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## IMPROVED RELATIONS

Reassuring evidences of an improvement in United States-Canadian relations were presented by Prime Minister J.G. Diefenbaker on October 28, in an address to the Pilgrims Society in New York.

Speaking on the eve of his departure on a world tour, the Prime Minister recalled how last year he had expressed the concern of many Canadians with respect to trade and economic relations with the United States. He said that he felt reassured that beneficial changes have taken place in these relations since he had spoken at Dartmouth College fourteen months ago.

Mr. Diefenbaker went on to list some of the reassuring evidences of the improvement to which he had referred.

He said:

"(1) I recall the visit of President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles to Ottawa in July. On that occasion we examined in frankness and forthrightness and mutual confidence, matters of great importance to our two countries.

"The measure of that frankness was evident in the President's speech to the Parliament of Canada in which, in Canadian surroundings, the points of view which guide the United States were reviewed.

"May I divert here to say that a most encouraging aspect of events of the past year has been the manner in which the editorial writers and columnists of the United States and Canada have placed added emphasis upon

examining and understanding the various points at issue, as well as the many points of contact where we are in complete or substantial agreement. They have written with understanding -- and, I believe, written more quantitatively and more frankly than ever before.

"(2) Arising out of the discussions with President Eisenhower, a Cabinet Committee, to be known as the Canada-United States Committee on Joint Defence, has been provided for, which will consult regularly on matters bearing upon the common defence of the North American continent which lies within the North Atlantic Treaty area.

"This Committee, which will have its first meeting in the next few months, will not seek in any way to take over the technical responsibilities which belong to our respective Chiefs of Staff, or the advisory functions of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence, but will provide a close and intimate contact to the political leaders whose responsibility it is, in the final analysis, to decide on matters of the highest policy with respect to defence preparation. A clear understanding and identity of views in regard to the safeguarding of our peoples on this continent will be thereby assured.

"(3) Another important move has been the action taken towards arranging on an organized basis an exchange of visits and regular exchanges of views between the legislators of our countries.

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