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Mr. Jamieson visits Paris – promises even closer Canada/France co-operation

Secretary of State for External Affairs Don Jamieson returned to Ottawa on November 4, following a two-day official visit to France on November 2 and 3, that had included what were described as "extremely cordial" discussions with his hosts.

Several hours of work sessions were held with France's Foreign Minister, Louis de Guiringaud. Mr. Jamieson's program also included talks with Prime Minister Raymond Barre and Foreign Trade Minister André Rossi, lunch

Discussion of bilateral issues included aspects of fisheries and the law of the sea, *Greenpeace III* and the claim against France of David McTaggart, the Canadian claim for compensation in respect of removal from France of NATO bases in 1966, the France-Canada Economic Commission, la Francophonie and the stimulation and maintenance of contacts and exchanges between France and Canada.

Mr. Jamieson emphasized to his hosts and to the press his wish for closer relations between France and Canada. His suggestion that some matters might be discussed more spontaneously, including by telephone, appeared to be very well received and both sides reaffirmed the desire for even fuller co-operation than that which already exists between the two countries.



Donald C. Jamieson

with members of the Canadian and French news media, a reception at the official Canadian residence, a meeting with the new General Delegate of Quebec M. François Cloutier, a visit to the France-Canada Association and a sumptuous official dinner at the Quai d'Orsay, where over 90 guests drank to toasts by the two foreign ministers in honour of the friendship between France and Canada.

Multilateral affairs discussed covered such topics as East-West relations and *détente*, nuclear non-proliferation, the Middle East situation, the Conference on International Economic Co-operation and the North-South dialogue, the situation in Southern Africa and relations between Canada and the European Community.

A toast to friendship

Passages follow from Mr. Jamieson's reply to a toast at the official dinner given by French Foreign Minister de Guiringaud on November 2, in honour of the visit of Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs:

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"...On this occasion I think it is appropriate to recall that Canadians of other linguistic and national origins as well as Canadians of French extraction have a strong attachment to France: a feeling combining appreciation for your strength in adversity, support for your efforts to bring about improvements in the relations between nations, and affection for a long-time ally.

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"In my conversations with you, I have underlined that Canadian foreign policy is designed to establish for Canada a series of strong links with other countries of particular importance to us. Thus, Canada has concentrated a good deal of thought and effort on intensifying and broadening its relations with Japan and with Western Europe, in particular the members of

Parti québécois elected in Quebec

As this issue was going to press the Parti québécois, led by René Lévesque, had defeated Premier Robert Bourassa's Liberal government in the province of Quebec on November 15. The results were: Parti québécois 69; Liberals 28; Union nationale 11; Social credit 1; Parti national populaire 1. Some recounts were necessary. Details in next issue.