

chosen. It is particularly gratifying to Canadians to see in you, Mr. President, the Supreme Commander of the Second World War, under whose inspiring leadership the fighting men and women of Canada made their contribution to victory, and to see in you also the first Supreme Commander in Europe of the North Atlantic alliance. In that capacity you received into your command the Canadian Brigade Group in Germany and laid the plans for the Canadian air division which is now in Europe.

As a Supreme Commander in war and in peace, and as the political head of your nation, you have justly earned a reputation for fair-mindedness and friendliness, sincerity and integrity. Those are noble qualities. They no doubt are the qualities which inspired the editorial writer of one of our leading newspapers on learning of your visit to this country to say:

The President of the United States will be welcome to Canada, welcome not only as head of a great world power but as a man we have already met and liked, admired and respected . . .

Je tiens aussi, monsieur le président, en ce pays et en cette enceinte où deux langues sont officielles, à vous dire dans la langue de mes ancêtres français que tous mes concitoyens de la même descendance que la mienne sont aussi heureux que ceux de langue anglaise de vous exprimer à vous et à madame Eisenhower la plus cordiale bienvenue et de vous donner l'assurance de notre très haute considération.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER

Mr. Speaker of the Senate, Mr. Speaker of the House, Mr. Prime Minister, Members of the Canadian Houses of Parliament, distinguished guests and friends:

Mes salutations s'adressent également à mes amis canadiens qui parlent français. Je sais que je fais preuve d'une grande témérité en essayant de m'exprimer, si peu soit-il, dans cette langue. Aussi, fais-je appel à votre indulgence pour toutes les erreurs que je peux commettre en vous faisant part personnellement et directement de mes sentiments d'amitié et de haute estime.

Je vous salue également pour la part importante que vous avez prise, de concert avec vos frères de langue anglaise, au développement de ce grand pays.

... Since World War II, I have now been privileged three times to visit this great country and this beautiful city.

On my first visit, more than seven years ago, I came to express to the Canadian people a field commander's appreciation of their memorable contribution in the liberation of the Mediterranean and European lands. On my second, I came to discuss with your governmental leaders your country's role in the building of Atlantic security. Both visits, in the warmth and spirit of a great people's welcome, were days that I shall remember all my life.

This day I again salute the men and women

of Canada.

As I stand before you, my thoughts go back to the days of global war. In that conflict, and then through the more recent savage and grievous Korean battles, the Canadian people have been valorous champions of freedom for mankind. Within the framework of NATO, in the construction of new patterns of international security, in the lengthy and often toilsome exploration of a regional alliance, they have been patient and wise devisers of a stout defence for the Western world. Canada, rich in natural gifts, far richer in human character and genius, has earned the gratitude and the affectionate respect of all who cherish freedom and seek peace.

Partnership the Hallmark

I am highly honoured by the invitation of the Parliament of Canada that I address it. For your invitation is rooted in the friendship and sense of partnership that for generations have been the hallmark of relations between Canada and the United States. Your country, my country—each is a better and stronger and more influential nation because each can rely upon every resource of the other in days of crisis. Beyond this each can work and grow and prosper with the other through years of quiet peace.

We of our country have long respected and admired Canada as a bulwark of the British Commonwealth and a leader among nations. As no Soviet wile or lure can divide the Commonwealth, nothing will corrupt the Canadian-American partnership.

We have a dramatic symbol of that partnership in the favoured topic of every speaker addressing an audience made up of both our peoples—our unfortified frontier. But though this subject has become shopworn and well-nigh exhausted as a feature of after-dinner oratory, it is still a fact that our common frontier grows stronger every year, defended only by friendship. Its strength wells from indestructible and enduring sources—identical ideals of family and school and church, and traditions which come to us from a common past.

Out of this partnership has evolved a progressive prosperity and a general well-being, mutually beneficial, that is without parallel on earth. In the years ahead, the pace of our mutual growth will surely be no less.

To strive, even dimly, to foresee the wonders of Canada's next generation, is to summon the utmost powers of the imagination. This land is a mighty reservoir of resources. Across it, at this moment, there moves an extraordinary drama of enterprise and endeavour—Canadians, rapidly building basic industries, converting waters, into hydro-electric energy, scrutinizing your soil for new wealth, pushing into the barrens of the North for minerals and oil. You of Canada are building a magnificent record of achievement, and my country rejoices in it.

More than friendship and partnership is signified in the relations between our countries. These relations that today enrich our