

the problems of the world. In launching this Operation, President Kubitschek has, I think, taken a significant step which could assure him a place among the great statesmen of his country and indeed of this hemisphere, if his status in this category of political leaders were not already well established. He has given us a new demonstration of this well-known Brazilian talent for adaptation to new and difficult circumstances and for suggesting bold and imaginative solutions to urgent problems.

Looking around this hall, I feel deeply grateful to Your Excellency for having had the gracious thought of inviting to this banquet the ambassadors from the nations of the Commonwealth, with which we have so much in common, and the ambassadors from the Latin American republics. I regret very much that time does not permit me on this trip to visit all of Latin America. But, after twenty-four hours in this magnificent city, among a people whose hospitality is so overwhelming, I have in my heart a genuine desire to come back to Latin America if the occasion arises, and visit some of the other countries so well represented here tonight.

Your Excellency, permit me to say once again how happy I am to be in Brazil and to be your guest here tonight. Although it is only a few hours since my wife and I and my associates landed at Galeao, already we feel at home in this country; and your kindness and the warmth of your welcome has made us feel that we are among true friends. In this spirit, may I then, as the first Canadian Foreign Minister to sit at this board, ask you, ladies and gentlemen, to raise your glasses and drink a toast to the welfare and prosperity of the Brazilian people and to the health and happiness of Your Excellency and your gracious consort.

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