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Canadian experience stands out as a message of hope — Queen Elizabeth

In a national broadcast from Ottawa on October 16, Queen Elizabeth said that "In a world divided by differences of colour, race, language, religion and ideology, the Canadian experience stands out as a message of hope." Her prayer, she continued, "is that you will continue to offer this message to mankind".

The Queen, in Canada, as part of her silver jubilee celebrations was addressing a state dinner at Government House. She spoke half in English and half in French.

"One of Canada's greatest assets is that you have indeed not one but two basic traditions," said the Queen, "French and British, each of which represents a mainstream of Western thought and enlightenment."

"What is most evident in looking at your country from the long-term view is that Canada's accomplishments and progress have, from the first moment, been

the results of the joint efforts and joint councils of Canadians of every background.

"The French, then the British, both aided by the skills and knowledge of native Indians, explored and colonized this territory.

"Confederation itself was not a French idea nor a British idea. It was an idea born in this land. The need for it arose from a shared experience and common problems. Its fulfillment sprang from shared attitudes and beliefs."

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, in introducing the Queen, announced that Canada would commemorate her silver jubilee visit by establishing a Queen Elizabeth Trust Fund to promote bilingual education.

The speech was one of two major addresses to the nation by Queen Elizabeth during her six-day visit to Canada. The



Beneath portraits of herself and Prince Philip, Queen Elizabeth addresses state dinner in Ottawa, October 16. To the Queen's right is Governor-General Jules Léger and Nora Michener, wife of former Governor-General Roland Michener, and to her left, Prime Minister Trudeau and Mrs. Léger.

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