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Government Dinner
H.R.H. Abdul Ilah, Regent of Iraq
June 30, 1945

Welcome to Prince Regent
and distinguished members of
his party.

First occasion since end of
hostilities in Europe for
welcoming to Capital of Canada
the head of one of the United
Nations.

A striking sidelight on human history -
at a moment when men's minds
are beginning to turn to the
tasks of rebuilding much of a
shattered world
(especially in Europe)

that we should be welcoming here in
a capital of the New World
representatives whose land goes
back to the veritable cradle of
western civilization.

Iraq of today is the "land between the
rivers" (Mesopotamia) of history.

While Europe was still peopled by
Barbarians, an advanced
civilization inhabited the fertile
valleys of the Euphrates and the
Tigris.

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