

the economies of tropical countries to be improved, to ensure that rural development is encouraged and food production is increased, to provide hope for a better future to the hundreds of millions of people outside Europe now existing at the subsistence level.

Whole world interdependent

We have long recognized and accepted that Europe is an environment of interdependence. We are only now beginning to realize that the entire world is equally interdependent, incapable of being divided by continent or physical barrier. The security which we have sought in two years of negotiation must now be extended beyond this region. It can be extended, I am confident, because of the dynamic nature of our agreement and of our attitude. This document we are to sign represents our acceptance of the principle of change, of our awareness of the fluidity of the human condition. It is our personal testament to the maturity of the international community. It is as well our recognition of man's irrepressible desire to seek starrier heavens in his quest for spiritual fulfilment.

That quest for peace, justice and individual dignity will require of men and women, as it has since ancient times, stamina and firmness of purpose. Yet in an age as tumultuous and potentially threatening as this, the quest demands of us especially that we be wise, that we avoid the glitter of false promise and the fragility of haphazard arrangements.

Nuclear weapons warning

In the nuclear age, wisdom is often caution. Our responsibility as leaders is to express caution in the face of our generals and our scientists who may make to us extended claims of the benefits of nuclear activity both peaceful and otherwise. Should those claims prove illusory, the responsibility will be ours. Unfortunately, few nations now enjoy the benefits of peaceful nuclear knowledge. Even more unfortunately, all too few nations are convinced of the irreversible holocaust which will surely follow the irresponsible spread and employment of nuclear weapons. One of our priorities in the immediate future must be to devise and implement techniques which will permit the broad application of nuclear benefits to all

nations, while at the same time eliminating the likelihood of weapons proliferation. I implore the General Secretary of the Soviet Union and the President of the United States to continue to work with all urgency toward the conclusion of SALT II (Strategic Arms Limitation Talks) and then to commence at an early date SALT III. I invite those of us who maintain forces in Central Europe now to focus our attention on MBFR (Mutual Balanced Force Reductions). I express Canada's continued devotion to it and to the work begun at the recent meeting of nuclear suppliers.

Canada has joined fully in this conference exercise, as it is committed to participate fully in the activities to follow. Though separated from Europe by the breadth of an ocean, Canadians are deeply conscious that the fortunes of this continent have moulded our fate through history and that events here will continue to influence us in the future. Certainly any breakdown in European security would have the gravest consequences in Canada. For this reason, we have been dedicated participants in this Conference from which we see emerging a new European spirit of confidence and co-operation.

It is clear...that this gathering in this beautiful city is far from a finality. Though we have come far, we have a considerable distance still to travel. We have learned that our nations share much in common with one another, but nothing more basic or more widespread than a desire for peace and liberty. We have understood, too, that truth is not singular, in a modern world it embraces a plurality of beliefs, ideals and systems. And we have found that our two paramount goals of security and co-operation are mutually reinforcing and are also related to the world beyond this continent.

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Emergency flood-relief for Romania

The Canadian International Development Agency will contribute \$75,000 out of its international emergency relief fund to the League of Red Cross Societies to help Romania combat the effects of serious flooding.

Following almost continuous torrential rains, large areas of Romania have been flooded by tributaries of the

Danube overflowing their banks. Heavy crop damage has resulted just prior to harvest and many industrial and communications facilities have been totally or partially destroyed.

The Romanian Government, which declared a state of emergency on July 3, ordered a nation-wide mobilization to deal with the floods. On July 10 the Romanian Red Cross appealed to the League of Red Cross Societies for assistance; the Canadian Red Cross donated \$7,500 on July 11.

The 1976 Olympic Games opening and closing ceremonies

The opening ceremony of the 1976 Olympic Games will be curtailed from its traditional length of three hours to two hours. The presentation, however, which begins July 17, 1976, at 3 p.m., will conform strictly to regulations.

The program opens with a parade of athletes, lasting one hour. Two thousand young Canadians will be on hand to welcome the competitors with a display of rhythmic dancing.

All participants will circle the urn in the centre of the stadium to await the Olympic flame, which will arrive electronically from Olympia, Greece. The torch-lighting ceremony will take about 12 minutes.

The finale, presentation of the Olympic flag to Mayor Jean Drapeau by the Mayor of Munich, is scheduled for the last seven minutes of the ceremony. Seventy-five young dancers and musicians, from Montreal and Munich, will provide the closing entertainment.

Closing ceremony

The closing ceremony, scheduled for August 1, will begin at 8.30 p.m.

Colourfully-dressed young girls will open the program, forming the five Olympic rings in the centre of the stadium, followed by the athletes who will fill the rings in groups of 150.

Flag-bearers and competitors will march to the strains of the Greek national anthem, *O Canada* and the national anthem of the U.S.S.R. The final musical fanfare will be an orchestral piece and trumpet solo.

All lights will gradually be turned out, followed by a farewell song and the break-up of the ring formation. Participants will file out to the strains of Canadian Indian music.