

ties, Canada has a particularly close relationship with the two new Caribbean countries of Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago.

Beyond the Caribbean great progress and change is occurring throughout all of Latin America. Canadians recognize the constructive and far-reaching contributions which the United States is making towards peace and progress in this southern part of our hemisphere. We also salute the wisdom and restraint which the United States has displayed in handling the grave issues which have arisen in the regions to the south.

The Lions International is an example to the world of an organization of noble purposes which knows how to make practical efforts to get good things done.

This translation of ideals into action is the great imperative of our day. Before a government in a free society can really do big things, it must have the solid support and understanding of its citizens who are involved now more than ever before in international affairs.

Government cannot create this support by itself. It needs legions of voluntary organizations and private citizens marching with it in a dynamic partnership. Organizations like the Lions International, with their spirit, their momentum, their energy and their ideals, provide vital qualities which can invigorate governments and inspire statesmen to provide the leadership and vision which the times demand. The creed of Lions International is the embodiment of the sort of private endeavour of which I speak. Your remarkable contribution to the CARE programme is a practical example of translating an ideal into action.

I want to say something about some of the relationships between the Canadian and the United States government. Here