

President Frondizi in Ottawa

IN THE first state visit ever made to Canada by an Argentine head of state, President Arturo Frondizi and Mrs. Frondizi, together with their official party, arrived at Uplands Airport, Ottawa, on the afternoon of Monday, November 27, for a four-day stay, during which they were also received in Toronto and Montreal. While they were in the capital, President and Mrs. Frondizi were the guests at Government House of Governor-General and Madame Vanier. On Tuesday, November 28, President Frondizi and Prime Minister Diefenbaker met at a private conference, which was attended also by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, and the Argentine Minister of External Relations and Worship, Dr. Miguel Angel Carcano. A frank and friendly discussion dealt with questions summarized in the following joint communique issued on this occasion.

Joint Communique

The President of the Argentine nation, Dr. Arturo Frondizi, and the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable John G. Diefenbaker, met yesterday morning in an atmosphere of warm cordiality and gave expression to the common interests and aims of Argentina and Canada. No formal agenda had been established for this meeting and the discussions covered broad international issues as well as subjects concerning bilateral relations between the two countries.

President Frondizi expressed his deep satisfaction at being the first Argentine President to pay a state visit to Canada and welcomed this opportunity to strengthen the already close and friendly relations between the two countries. President Frondizi outlined the purpose and scope of plans now being implemented to accelerate economic development in Argentina. The Prime Minister expressed his sympathy with the programme and its objectives. President Frondizi indicated his hope that Canada could contribute to this development through the provision of technical assistance and long-term credits. The importance of Canadian private investments in Argentina was also stressed.

President Frondizi and the Prime Minister examined particularly the implications for both countries of new regional economic groupings on both sides of the Atlantic. Attention was also given to problems of international trade in agricultural commodities, which affect both countries as major grain exporters. President Frondizi indicated his desire to increase Argentine exports to Canada. It was agreed that an examination would be made of the possibilities of a mutual expansion of commercial relations, consistent with the multilateral obligations of both countries.

President Frondizi and the Prime Minister exchanged views on political and economic questions of special interest to Canada and Argentina as countries of