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## NEW LOOK AT CANADA'S IMMIGRATION POLICY

Canada's immigration laws were drawn up "when the social and economic patterns of migration were totally different" from those existing today, Mr. J.R. Nicholson, the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, told a meeting in Winnipeg on May 28 of the German Business and Professional Association of Manitoba. "During the latter part of last century, during the first decade or so of this century, during the late 1940s and most of the 1950s," he pointed out, "there existed a large supply of migrants, particularly in European countries, who were eager to come to Canada. Now that situation no longer applies. Canada must compete on the open market to attract suitable immigrants from countries... which are themselves affluent and in which the economic pressures to immigrate no longer exist to the degree evident in previous decades."

### WHITE PAPER PLANNED

The Minister reminded his hearers that Prime Minister Pearson had, some months earlier, announced that 1965 would see the presentation to Parliament of a white paper that would "offer a statement on the Government's views on immigration policies and procedures in relation to national problems and national interest". "I hope," he said, "that this white paper will provide the formula needed for the adaptation of older policies to changing circumstances and for the long-awaited revision by Parliament of Canada's Immigration Act".

Mr. Nicholson then went on to suggest, as follows, the principal changes that would have to be made in Canada's immigration laws and to discuss the most important determinants of future immigration policy:

"...One of the major purposes of the white paper is to develop and to suggest a sound set of immigration principles, which can be discussed by Parliament and by the people and then modified, as necessary, to provide the basis for our new legislation.

"It is my hope that this paper will form the basis not only for consideration by Parliament but also for public attention and discussion generally.

### AREAS OF CHANGE

"While it would be premature to be specific about major legislative changes, it has already been acknowledged that it will be necessary to make some changes in the following areas:

- (1) The admission of visitors as distinguished from those seeking to become 'landed immigrants'.
- (2) More effective control over criminal and other undesirable elements seeking to infiltrate our country.
- (3) Medical prohibitions, especially with respect to certain types of insanity and epilepsy, should be brought into line with more modern medical and sociological concepts.
- (4) Essential areas of ministerial and departmental discretion must be identified and clarified and adequate safeguards introduced to guard against real or imagined abuses.
- (5) Independent and effective appeal avenues against possible arbitrary action in the immigration field must be developed, without, of course, weakening Canada's right as a sovereign state to protect itself against undesirable aliens.
- (6) We must try to modernize and incorporate into law Canada's refugee policies, so that we may do our fair share to solve this international

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