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## "GREAT ISSUES IN THE ANGLO-CANADIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY"

An address by the Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. John G. Diefenbaker, M.P., at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, U.S.A., September 7, 1957.

This being the first occasion as Prime Minister that I have had to address an audience in the United States, I avail myself of the opportunity to discuss some phases of the relationship of Canada and the United States. I do so here, for the glory of Dartmouth College for almost two hundred years has been its tolerance and its pursuit of truth. Great issues have been debated in the history of this historic college which made the name of Daniel Webster a name to conjure with in the English-speaking world, and wherever else in the world freedom still lives.

A few weeks ago I was in London at the meeting of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers and discussed with other members of the Commonwealth mutual problems which might be called "family problems". Here I shall discuss "neighbourly problems".

There will be full agreement among those present that the Anglo-Canadian-American Community constitutes a grand alliance for freedom, in partnership with others of the NATO family, in the defence of democracy against the Red Menace. This alliance has as its "built-in" stabilizers for unity a common tradition, a respect for the rights of man, an unswerving dedication to freedom. I believe with you that the maintenance of that unity is the only certain hope for the survival of freedom everywhere in the world.

Canada and the United States have grown up in separate ways. My country achieved its freedom and independence by evolution, not revolution -- by its adherence to a limited monarchy within the Commonwealth of Nations, rather than through the establishment of a Republic. The Commonwealth knows no written constitution or agreement - it is bound together by the aspirations of peoples in all parts of the globe who, while independent, are united in their dedication to freedom under the Queen as the symbol of their unity. Canada's status as an independent member of the Commonwealth and a constitutional monarchy will be emphasized when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II opens Canada's Parliament on October 14 as the Queen of Canada.

Canada and the United States, as long ago as 1794 in a "Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation", undertook "to promote a disposition favourable to friendship and goodwill". While this undertaking has not at all times since been maintained, it is, and has been, of the essence of our relationship.