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A Canadian view of European-North American economic co-operation through NATO, OEEC and GATT.

An address by Mr. L. D. Wilgress, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the North Atlantic Council, to a meeting sponsored by The English-Speaking Union at Edinburgh.

It is a great pleasure for me to have this opportunity of meeting representative business men of this important and beautiful city. I think it is very fitting that The English-Speaking Union has taken the initiative in arranging for me to come and talk to you about economic collaboration between Europe and America through the various international organizations with which I am connected. The aim of the Union is to bring about a better understanding between the peoples of the English-Speaking world. That means the strengthening of ties across the Atlantic. It is in the North Atlantic Alliance that three countries of the English-speaking world have forged ties which have brought them into close working relationships with one another. The aims of The English-Speaking Union are being very directly fostered by NATO.

I propose to tell you how economic co-operation between Europe and America is being developed in such organizations as NATO, the OEEC and GATT, to mention those with which I am connected. The same applies to other organizations such as the International Monetary Fund, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and the Food and Agriculture Organization, but I shall not deal with them, except in very general terms, because I have no first-hand knowledge of their operations. I want to make it quite plain that by economic co-operation I am not referring so much to the generous assistance afforded by America towards the restoration of the European economies as to economic collaboration across the Atlantic in the new period characterized by the slogan "trade not aid".