

There must be unity in defence, unity also in defence procurement, and a new realization of the basis of our economic and commercial relations. Only by the maintenance of the strength of each of the various countries in the free world can we hope to maintain that certainty as to the future which after all is the reason that we are joined together in NATO, in NORAD, and in these other organizations.

Here I have an opportunity to say to the people of the United States something that more than anything else has had an effect on our thinking in Canada. We express our concern and our disapproval. We disagree in vigorous terms. It is equally true that the Government of the United States, going about its proper task of promoting American interests, does so with equal vigour. But whatever the vigour of the representations, it is matched by the determination of each of us to find solutions to our problems. Recently, an action was taken by the Government of the United States to remove the embargo on oil that had existed since July of 1957. That decision met with universal approval and appreciation in Canada. It was an example of that mutual forbearance, that understanding which is so needed to assure good will and co-operation.

### Canada's Position

What of the future? Well, I have read some of the commentators recently, Mr. President. They have raised some unfounded misgivings concerning the position of Canada and the discharge of its international responsibilities. Let this be clear. There is not and has not been any neutralism in Canada's thinking or conduct. There is no weakening in our support for NATO. We believe that the member nations of NATO must remain strong in defence, and economically strong, ever watchful for progress that can lead to ultimate settlement of our difficulties and differences with the Soviets. That is the attitude of my country. That is the stand of our people. That is the attitude that I believe is inherent in the potentialities that are ours, as we look ahead into the future, sometimes most darkening.

Some weeks ago we had a visit from the military leader of the NATO forces, General Norstad. We heard him with pride speak of our Canadian soldiers and airmen serving under his command in Europe. This gives me the opportunity to say that Canada intends to maintain her forces there, so long as they are needed.

We make our respective contributions together. Together we realize that only in unity can there be survival.

To you, the new graduates today, I am not going to give advice, although if there is one who should be qualified to do so, it is a Prime Minister, because he gets advice on every subject under the sun. I give you no advice today.