

They have a deep friendship for Canada. They feel that we are all American nations together, that we are all in the Western Hemisphere and that we have very much in common. They are anxious to increase their trade with us, and we are anxious to increase ours with them. I think there is also a great deal more that could be done to extending our relations in the cultural field with these Latin American countries.

It is our intention to pay special attention to Latin America. I am hoping it will be possible to get away for a visit to the Argentine in May when they are celebrating 150 years of independence, and also that it will be possible to visit some other Latin American countries, as well as to hold consultations with our eleven Ambassadors in Latin America. This is an area in which I believe a good deal more can be done than has been done by Canada in the past.

The next subject is Canada and the Pacific. I realize that many Canadians are not clearly aware of the fact there is such a place as the Pacific Ocean. Today I plan to say a few words about Canada's relationships with the different countries around the rim of the Pacific.

First of all, there is Japan. We had a visit a few days ago from Prime Minister Kishi and Foreign Minister Fujiyama. It was possible to discuss all the problems between the two countries in a most amicable way.

Canada's relationship with Japan is excellent. At the United Nations Japan has been one of our firmest friends. She was the first to offer to co-sponsor our resolution on radiation, and we have had excellent co-operation from her representative. In the field of trade they have also been co-operative. There have been difficulties about Japanese goods coming into Canada and affecting the sale of Canadian products. The Japanese have throughout been very fair in the attitude they have taken in these discussions and, as I have said, the relationship between our two nations is excellent.

Then going a little further down on the far side of the Pacific we come to the old Indochina, South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. There Canada has been a member of the three International Commissions set up under the Geneva Agreements, and we have as a result had reason to follow very closely what goes on in that particular part of the world. We were worried last fall about the situation in Laos. It appeared as though there might be the beginning there of a full-scale war in the Far East. Canada took the position on the Security Council, and later in the General Assembly, that there should be a United Nations representation sent to and kept in Laos. This policy was followed; I believe there are still representatives of the United Nations in Laos. There has been no war and it looks as though the difficulties are gradually being settled.