

STATEMENT ON OUTER SPACE

The Prime Minister, Mr. John G. Diefenbaker, has issued the following statement:

"The Canadian Ambassador in Moscow has been asked to deliver to the Soviet Government the following message addressed to Mr. Khrushchev in his capacity as Chairman of the Council of Ministers:

'Please convey to all those whose efforts contributed to the scientific achievement of sending a rocket to the moon the congratulations of the Canadian Government and people.'

Signed: John G. Diefenbaker,
Prime Minister of Canada.

"It is a major achievement in the technical progress of mankind for a space vehicle to have travelled from the earth to another celestial body and emphasizes the urgent importance of international agreement on the peaceful use of outer space.

"Canada's interest in this problem is shown by its membership on the UN ad hoc Committee on the peaceful use of outer space and by the Canadian Government's repeated insistence that the disarmament aspect of outer space should be treated as a matter of urgency.

"As long ago as August 1957, when the Soviet Union first reported the successful flight of an intercontinental ballistic missile, I called for redoubled efforts on the part of all governments engaged in the negotiations of disarmament. The nations concerned should now do their utmost to prevent undesirable national rivalries from extending to outer space. Canada is ready to join with other nations in ensuring that the technical possibilities that are opening up should not be used for threatening or belligerent purposes, but rather should be employed through international co-operation for the benefit of mankind."

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TRIBUTE TO MR. MASSEY

At a farewell dinner given by the Government of Canada in honour of Mr. Vincent Massey, who retired on September 15 as Governor-General of Canada, Prime Minister Diefenbaker paid the following tribute to him:

"We are here for the purpose of giving a public expression of thanks and appreciation to Mr. Vincent Massey who, as the 18th Governor-General of Canada, as personal representative of the Sovereign, has brought singular distinction to the office, and by his outstanding service has made a permanent imprint on Canada and Canadians....

"Before being appointed Governor General, Mr. Massey had held more positions of distinction than any other Canadian, and the versatility of his personal accomplishments in such diverse fields as diplomacy, politics, education, business and the arts has been surpassed

by none: In diplomacy, as Canada's first Minister to the United States and for many years Canada's High Commissioner in the United Kingdom; in political life, as a member of the Privy Council of Canada and of the Imperial Privy Council; in business, as head of one of the largest Canadian corporations; in education, as lecturer in history, Dean of Residence, and Chancellor of the University of Toronto; in the arts, as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the National Gallery of Canada, Chairman of the Massey Commission, and author of four books."

Speaking directly to the Governor-General, Mr. Diefenbaker continued:

"On behalf of the people of Canada, I thank you for your lifetime of service which is the embodiment of the words of John Donne, written three centuries ago, which have been quoted by you on occasion:

'No man is an island entire of itself.'

"Knowing Canada as no one else does, having travelled everywhere including the polar areas, Your Excellency's relations with the Canadian people cannot be described more accurately and touchingly than in the words used by M. Francis Lacoste, the French Ambassador, last Saturday on the occasion of the presentation on behalf of the Diplomatic Corps:

'Never has there been a school too far away -- a hospital corridor too long -- never anyone too young or too sick or too old not to deserve your presence, your smile, your proffered hand, a comforting word from you'.

"Your Excellency has lived in, and practised, the spirit of devoted service. You have performed well and adomed the position of Governor-General, and in doing so the Sovereign and Canada have never been better served...."

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NEW BOND ISSUE

Mr. Donald M. Fleming, Minister of Finance, has announced plans for the refunding of \$550 million Government of Canada 3 per cent Bonds maturing October 1, 1959. The refunding includes a new public offering of \$325 million of Government of Canada Bonds and Treasury Bills. In addition the Government has arranged for the sale to Bank of Canada of \$225 million of Bonds and Treasury Bills in exchange for the Bank's approximately equal holding of the maturing 3 per cent Bonds.

The new issue will be dated October 1, 1959, and offers investors the following choice:-

- (1) 5.5 per cent 3 year bonds due October 1, 1962, offering price 97.75 per cent to yield the investor about 6.33 per cent per annum for 3 years. This bond may be exchanged at the option of the holder on or before June 30, 1962 into an equal par value of 5½ per cent

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