

which is now reaching its conclusion has been very much concerned with this whole question of orientation. Until the early years of this century, Canada was oriented towards Europe — saw itself, perhaps, as a Western extension of Europe. The emergence of the United States as a world power and a pervasive economic influence enlarged our perspective so that in our world view we came to look southward as well as eastward. The profound and far-reaching changes in the political and economic maps of the world in the last 25 years have brought home to us that our traditional orientation toward Western Europe and the United States cannot sufficiently serve our interests. We must come to terms with the geographical, political and economic realities of modern Canada. As the Prime Minister said in Calgary last year, we are not just a North Atlantic nation and an American nation — we are an Arctic nation and a Pacific nation. These extra dimensions of Canada are seen in sharper focus here in Edmonton than in the East. The presence here today of Junior Chambers of Commerce from the Northwest Territories is evidence of the close ties you have with the North. The fast-growing trade the West generally, and British Columbia and Alberta in particular, have with Japan and other nations to the West of us is evidence of Canada's growing importance as a Pacific nation.

Some observers, notably Europeans, decry what they perceive as a lessening of our ties with Europe. This is a misunderstanding of what is happening. We are not changing our perspective, we are enlarging it. Nor are we engaging in any kind of adventuristic realignment in political terms; we remain committed and faithful to our alliances, with the NATO nations for the defence of the Western world, with the United States in NORAD for the security of the continent we share. We are taking our proper place in the community of nations, seeing the whole world in a Canadian perspective, developing a foreign policy that will best serve the interests of all Canadians.

You will be relieved to learn that I do not intend to expound to you this evening all the ramifications of Canadian foreign policy — toward Africa and particularly *francophone* Africa, Latin America, the Middle East and the Communist world. This is not an occasion to produce in summary form the White Papers that will be published later this year.

### Foreign Policy and Domestic

The review of our foreign policy takes into account the orientation of modern Canada to the new world that has emerged since the Second World War. It also has a conceptual dimension. Foreign policy in Canada has traditionally been regarded as a matter for professionals, of great importance for the preservation of our sovereignty and territorial integrity but having little effect on the daily lives of Canadians. This is changing. In part, the change is a result of the explosion in communications, the coming into being of the "global village". We have more immediate information of events today in Nigeria