

defence policy in this country. I am just wondering whether you foresee the day when, not only for defence purposes but perhaps for reasons of improving the economic outlook and so on, there could be a full-scale economic and political union with the United States?

Mr. Golden: Oh, no; that is why I argue all this so strenuously. I am violently opposed to that. I do not know why I should be, but I am.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): I do not know why you should be either in terms of your presentation.

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Mr. Golden: But I am; I guess I have not got my idea across. It is *because* I want Canada to be independent, it is *because* I believe in a sovereign, independent Canada that I want these things. It is *because* I do not want American airplanes swarming over the Canadian sky.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): But they are today—now.

Mr. Golden: I think having them do it as a result of an agreement freely entered into that we will do some things and they will do some things is one thing, and having them do it as if there were no Canadian agreement at all is quite a different thing.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): I think you are putting an interpretation on what I said that is not quite correct. I would not see it as Canada's being some kind of cauldron on the United States. I am just simply carrying what seems to be your progression of thought to not only the next step but perhaps the next number of steps by saying that if Canadians are really going to become active and effective in the North American continent rather than just a very small partner, which is what we will be today, we would enter into the full life stream of the United States; we would presumably be 10 more states. An extension of what you are advocating seems to be that we form the next 10 states of the United States and perhaps in that way become even more actively engaged in the development of North American defence policy.

Mr. Golden: I can only make two comments on that. I do not believe that anything I have said leads to the inevitability of such a conclusion or, I believe, in the desirability of

such a conclusion. I do not believe either would be warranted.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): Well, having explored that a bit, let me ask you another question. I forget how you put it—something about we should be aware of the United States and of their interest—but I wonder whether you have any thoughts on whether or not Canada, because of its size and because, as you said earlier, of its technological sophistication, could play any particular role either in its defence posture or foreign policy that would be a particular asset to the United States.

In other words, has the United States discovered, perhaps in the last decade particularly, that there are certain kinds of things it cannot do, simply because of its size and because it is one of the centres in terms of polarity in this period, that the Canadian government might, in fact, do that would be extremely useful and valuable to the American Government?

Mr. Golden: I cannot think of any examples offhand, but I do not see why such a scenario would be inherently improbable at all; I think it is quite possible. There are very few things in the industrial and technological fields that the United States cannot do but there are a lot of things it might not be economic or sensible for it to do. This is the realization that we came to in Canada some years ago in certain fields, and I think joint Canadian-American activities in some of these fields have advantages not only for Canada but for the United States. In my experience if joint enterprises do not do something for both sides most of them do not last very long. They ought to have some meaningful attraction to both members of the partnership.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): Do you think in terms of image or impression that when Canada does something in a part of the world such as the continent of Africa or in parts of Asia it is regarded much differently than the United States is regarded? Do we have a different image for or impression on these people, do you think?

Mr. Golden: The continent that you have chosen is one with which I have no personal experience at all. I have never been to Africa, but in those parts of the world where I do visit frequently I do not find that people have too much difficulty in making up their