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Following is the text of a message received today by the Prime Minister from the Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Yoshida, on the occasion of the coming into force of the peace treaty with Japan:

"Please accept my sincere thanks for your kind message delivered to me by Mr. Arthur R. Menzies Head of the Canadian Mission in Tokyo on this day the San Francisco Peace Treaty comes into force.

"For the people of Japan who have long toiled and moiled patiently and indefatigably under the allied occupation aspiring to a place of honour and equality in the family of free nations this is the day of fulfilment and of great rejoicing.

"I deeply appreciate the generous and cordial sentiments toward Japan which your letter conveys on behalf of yourself and the people of Canada. In return I desire to assure you that our nation chastened and free and committed firmly to the ways of peace is resolved to follow the path of international conciliation, concord and cooperation.

"Canada is one of the biggest countries of the world and the richest with vast natural resources still to be tapped. Japan is a small country meagrely endowed with the bounties of nature. The Canadians are a young growing people, the Japanese an old race whose origin is lost in the mist of antiquity. But we are neighbours facing the same ocean. We are inescapably bound by common interests and a community of ideals and aspirations as free nations. We are confronted as you say by a common menace in the rising tide of communism. We share the common destiny of the Pacific.

"May this day mark the beginning of a new era of friendly intercourse, commercial and cultural between Japan and Canada which like the warm current that washes the shores of both lands will ameliorate and enrich the lives of our two nations."

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