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Speech by the Secretary of State for  
External Affairs, Mr. L.B. Pearson, made at  
the opening of the International Trade Fair,  
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The International Trade Fair is now six years old. Each year it has grown from strength to strength. This year, I understand, it is literally "bursting at the seams". The Fair has won a permanent place not only in the industrial and trading life of Canada but, as your presence here testifies, in the capitals and the market places of the world. In welcoming you who have come from other lands to this opening of the 1953 International Trade Fair, I am sure that I speak in the name of all Canadians.

These six years of growth have been paralleled by the strengthening of the pattern of international co-operation which has extended into many fields and over a widening geographic area. Looking outward at the world from Canada we have witnessed - and we have shared in - a truly remarkable development. Through hard work, through self-help, and with external assistance, the physical reconstruction of the countries which suffered so much from the ravages of war has been largely accomplished. Through the United Nations, collective measures have been taken both to resist armed aggression, and to help bring about a better balance between countries which were the first beneficiaries of the industrial revolution and those which are less developed by our modern material and technical standards.

Through other international associations, effective methods of co-operation and a strong protection for the peace have been built up. In Western Europe, through the development of common institutions such as those which have now come into being for the coal and steel industries, and those which are in prospect for the establishment of the European Defence Community, a significant measure of regional unity and strength has been achieved. Within the Commonwealth of Nations there have been marked signs of a willingness to develop co-operative policies, particularly in the economic field, calculated to strengthen the well-being not only of the members of this association but of other sectors of the world community. In other areas of the free world similar progress towards a greater measure of co-operation could be recorded.

Related to these world movements which have as their central aim the preservation of peace, there has been the fact of the assumption of responsibility and leadership - unsought but inescapable - by the United States. This leadership, which has been bolstered not only by the material might of our continental neighbour, but by the