

our Queen in London, in 1953. We in Canada regarded that event as almost a family affair and we were very happy that the Crown Prince of Japan was going to take part in that family rejoicing occasioned by the Coronation of our young sovereign. His Imperial Highness' obvious desire to treat us as friends won the respect and admiration of all those who met him. I think it is fair to say that his visit to Canada did more to make Canadians realize the proximity of Japan, and its importance to Canada, than any other single event since the signing of the Peace Treaty.

I should like to take this opportunity to express the appreciation of the Canadian Government and the Canadian people for the facilities which have been granted to Canadians, as part of the United Nations forces, for their base and leave establishments in Japan. It is pleasing to note that the provision of these useful services has been confirmed by a formal agreement signed in Tokyo on the 19th of February by representatives of our two countries and other countries contributing to the United Nations action in Korea.

I can assure you that the hospitality that has been shown to the Canadian forces visiting Japan - and in the course of the last  $3\frac{1}{2}$  or 4 years there have been about 25,000 of them - has done a great deal to promote good will between our two peoples, at least on our side, and I hope their conduct has been such in Japan that it has promoted goodwill here too. Our young men enjoy their visits to this country and, when they return from military service, they carry home with them pleasant memories but also gifts for their people which are spread across the length and breadth of Canada.

Again I say I have been pleased to see Japan resuming her rightful place in world affairs. We would have liked to see that resumption include full membership in the United Nations, but unfortunately, the opposition of the Soviet Union has, up to the present time, prevented this from happening. But we have been heartened to see Japan participating, in spite of this obstruction, in the work of numerous organizations which are associated with the United Nations. We look forward to the day when it will become possible for Japan to assume full membership and add the weight of her experience and her counsels to the work of the United Nations.

Canada and Japan are neighbours - relatively close neighbours - across the North Pacific Ocean, separated by a distance which is dramatically shortened by air communications. Both countries, I am sure, desire the maintenance of international peace and security and to this end both are prepared to give their support to the United Nations.

All of us are very much concerned and impressed with the hope and confidence that peace may be maintained in the world, that conditions can be developed for the expansion of cultural and commercial relations which will promote the well-being of our respective peoples. In pursuing these great objectives, I can assure you of the understanding, the goodwill and the friendship of the people of Canada and I can also assure you that I will take back the conviction that Canadians can count upon the understanding, the goodwill and the continued friendship of the people of Japan.