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SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

In the preamble to the Speech from the Throne on April 5 opening the third session of the Twenty-sixth Parliament of Canada, the Governor General assured the assembled Members of the Senate and the House of Commons that the Government would continue to "make the fullest contribution it can" to the solving of the various problems facing the international community. "In the forthcoming negotiations on the United Nations crisis," he said, "the objective of my ministers will be to contribute to the work of repairing and strengthening the United Nations, in order that it may play its proper role in the preservation of world peace and security." The Government, he went on, would "press forward its efforts to assure effective international action for peace keeping and to move towards general disarmament under effective international control." At the same time, Canada would continue its active role in NATO and the Commonwealth.

Turning to matters of domestic concern, General Vanier continued as follows in part:

...My ministers will continue their policy of promoting the strength and unity of the Canadian Confederation. This policy has made possible the achievement and reinforcement on a nation-wide basis of programmes, in pensions and in other fields, which would not have been attainable but for better procedures of consultation and concerted action with due regard for the federal character of our country. My ministers will continue to improve the procedures and practices involved in the federal relationship, so

that all Canadians may feel equally served by Confederation.

CONSTITUTION AND ANTHEM

After the appropriate provincial concurrence has been signified, you will be asked to approve an Address to the Queen to provide that the Constitution of Canada may be amended in Canada by the procedures which have been agreed between my Government and the governments of all the provinces.

You will be asked to authorize my Government to provide that "O Canada" shall be the National Anthem of Canada and that "God Save the Queen" shall be recognized as the Royal Anthem in Canada....

...My Government...is developing a programme for the full utilisation of our human resources and the elimination of poverty among our people. It will include improved measures for regional development, the re-employment and training of workers, the re-development of rural areas, the assistance of needy people, the renewal of areas now blighted and congested in our cities, and the establishment of new opportunities for young Canadians. Besides strengthening and broadening measures within the federal sphere of responsibility, the plan will be designed to concert them more effectively with provincial programmes. Because of the importance of this plan, my Prime Minister will take direct responsibility for its co-ordination, assisted by a special secretariat. My Government will propose the calling of a special federal-provincial conference to seek full co-operation and co-ordination with policies of the provinces.

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