

manufacturing strength of this country. There is no easy solution that will satisfy all our diversified interests.

Membership in Market?

Some people claim that the solution to our problem could be found if Canada were to become a member or an associate member of the Common Market. These people fail to realize that, under the terms of the Common Market treaty, membership is limited to European countries.

What about associate membership?

The former dependent overseas territories of Common Market countries are at the present time associated with The Six under special arrangements designed to fit the needs of former colonial possessions in the early stages of development. Clearly, this solution is not applicable to Canada.

Greece is the only country which has negotiated a special agreement with the Common Market, under Article 238 of the Rome Treaty -- that is, the Article providing for association. Greece is not only an European country, but it is in the course of development, and it has particular ties with Common Market members.

It is most unlikely that Canada would be welcome as an associate member in the Common Market. We must be realistic about this. Some of The Six themselves are important agricultural producers. Can we expect them to welcome a country such as Canada with a large agricultural production needing access to markets abroad? There is therefore no proof that associate status offers an answer to Canada's problem.

The Government is giving careful attention at this time to all the possible courses of action. We are not rejecting any possible approach, although we must, of course, make a careful assessment of which ones would or would not be practicable. We shall take any constructive action required to serve Canada's interests.

All the important trading countries of the world, including Canada, at a meeting in Geneva last week, agreed to explore new techniques for reducing trade barriers. The Canadian Government will take an active part in these continuing discussions.

I welcome the growing evidence that the United States Government is accepting the heavy responsibilities which arise from its leading position among the nations of the world.

Our growth in the future as in the past will depend to a great extent on international trade. Canadians should weigh carefully the effects the Brussels negotiations could have on their own interests. I am confident that the examination by