

several of the new varieties we test each year seem suited to the chipping industry, but cooking quality is the critical factor. The potato slices must turn that bright golden colour."

Testing for this quality used to involve slicing a potato and frying it.

"Now we simply slice a potato in half, place a filter paper between the pieces and squeeze them together. The juices from the potato are soaked up on the paper," Mr. Russell says. Then it's into the fryer with the filter discs. The colour the paper turns during cooking is similar to that of an actual slice, and is measured against a standard.

"It's much faster and also less expensive than the old system," says the scientist. "And it's just as accurate for the breeding program. Another benefit is that you can write on the discs to identify the varieties for which the tests are being done."

### Canada's unity

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We will surely also be sensitive to the need for the domestic control of our economic environment. As well, in a country visited annually by extreme cold over its entire land mass, a country so far-flung that transportation has always posed almost insuperable problems, the wise conservation of our energy resources assumes a compelling dimension. And for a people devoted throughout their history to accommodating themselves with the harshness, as well as the beauty, of their natural surroundings, we will respond with vigour to any threat of pollution or despoliation be it from an indigenous or from an external source.

Our continent, however, is not the world. Increasingly it is evident that the same sense of neighbourhood which has served so well our North American

interests must be extended to all parts of the globe and to all members of the human race. Increasingly, the welfare and human dignity of others will be the measurement of our own condition. I share with President Carter his belief that in this activity we will achieve success.

### Pursuit of world peace

Even as we have moved away from the cold war era of political and military confrontation, however, there exists another danger: one of rigidity in our response to the current challenges of poverty, hunger, environmental degradation, and nuclear proliferation. Our ability to respond adequately to these issues will in some measure be determined by our willingness to recognize them as the new obstacles to peace. Sadly, however, our pursuit of peace in these respects has all too often been little more imaginative than was our sometimes blind grappling with absolutes in the international political sphere. Moreover, we have failed to mobilize adequately the full support of our electorates for the construction of a new world order.

The reasons are not hard to find. In these struggles there is no single tyrant, no simple ideological contest. We are engaged in a complex of issues of overwhelming proportions yet with few identifiable labels. Who, after all, feels stirred to oratorical heights at the mention of commodity price stabilization or full fuel cycle nuclear safeguards or special drawing rights? Yet these are the kind of issues that will determine the stability of tomorrow's world. They will require innovative solutions and co-operative endeavour, for these struggles are not against human beings: they are struggles with and for human beings, in a common cause of global dimensions.

It is to the United States that the world looks for leadership in these vital activities. It has been in large measure your fervour and your direction that has inspired a quarter century of far-flung accomplishment in political organization, industrial development and international trade. Without your dedicated participation, the many constructive activities now in one stage or another, in the several fields of energy, economics, trade, disarmament and development, will not flourish as they must.

### Pledge of support

My message today is not a solicitous plea for continued United States involvement. It is an enthusiastic pledge of spirited Canadian support in the pursuit of those causes in which we both believe. It is as well an encouragement to our mutual re-dedication at this important moment in our histories to a global ethic of confidence in our fellow men.

In that same address to which I referred some minutes ago, George Washington warned against "the insidious wiles of foreign influence" and the desirability of steering "clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world." Yet here I stand, a foreigner, endeavouring — whether insidiously or not you will have to judge — to urge America ever more permanently into new alliances. That I dare do so is a measure not only of the bond which links Canadians to you, but as well of the spirit of America. Thom. Paine's words of two centuries ago are as valid today as when he uttered them: "My country is the world, and my religion is to do good."

In your continued quest of those ideals, ladies and gentlemen, I wish you Godspeed.

### News briefs

- The Federal Government will be sending a delegation to the UN Water Conference in Mar del Plata in Argentina from March 14 to 25, the Environment Department announced on February 18.
- Foreign aid will rise another \$100 million to \$1.1 billion in the next fiscal year, according to spending estimates tabled in the Commons on February 16. The total disbursements for the next fiscal year, from direct food aid to technical expertise, will be over the \$1-billion mark for the third time.
- Mortgage interest rates under some federal housing programs have been reduced to 10¼ per cent from 10½ per cent, Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation announced on February 18.
- Wage settlements in large contracts negotiated during the fourth quarter of 1976 provided for an annual increase in base wage rates of 8.3 per cent over the life of the contract, the lowest quarterly rate in four years.

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