

eleven Ambassadors in Latin America. This is an area in which I believe a good deal more can be done than has been done by Canada in the past.

The next subject is Canada and the Pacific. I realize that many Canadians are not clearly aware of the fact there is such a place as the Pacific Ocean. Today I plan to say a few words about Canada's relationships with the different countries around the rim of the Pacific.

First of all, there is Japan. We had a visit a few days ago from Prime Minister Kishi and Foreign Minister Fujiyama. It was possible to discuss all the problems between the two countries in a most amicable way.

Canada's relationship with Japan is excellent. At the United Nations Japan has been one of our firmest friends. She was the first to offer to co-sponsor our resolution on radiation, and we have had excellent co-operation from her representative. In the field of trade they have also been co-operative. There have been difficulties about Japanese goods coming into Canada and affecting the sale of Canadian products. The Japanese have throughout been very fair in the attitude they have taken in these discussions and, as I have said, the relationship between our two nations is excellent.

Southeast Asia

Then going a little further down on the far side of the Pacific we come to the old Indochina, South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. There Canada has been a member of the three International Commissions set up under the Geneva Agreements, and we have as a result had reason to follow very closely what goes on in that particular part of the world. We were worried last fall about the situation in Laos. It appeared as though there might be the beginning there of a full-scale war in the Far East. Canada took the position on the Security Council, and later in the General Assembly, that there should be a United Nations representation sent to and kept in Laos. This policy was followed; I believe there are still representatives of the United Nations in Laos. There has been no war and it looks as though the difficulties are gradually being settled.

We were also involved in this area because with several other countries we are participating in an aerial survey of the Mekong River. This is the key river through that part of Asia just as the St. Lawrence is the key river in this part of Canada. We have people out there now taking part in this survey which will be very beneficial to all of the nations in that particular area.

Then in Malaya, where an outstanding job is being done in carrying on the government of this new member of the Commonwealth of Nations, we have close contacts and there is the best of goodwill between our two countries.

In Indonesia a similar situation obtains. We have many Indonesian students studying in Canada. We have a mission in Djakarta, and the relationship is excellent.

With regard to Australia and New Zealand, here we have, of course, two of our oldest and best friends, the ties are so strong, and they go back over so many years. We work closely together in the United Nations, and under all conditions