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TRANSPACIFIC NEIGHBOURS - CANADA'S TRADE WITH JAPAN

The following address was given by Prime Minister Diefenbaker on October 28, 1961, to the Japan - Canada Trade Council in Tokyo:

"...Japan and Canada, as neighbours across the Pacific, should enjoy good relations and mutual respect. Canadians know and appreciate the admirable qualities of the Japanese people which have been transplanted to Canadian shores. Today, 26,000 Canadians of the Japanese race are contributing to the enrichment of Canadian life.

"Not only are we close neighbours and good neighbours, but we have things in common, although different in language and culture. Almost simultaneously, Canada set out on its road to independent nationhood and Japan burst forth from two centuries of isolation to become in a remarkably short time one of the most advanced nations in the world.

"We derive a common benefit from trade among nations. We have a common dedication to the ideal and practice of parliamentary democracy. Both have made known their determination to preserve freedom in the face of peril.

"Good relations, respect and trust between free nations are imperative. Japan and Canada and all free nations are threatened by the Communist leaders, who prophesy the ultimate triumph of the Communist system. The burdens and responsibilities have become awesome and grave for free nations determined to preserve their freedom.

"In Europe the Soviet Union has clapped the shackles of the Communist system and an alien

military occupation on nations with proud traditions of freedom and independence. These nations, once free, still long for the fresh air of freedom and chafe under the alien rule which has been imposed upon them.

"The Soviet leaders have created a crisis in Berlin out of which they hope to complete the enslavement of Eastern Europe. They have created the crisis with brutal contempt for the fears of mankind that nuclear war with all its horrors will break out.

EFFECT OF SOVIET TEST RENEWAL

"The problems of peace and security have been vastly intensified by Soviet actions since September 1. On that date, the Soviet leaders unilaterally repudiated the moratorium on nuclear testing which had brought to mankind a frail hope that the world would be spared for present and future generations the incalculable dangers of radioactive fall-out. I do not need to speak in Japan of these things, for I know that the Japanese people have reason to share a common dread of the massive experiments now unleashed with such cynical abandon by the U.S.S.R.

"Japan and Canada have joined with other nations affected by the drift of radioactive debris in an earnest and solemn appeal to the U.S.S.R. not to proceed with their fearful plan for detonating a 50-metaton super-bomb. The resolution urging the Soviet Union to abandon its plan to explode the super-bomb was approved in the United Nations two days ago by an overwhelming majority of 75 votes (including