

Last week, European countries and the United States, together with Canada, came together as equals around a table to discuss common economic problems. Let it be remembered that there was not only the problem of the threatened trade split in Europe but there were also the problems of balances of payments and of enlarging the aid given by the more industrialized countries of the free world to the less-developed. The countries participating were ready to concern themselves not merely with the responsibilities of the Atlantic Community within itself but with its responsibilities in the world at large. No development could more closely serve the interests of this country.

Canada has been historically a North Atlantic country. Its history has been bound up with the United Kingdom, Western Europe and the United States. We can expect to achieve our full stature only if Europe and the United States are in harmony. But Canada is also a member of the Commonwealth and the free world, with trading interests in every quarter of the globe. Just as we have urged that the European Common Market and the European Free Trade Association should be outward looking, so we should hold to the view that all North Atlantic countries should be outward looking....

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