

republic to the south through radio, television, movies and literature. On account of the language spoken in Quebec, it opposes more readily such cultural invasion, together with the U.S. capital invested in our industry.

We can be sure that the inquiry on biculturalism in Canada will reveal the reasons for that certain uneasiness prevailing in our country and will allow the implementation of the proper remedies.

The problem of nuclear weapons for Canada has been widely talked about during the last election campaign, and it aroused wide differences of opinion among the Canadian public.

In this regard we find in the Speech from the Throne, and I quote:

The principles of Canadian external policy are those of the United Nations Charter, to maintain peace with justice and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; and to promote the welfare of all peoples by international co-operation. My ministers will seek solutions to international problems by diplomacy and negotiation. In particular, my ministers will strive to lessen international tensions and halt the arms race by seeking measures of controlled disarmament, including a treaty to end nuclear tests under reasonable safeguards.

The leader of the present Government, winner of the Nobel Peace prize, remains essentially a man of peace. Consequently, the Speech from the Throne reflects the Government's policy. It says:

there is no alternative to the maintenance of the defences of the free nations as a deterrent to war.

NATO must be strong and the North American continent must be well defended.

Therefore, we must, until peace is definitely established, be ready to defend ourselves, if need be, and to respect our commitments to the free nations of the West. The Speech from the Throne mentions specifically that the Canadian forces must be provided with modern weapons.

With respect to Canada's economic recovery, the Speech from the Throne states that it is important to reduce trade barriers. We must strive to develop a primary products trade at comparatively stable prices.

To this effect, the Government proposes to expand our export markets and to strengthen our balance of payments.

Still in the economic field, the Speech from the Throne emphasizes the fact that unem-

ployment is the most instant problem in our country. To create new jobs, new industries will have to be established.

On that matter the Government wants to stimulate sound industrial expansion. So, with the provinces, the federal authority will extend assistance for technical training.

Among the other practical steps to ensure our economic recovery, the Speech announces the setting up of a Department of Industry and an Area Development Agency.

Several areas of the country suffer from chronic unemployment because of the absence of industries, and that is where the Agency will be able to operate, in co-operation with the provinces.

The Atlantic areas suffer especially from certain delays in their development. The Government plans to amend the Atlantic Development Board Act.

In order to increase employment, the Government plans to establish as soon as possible a municipal development and loan board, through which municipalities may obtain, with the approval of the provinces, loans and grants to carry out projects which will increase employment and improve services.

On the other hand, the Government plans during the present session to propose amendments to the National Housing Act.

It is projected to establish a Canada development corporation, by means of which Canadians can more readily direct their savings to the building of new Canadian industries.

Thanks to the establishment of an economic council of Canada, Canada will be assured of the highest possible levels of employment and of a sustained growth of its economy. The Pacific region will benefit from discussions aimed at solving the delicate problem of the development of the Columbia River.

In days gone by, the eastern farmers complained about the privileged treatment meted out by the federal Government to the western farmers. Henceforth, Canada will have a Department of Agriculture for the eastern region.

The Speech from the Throne did not only deal with wage earners, the unemployed or the farmers; it mentioned our fishermen from the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. The Government is initiating a program for national fishery development, and intends to secure the establishment of a twelve-mile limit for the use of the Canadian fisheries, taking proper account of treaty and historic rights.

The additional assistance for the completion of the Trans-Canada Highway will help some of the provinces which have fallen