

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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Preliminary discussions were held today in Ottawa between representatives of the United States and Canadian Governments looking toward the first meeting of the newly established Joint Canadian-United States Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs.

Both President Eisenhower and Prime Minister St.

Laurent have expressed the hope that the work of this Committee can get underway as soon as possible.

The Canadian Representatives present were:

- The Right Honourable C.D. Howe,  
Minister of Trade and Commerce,
- The Honourable L.B. Pearson,  
Secretary of State for External Affairs.

The United States Representatives present were:

- Mr. Douglas Stuart,  
United States Ambassador to Canada,
- Mr. Sherman Adams,  
The Assistant to the President of the United States,
- Mr. Gabriel Haugo, Administrative Assistant to the President,

- Mr. Howard Gordon,  
Administrator of the Commodity Stabilization Service of the United States Department of Agriculture,

- Mr. John Leddy,  
Director of the Office of Economic Defence and Trade Policy, United States Department of State.

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