gave a speech. The President took advantage of his stay in Montreal to visit Terre des Hommes, where he gave a dinner in honour of Prime Minister Johnson and Mayor Drapeau at the Tunisian pavillion.

The President expressed his hope that the Canadian Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for External Affairs would be able to visit Tunisia on dates which would be convenient for them.

The Government of Canada stated that it wished to support the achievement of the next Tunisian plan for economic development. The programme of Canadian assistance to Tunisia has amounted over the past few years to approximately \$2 million annually. The Prime Minister also mentioned that Canada expects to grant substantial food aid to Tunisia.

In the course of the conversations which took place between the representatives of the two countries, the two sides agreed to create a mixed Canadian-Tunisian Commission which would meet at regular intervals to discuss questions of common interest such as assistance, trade and cultural exchanges. It was expected that the first meeting of the commission would take place next October in Tunis.