

Not long ago France opposed Canada's participation in the annual economic summit meetings on the grounds that we would only echo U.S. views and proposals. Today of course French leaders know us better -- and will have the opportunity of getting to know us even better still when we welcome them to the first Ottawa summit next year.

I am disappointed but not entirely surprised when some people even now assume that Canada's foreign policy is made in the USA. What does surprise me, however, and fill me with dismay, is when some people assert that Canada's foreign policy should come out of the same mould as the USA's. I am surprised that anyone could fail to recognize just what profound differences there are between the U.S. and Canadian moulds.