

I have outlined in general terms some of the considerations about world affairs and about the roles of Canada and France in the world which are relevant to various themes in your seminar. I have pointed to a heritage shared by Canada and France to which we are paying renewed attention. What I should like to emphasize in concluding, however, is not the unique connections between our two countries but the common tasks which they share with others.

President de Gaulle has, in keeping with the noblest French traditions of liberty and a cosmopolitan culture, shown the most profound and realistic concern for a restoration of Europe as a whole with the barriers dropped and the individual nations and cultures engaged in normal contacts and exchanges. We share this concern. Canada is, after all, the heir not only of traditions derived from its British and French origins. It is, in a different manner and in a most significant way, also the heir of cultures representing almost every region of Europe. And so is its neighbour the United States.

We have been deeply involved in European affairs and have given the most specific commitment to the maintenance of security in that continent which a nation can give. We want nothing more than to work with France, with Britain, with the United States and with all the other nations concerned to end the division of Europe and so take a great step towards lasting peace in the world.

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