

to particularize. But I suggest that we should perhaps be seeking solutions to the problems continuing to face you of achieving greater unity in Europe in a wider context and possibly in pursuit of Article 2 of the North Atlantic Treaty. It has become increasingly clear, I think, to all members of the NATO and to those many countries who are associated with us throughout the free world that our very survival and our continued development in freedom and in peace depends upon our ability to look beyond national barriers and to make them somewhat less artificial and more satisfactory. We believe the proper solution to the economic, cultural and spiritual betterment of all free peoples is to be found in an ever closer integration of their activities and in a greater sharing of their endeavours. More particularly, many of us believe the peoples living about the great basin of the Atlantic Ocean might well seek the solution to their problems of economic betterment, political stability and self-defence in this closer integration of their national resources and of their machinery and government.

An interesting and important aspect of the new relationship between our countries is to be found in the steady flow of German immigrants to Canada. We welcome their arrival to our country where we have need of new citizens. These newcomers from your country bring with them the traditional and valuable aspects of German life -- cultural and religious values, a strong sense of the importance of the family, enterprise and a willingness to work with pride in a job well done. In Canada they are finding new opportunities and most of them have fitted very quickly into our way of life. Because there are greater opportunities in certain trades and for persons with special skills we have not found it possible to throw our doors wide open but we look forward to many more of your countrymen coming to settle in our land.

I think we share the belief that the strength of the free world depends to a large extent upon the economic prosperity of its members. Canadians are particularly interested in trade with Germany. Recent technical developments and discoveries in Canada have increased greatly our ability to furnish you with many of the products you need. We recognize the difficulties facing Germans who wish to buy our products, but are pleased that, through your increasing exports to dollar areas, Germany's improved dollar position is easing our trading relations. We welcome the efforts of German businessmen to expand the sale of German products in Canada, since we are well aware that your ability to buy from us depends to a great extent upon Canadian purchases of your products.

Ever since the war it has been the policy of the Canadian Government to work steadily towards the expansion of multilateral trade. We, therefore, attempted to take a full part in the discussion leading to GATT and we have tried to further the cause of greater freedom of international trade wherever the opportunity has presented itself. We welcome German participation in GATT and I feel sure we will find in your country a staunch supporter of the principles for which we have expressed our support.