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THE PRIME MINISTER IN INDIA

During his one-week state visit to India, Mr. John G. Diefenbaker, the Prime Minister of Canada, addressing members of the Indian Parliament at Parliament House, New Delhi, on November 21, said that although India and Canada were far removed in geographical position, visits to the Chamber when Parliament was in session and to the law courts, had impressed upon him their common heritage.

Mr. Diefenbaker went on to say:

"We share the universal desire for peace; we are associated, as I said a moment ago, in the United Nations and in connection with those bodies in the United Nations for the purpose of the amelioration of conditions in every part of the world. We are associated, as you said, in connection with the Commissions in Indochina. We are associated in the UNEF organization designed to preserve and maintain that degree of peace that is necessary in the Middle East. Let this be clear that we support what Mr. Nehru has said so often about India's concern as to the threat of nuclear warfare, and the demand on the part of mankind that that fear shall be removed. At the present moment, we are participating in Geneva in technical studies designed to devise means whereby we can control the suspension of nuclear tests and, at the same time, find safeguards against the danger of surprise attacks. We work together in these organizations. We have collaborated; and, I think, one of those strengths of our collab-

oration has been, as you mentioned, our Commonwealth relationship and it is of that that I intend to speak this afternoon.

"Dedicated as the Commonwealth concept is to peace, to fellowship, to brotherhood and the acceptance of common ideals, we desire to maintain and preserve freedom. And that fact makes it unthinkable that any of us within this Commonwealth dare permit ourselves the luxury of going to war with one another. The acceptance of the dedication to peace, the spirit of conciliation and consultation, for which Prime Minister Nehru has been an outstanding example in this family of nations, shows to the world that any disputes that we may have amongst ourselves must of necessity, accepting those principles, be decided peaceably, in a spirit of tolerance, of justice and of mutual good sense. And I think that is the essence of our relationship.

"As I meet with you, one of the things that touches my heart more than anything else is the fact that while we may not always...agree, there is never the possibility within our thinking or our concept, or indeed within anyone's contemplation or comprehension that any disagreement between us should require other than peaceful settlements.

"I am going to say a word in regard to Canada's position because sometimes you do not understand our views. I place you, Mr. Speaker, in the position in which we are in Canada, the nearest neighbour of the United States of

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