

In Canada, as in the United States, we are convinced of the wisdom of giving full play to individual initiative. Thus, in matters of trade, we have always felt that government interference should be kept to a minimum. For this reason, we are naturally disturbed when those we do business with raise tariff barriers, impose import quotas or subsidize domestic industries for the purpose of keeping competitive products out of the country.

We hope that the new Joint United States - Canadian Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs, which held its first meeting a short time ago in Washington, will be able to iron out any difficulties in our economic relations and will further encourage the flow of trade between our two countries. We recognize, of course, that the principles which apply to trade between Canada and the United States have equal application to the economic relations between our two countries and the other nations with which we trade.

Many illustrations could be given of similarities -- and differences -- between the United States and Canada, but the important thing is that we have an understanding of one another's purposes and an appreciation of the fundamental values which are the lasting basis of our common civilization. As President Eisenhower said in Canada's Parliament last November: "Informed and intelligent co-operation is for us the only source of enduring accomplishment".

True, we have had our differences but we have settled them in a mature and sensible fashion. Sometimes we have had to talk pretty frankly to one another but surely frankness is one of the essentials of friendship. We may not always agree on details, but our fundamental aims are essentially the same. This is all the more remarkable when one considers that, less than a hundred years ago, fear of the United States was one of the compelling factors leading to the confederation of our provinces into a single nation.

### The Role of Leadership of the United States

Our enduring friendship is based on a great deal more than the fact that we share a rich continent whose resources have been developed by enterprising and unregimented people. It finds its inspiration in our mutual respect for freedom and our belief in the dignity and worth of the individual human being. It is buttressed by our determination to safeguard the welfare and security of our people and to maintain and defend the essential values of our society.

As a member of a great Commonwealth of Nations, Canada is linked to other peoples in other continents by a common history and a common love of freedom. The United States, for its part, has accepted heavy global responsibilities, consistent with its material and moral strength, and is giving leadership and encouragement to the entire free world.

During his recent world tour, our Prime Minister acknowledged this leadership before the national parliament of more free men than any other parliament of the world,