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## MR. MOLLET VISITS CANADA

Prime Minister Guy Mollet of France was honoured in Ottawa, Quebec City, and Montreal during an official visit to Canada March 2-5. In Ottawa he addressed the Members of the Senate and Members of the House of Commons in the House of Commons Chamber.

The text of Mr. Mollet's address was as follows:

"Mr. Prime Minister, the words, which you have addressed with so much sincerity and sympathy, to my country, have touched me profoundly and they will go right to the heart of the French people. You have expressed in these words, on such an elevated plane of thought, the significance of my visit here and the nature of the relations, so intimate and direct, which have never ceased to exist between France and Canada since the beginning of your country's history. For all this I should like to offer my warmest thanks, and also for the remarks, so full of friendship, which you have devoted to me personally. No token of esteem could be more precious to me.

"Mr. Speaker, Members of the Houses of Parliament, it is a very great honour for me to be able to transmit, today, to the Honourable members of the Parliament of Canada the message of warm friendship which my country has asked me to deliver. I should like to do it at this time with all my heart and all my conviction. During these much too brief days which I have spent in your country, I have felt, profoundly, the rare quality of the Franco-Canadian friendship, the strength of

the bonds between us tightened by the battles we have fought side by side during two world wars. In the invitation which you addressed to me I saw a new manifestation of this friendship and I was proud to accept.

"In recalling some of the great tasks undertaken by France, Mr. St. Laurent himself prompted me to tell you, in a few words, something of the achievements of French policy, something of our worries and concerns which, I know, are often much the same as your own.

"To achieve the unification of Europe is one of our main objectives. I have striven to establish it upon a solid Franco-German entente, and I have felt a similar determination in Chancellor Adenauer and in the German Government. We were thus able to reach an equitable solution of the problems which had long made relations so difficult between our two countries. Today Franco-German rivalry no longer exists; there is instead a confident co-operation which permits the establishment of ever closer ties.

"With the way thus open to a needed European Union, we have been able to make decisive progress in the economic integration of the Continent, in bringing to successful conclusion the treaties which will establish the European Atomic Community--EURATOM--and the Common European Market. Their signing will take place within a few weeks.

"By EURATOM, the six countries of the European Continent will pool their atomic destinies. Their atomic industry, the expan-

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