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Canadian Secretary of State for External
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The Hon. Brooke Claxton,
Canadian Minister of National Defence.

Mr. Sterling Fisher,
Director of the N.B.C. University of
the Air.

ANNOUNCER: This is Our Foreign Policy and tonight we are going to discuss the Foreign Policy of our neighbour and good friend, Canada. On this broadcast we bring you the Right Hon. Louis S. St. Laurent, Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, and the Hon. Brooke Claxton, Canada's Minister of National Defence. They will discuss with Mr. Sterling Fisher, Director of the N.B.C. University of the Air, Canada's relations with the United States and with the United Nations. This is a joint broadcast carried in Canada over the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's network and in the United States by N.B.C. Mr. Fisher.

FISHER: Gentlemen, this is the first time, I think, that we have broadcast in this series from Ottawa. I'm not sure it isn't the first time in Canada. I hope that we shall be able to do more of these programs with you. On this broadcast our topic is our relationship with each other and with the United Nations. There are quite a number of questions I should like to explore with you.

ST. LAURENT: Well, Mr. Fisher, that's what we are here for.

FISHER: For instance where does Canada stand in any attempt to put down totalitarianism in this hemisphere? What is your economic policy? The United States wants Reciprocal trade agreements and freer trade. The United Kingdom is nationalising a number of industries. Where does Canada stand? We in the United States have just seen a move to merge our armed forces. In Canada you have already brought your services under one minister, which reminds me, Mr. Claxton -- you are Minister for Defence -- one of the first things I heard when I got into Ottawa this morning concerned you.

CLAXTON: Is it something I'd like to hear repeated, Mr. Fisher?

FISHER: I don't know. But I'll tell you and let you decide. I was told that you were the sort of man who, once he had a job to do, didn't leave it alone until it was finished. As an illustration -- I understand that you are supposed to have come to the offices of the