

up and promote activities of NATO in this field, although quite a large part of the field will be covered by this O.E.C.D.

With regard to NATO, I realize that my hon. friend from Assiniboia and his fellow members of the C.C.F. party are of the opinion that Canada should withdraw from this alliance. As he knows, the Government does not agree with that suggestion. We feel it would be a great mistake for Canada to take a step of that kind. ...

Representatives of the Canadian Labour Congress presented their brief to the Government on February 2 of this year and on page 30, under the heading "Neutrality No Solution", we find the following:

"While looking toward world disarmament, the Congress does not believe that Canada can make a contribution in this direction by unilateral disarmament or by pursuing a policy of armed or disarmed neutrality."

The brief goes on:

"For reasons geographic, economic and historical, Canada must work in concert with those nations which share her outlook and interests, while at all times preserving her own integrity and striving for a world in which blocs and alliances will be obsolete."

The Western Hemisphere

... Let me leave the Old World and come back to the Western Hemisphere where we really belong. I should like to say a word or two about our relations with the United States and with the Latin American countries. Canada continues to be on a basis with the United States under which it is possible for us to consult on all problems of mutual interest and to do so in a most effective way. We have had the utmost co-operation from President Kennedy and from his Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, and from Mr. Adlai Stevenson, the Permanent Representative of the United States at the United Nations. I am confident that it will be possible to continue in this friendly effective way with the representatives of our great neighbour nation.

As Hon. Members know, we were successful in negotiating a treaty with the United States concerning the Columbia River. This was done after a great deal of time and effort had been expended. Now, of course, we are in a position where questions are being raised by the Province of British Columbia which, of necessity, is involved in this whole transaction. This is not the place to go into that in any great detail.

I should like to say a word about Latin America. As Hon. Members know, we have been very anxious to build up our relationship with the 20 republics of Latin America and we have met with considerable success in this regard. We now have diplomatic relations