

ations must be placed on a long-term basis incorporating the principle of collective financial responsibility.

Speech from the Throne

The Throne Speech closing the First Session of the Twenty-Sixth Parliament on December 21 contained the following passages on Canada's external relations:

. . . It has been encouraging to note some easing of tension in international relations, expressed particularly in the successful conclusion of a multilateral treaty banning nuclear weapons tests in the atmosphere, in outer space and under water. This treaty was signed on behalf of my Government on August 8, 1963. Further progress towards improved understanding between nations is urgently necessary. To this end my Government continues, at the United Nations and elsewhere, to participate fully in the attempt to ease international tensions.

Canadians have shared the grief of the people of the United States over the tragic and untimely death of President Kennedy, whose contribution to the causes of freedom and peace has been of immeasurable importance for all the world.

. . . My Government has renewed on satisfactory terms the trade agreement with the U.S.S.R. first made in 1956 and has entered into wheat sales agreements with that country and with Poland, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria. The Canadian Wheat Board has entered into a long-term arrangement for the sale of wheat to mainland China.

. . . In recognition of the need to provide a fair share of assistance to the less-developed nations, my Ministers have announced an increase in Canada's external aid programme and the initiation of a food-aid programme to supplement the other forms of assistance.

Negotiations for the clarification of the Columbia River Treaty, and for the sale of downstream power, have been conducted with the Government of the United States in full co-operation with the government of British Columbia. . . .