

becoming more complex and challenging. Canada continues to stand ready to work with others to find solutions to these problems.

In this connection we welcome the signature by President Kennedy of the Trade Expansion Act, which will provide a basis for United States leadership in world-wide efforts to achieve an expanded world trade. The Canadian Government will, of course, participate fully in these new efforts. In this connection the Prime Minister of Canada, the Rt. Hon. John G. Diefenbaker, sent a message to the President on October 11 expressing the views of the Canadian Government in the following words:

"Dear Mr. President,

With the enactment of the Trade Expansion Act, I wish to let you know that the Canadian Government welcomes this important development in United States trade policy which holds out promise for significant progress in the expansion of world trade on a multilateral basis. This is indeed an historic accomplishment.

At the Commonwealth Prime Minister's conference in London last month, I proposed that all like-minded nations should meet at an early date to consider how the great problems of trade facing us today can be dealt with to the mutual advantage of all. I would like to follow up this general proposal with a specific suggestion for an early meeting on these matters. It is vitally important that we find effective ways as soon as possible for dealing with these complex and urgent trade problems. It appears that the most convenient way of arranging such a meeting would be to discuss these broad trade questions at a meeting of Ministers.

The Canadian Government looks forward to participating fully in these efforts and to working with the United States and other nations to achieve the objectives which we hold in common. It is our conviction that the opportunities