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Mr. Trudeau at Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe

Prime Minister Trudeau, one of 35 heads of government of Europe and North America addressing the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, in Helsinki, Finland, on July 30, urged that world co-operation and détente be built on the foundations of the Conference.

"Whatever stability this Conference anticipates in Europe will be short-lived if we do not seize the opportunity now offered to us to create elsewhere the conditions necessary to permit standards of living to be raised...to provide hope for a better future for hundreds of millions of people outside Europe now existing at the subsistence level...."

While in Helsinki, Mr. Trudeau had discussions with, among other world leaders, President Ford of the United States, President Giscard d'Estaing of France and Communist Party Secretary-General Leonid Brezhnev of the Soviet Union, with whom he reached agreement for Canada and the U.S.S.R. to begin immediate talks on the fishing dispute that had led Canada to bar Soviet ships from Canada's East Coast.

Excerpts from Mr. Trudeau's speech to the Conference follow:

The efforts we have expended in reaching this agreement...have been prodigious. At some moments in the course of negotiations the difficulties appeared so overwhelming and the progress so slow that we may have had reason to believe we carried on our shoulders the weight of the entire world. In a sense we did, for history has shown us that all too often strife and disagreement in Europe have

spread rapidly to all other areas. Yet in another sense such a belief is arrogant. Europe is not the world. Nor are many of our concerns, vital though they may be, the concerns of others. Whatever stability this Conference anticipates in Europe will be short-lived if we do not seize the opportunity now offered to us to create elsewhere the conditions necessary to permit standards of living to be raised, to permit



Mr. Trudeau (extreme left) talks to some members of the Canadian delega-

tion at the Helsinki Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.