

CANADA

Debates of the Senate

OFFICIAL REPORT

Monday, April 5, 1965

OPENING OF THIRD SESSION TWENTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT

Parliament having been summoned by Proclamation to meet this day for the dispatch of business:

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECRETARY

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that he had received the following communication:

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

5th April, 1965

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will arrive at the main entrance of the Parliament Buildings at 3.00 p.m. on Monday, the 5th April, 1965, and when it has been signified that all is in readiness, will proceed to the Chamber of the Senate to open formally the Third Session of the Twenty-sixth Parliament of Canada.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Esmond Butler
Secretary to the
Governor General

The Honourable

The Speaker of the Senate.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

At 3.30 p.m. His Excellency the Governor General proceeded to the Senate chamber and took his seat upon the Throne. His Excellency was pleased to command the attendance of the House of Commons, and, that House being come, with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to open the Third Session of the

Twenty-Sixth Parliament of Canada with the following speech:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

I welcome you to the Third Session of the Twenty-Sixth Parliament of Canada.

We recall with pleasure the presence last October of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. The visit of Her Majesty to Charlottetown, Quebec and Ottawa helped us to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the interprovincial conferences that led to Confederation. It also reaffirmed in the hearts of Canadians the cherished place of the monarchy in our national development. The gracious presence and the wise words of the Queen of Canada helped to strengthen the unity of our country and to rededicate Canadians to the sense of purpose that joins us in the pursuit of our common goals as Canadians while leaving us free to develop to the full the facets of our life which reflect the duality of our foundation and the variety of our development.

The international situation gives ground for concern. The stability of Southeast Asia is threatened by a deepening crisis in Vietnam and continued pressures on Malaysia. The United Nations is beset by conflicting political pressures which have seriously impaired its capacity for executive action. The continuance of these situations, and of the policies that have given rise to them, would create serious risks of widening conflict.

My Government is resolved that Canada shall make the fullest contribution it can to the lessening of international tensions, including the provision of practical assistance to developing countries. In the forthcoming negotiations on the United Nations crisis, the objective of my ministers will be to contribute to the work of repairing and strengthening the United Nations in order that it may play its proper role in the preservation of world peace and security. My Government will press forward its efforts to assure effective international action for peace-keeping and to move towards general disarmament under effective international control. Canada will continue meantime to play its full part in the strengthening of col-