

It is a happy coincidence that the soundness of this view of Canada's position as a link between the British and American peoples should have been so amply demonstrated at a moment when the one who shared it so completely, and who expressed it in such eloquent terms, has come to hold the office of Prime Minister of Great Britain.

In an editorial comment which appeared in the London TIMES on August 22nd of this year, the significance of the Ogdensburg Agreement in the wider relations between the English-speaking peoples was recognized in terms reminiscent of Mr. Churchill's utterance of ten years ago:

"The two countries" said The TIMES, "will henceforward have closer ties than they have ever had in the past, and Canada more than ever before will be the linchpin of Anglo-American relations."

Let me quote two other extracts, one from a Labour, and one from a Liberal newspaper. They serve to reveal the unanimity of view of the British press. The London Daily Herald said:

"Faith in the British system has been revitalized. So today it is with blessing we say: Canada, through you new links can be forged between us and our cousins across your unarmed frontier. Make your own decisions. They are ours."

On August 20th, The Manchester Guardian said:

"There is a close connection between the two announcements of the week-end of the negotiations with Britain for the leasing by the United States of naval and air bases in the Caribbean Sea and of