

APPENDIX

ADDRESS

of

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
President of the United States

to

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS
CHAMBER, OTTAWA, ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 1958, AT 10 A.M.

Mr. Eisenhower was welcomed by the Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker, Prime Minister of Canada, and thanked by the Hon. Mark Robert Drouin, Speaker of the Senate, and the Hon. Roland Michener, Speaker of the House of Commons.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister of Canada): Mr. President, Mr. Speaker of the Senate, Mr. Speaker of the House of Commons, members of the parliament of Canada, President Eisenhower comes to us as the renowned leader of a mighty state, but what is more meaningful today is the fact that he comes to us as a good neighbour and friend. We are happy that he is accompanied by his gracious wife and helpmate, for Canadians are very fond of her, too.

(Translation):

I now wish to add a word of welcome in the French language, and to assure you, Mr. President, that the warmth of Canadian feeling toward you and our great neighbour is one that comes from the heart.

To you and to your gracious wife, I extend the most cordial welcome.

(Text):

In visiting us unaccompanied by pomp and circumstance the president is following an old and precious precedent in the relations of our two nations. Although you come to us, sir, as the head of a powerful state, the intelligence service informs me after diligent inquiry that you come bearing no arms and carry no armour other than a brassie and a putter. May I, sir, as an aside express the wish that under clear skies and on fairways not too narrow you will be able, while here, to use this armour and add to your list of victories.

The communist world is waging an intensive economic global offensive of "aid and trade", an offensive which is not designed to secure profits in a bookkeeping sense in order to secure the ordinary values of trade for its peoples, but an offensive whose success will

be measured by the degree to which the souls and hearts and the freedoms and aspirations of the recipients will be subverted under communist tyranny.

I think this is a very great occasion. We say what we have said on occasions in the past, that our countries are united in defence. I believe, sir, that the Soviet challenge demands that we can be no less in economic objectives. I believe that each of our nations, and each of the nations of the free world, in forming economic policies, while at all times looking primarily to the welfare of the individual nations, must as never before take into account, in the common interest and for survival itself, the effects of such policies on the economic welfare and interests of all other free nations. And I go even further and suggest that, to meet the ever-enlarging expansion of communist economic cold war, joint action is imperative to the end that world trade will be expanded and the financial base of liquid resources necessary for such expansion will be materially increased. I feel sure I speak for all Canadians when I say that Canada stands prepared to assume her full share and to make her full contribution to such a bold policy.

Mr. President, our two lands have a glory of their own, the glory of two peoples moving forward together, not complacently but with a humble pride, and joined in fraternal association that has extended through a century of tragedy and storm in different parts of the world.

We can on this occasion, in the simplicity of our faith, thank God that our nations know nothing of ancestral hatreds or animosities. Above all, we may hope that this spirit of