

remarquable de son économie et son dynamisme industriel, soutenus par la vigueur de ses recherches scientifiques et de ses progrès techniques.

Cette renaissance économique et la politique énergique poursuivie par le Président de Gaulle vont d'ailleurs de pair avec une activité soutenue dans les domaines des arts et des lettres, de la culture et de la pensée sous toutes ses formes. Ce respect dont témoigne l'Europe occidentale pour les valeurs de l'esprit et son apport culturel demeurent les facteurs d'enrichissement essentiels pour notre civilisation.

It is of profound value to Canada that nearly one-third of our own population embodies in a more and more dynamic way many aspects of the French culture in our North American environment.

I could mention an imposing number of international associations that draw representatives of the French-speaking nations together, be they journalists, lawyers, physicians or scientists. It was university men from Quebec who originated and founded two years ago the Association of French-Speaking Universities. These associations contribute to making Canada better known not only in Europe but also in Africa, from the Mediterranean to Madagascar. A growing number of French-speaking students, especially from Africa, are attending universities in Quebec. In addition, our French-Canadian colleges and universities have been attracting students from Latin America for a long time, because their curricula are based on common humanistic and spiritual values as adapted to the modern world. French-Canada alone, I believe, can offer such a living synthesis of the Latin and the North American spirit.

The government of Quebec is co-operating with the Federal Government in organizing a technical assistance