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CANADA-UNITED STATES INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

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During the past two days the Thirteenth Meeting of the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group has been taking place in Washington. The group has met each year since its formation in 1959, alternately in Washington and in Ottawa, to discuss matters of common interest to legislators of both countries.

The Canadian delegation was made up of six senators and eighteen members of the House of Commons. The United States delegation was comprised of thirteen senators and fifteen members of the House of Representatives. The list of both delegations, the agenda of topics for discussion, and the reports of the committees are attached.

Senator Speaker J. P. Deschatelets and Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons J. Hugh Faulkner were the Canadian Co-Chairmen and the United States delegation was led jointly by Senator Frank Church (D. Idaho) and Representative Cornelius E. Gallagher (D. New Jersey).

Discussions between the delegates were held in two committees, one dealing with Trade and Economic Affairs and the other with Defense and Security Issues. In the Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs, frank and informative exchanges took place on a number of issues including problems of inflation, foreign investment, oil, gas, water, and energy policies, and pollution problems. In the Committee on Defense and Security Issues, discussions were held on matters such as problems arising from Arctic Development, NATO and NORAD, East-West relations, and policies toward Communist China and Latin America.

On their first evening in Washington the delegates were entertained at a reception by the Canadian Ambassador, His Excellency Marcel Cadieux and Mrs. Cadieux, followed by a dinner for the Canadian delegation given by the U.S. Co-Chairmen. Secretary of State William Rogers greeted the Canadians and the delegations will also attend a performance of "The Fantasticks" at historic Ford's Theater.

Following the meetings in Washington the delegations will proceed on March 12 to Cape Kennedy where they will inspect NASA launch facilities and go to Houston, where on March 13 they will tour the Manned Spacecraft Center.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE I: TRADE & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

The Committee on Trade and Economic Matters had a full and frank discussion on bilateral and multilateral subjects of mutual interest.

Considerable time was spent in the discussion of energy policies, including oil, gas, water and electricity. There was general agreement that a continental approach to all aspects of energy requirements, including water to be used in the generation of electric power, would be the most effective way to deal with the energy problems facing Canada and the United States. While maintaining respect for political jurisdictions, account had to be taken of the reality that sources of energy do not respect national boundaries, and that the advantage of a continental energy policy must flow to both parties. The committee had the advantage of hearing from Mr. Phillip Trezise, Assistant Secretary of State, who made reference to the discussions which have been taking place to reach agreement on a continental energy policy. Specific reference was made to the intention of convening discussions between Canadian and United States officials on the subject. It was noted that this was the first time that the committee had been briefed by a member of the executive branch and it was hoped that it would be possible to take advantage of this technique on appropriate occasions in the future.

There was much discussion of problems affecting man's environment, including pollution. Both delegations were in agreement that there was a strong mutuality of interest in spoke briefly at the dinner. During their stay finding solutions to these problems and recommended that their respective governments work toward devising a continental policy on matters involving the quality of the