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PRESIDENT OF ITALY VISITS CANADA

The President of Italy, Giovanni Gronchi, accompanied by Signora Gronchi and the Italian Foreign Minister, Gaetano Martino arrived in Ottawa on March 3 for a three-day state visit.

Above, left to right: Prsident Gronchi, Signora Gronchi, Foreign Minister Gaetano Martino, His Excellency the Governor General, the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, and the Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent.

(largely through Canadian prompting) wherein it is said that:

The parties will contribute toward the further development of peaceful and friendly international relations by strengthening their free institutions, by bringing about a better understanding of the principles upon which these institutions are founded, and by promoting conditions of stability and well-being. They will seek to eliminate conflict in their international economic policies and will encourage economic collaboration between any or all of them.

As a logical consequence the treaty between free peoples must be rendered always more capable of expressing not only the language of force, but also that of truth and of right. As your Secretary of State for External Affairs said, in a speech that should not be forgotten, a

military alliance, by achieving balance of power, is not sufficient to establish permanent peace, but can only create the conditions under which this peace can be maintained and protected by an accepted equality of rights.

In fact, the solidarity between our two countries does not end in military and in material assistance: it is manifested and strengthened daily in numerous other fields such as politics, diplomacy, economy, cultural and social life. I would like to recall that in this city, in September of 1951, in one of the rooms of this very building, Italian and Canadian representatives found themselves in firm agreement on the desirability that relations between Atlantic Pact countries should depend not only on their alliance, but rather on their membership in a real community and that all Member countries