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CANADA IN WORLD AFFAIRS

On November 26, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, told the Empire and Canadian Clubs of Toronto that "for no nation is there a greater challenge in world affairs or a greater opportunity for leadership than there is for our own Canada." "We can perhaps give finer leadership than any other nation," Mr. Green added. "...Let me sketch for you a few pictures." He then proceeded to support his statement as follows:

"We have inherited from our British and French forbears traditions of justice, constitutional government and of individual liberty.... I believe, too, that the very necessity of having had to make two cultures and two languages live and grow in harmony together has endowed us with qualities of tolerance and understanding which gave great relevance to our attitude in international affairs today. I might add that our national fabric has been tremendously strengthened by peoples from many other lands as well -- all of whom came here with a deeply ingrained love of freedom and with determination and initiative to succeed in the New World.

"On my recent visit to France and Britain, it was perfectly obvious that the leaders of those two great countries were receiving me as a member of the family and not as a stranger. We must never underestimate the valuable asset we have in this easy and intimate relationship with two of the great world powers, from both of whom Canadian views will always receive the utmost attention.

COMMONWEALTH MEMBERSHIP

"We in Canada are sharing in this political evolution which has produced the Commonwealth of Nations. This is another association contributing to Canada's international strength today. Our Commonwealth is an association for which we have a deep sentimental attachment reinforced by the comradeship and common sacrifices made in two World Wars....

"But, of course, there is far more to this unique fraternity than mere sentiment. The Commonwealth is an entirely new concept embracing the belief that sovereignty, limited by a voluntary association with other sovereignties for the preservation of common values, is an acceptable, satisfying and civilized political order. It is, moreover, a dynamic concept with members being constantly admitted as they emerge from colonial to independent status. In 1957 we welcomed into the Commonwealth the Federation of Malaya. Next year will see Nigeria take her place in our family of nations, and Canada will shortly be opening a diplomatic post in the capital, Lagos. Shortly thereafter our island neighbours in the Caribbean -- the West Indies Federation -- will be joining the club, and it has been one of Canada's policies to extend substantial aid and assistance to this potential full Commonwealth member.

"The fact that these new nations are voluntarily joining the Commonwealth graphically illustrates the kind of multi-racial

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