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FAMILY OF MAN AWARD TO PRIME MINISTER

The following passages are from an address by Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau at the Family of Man Award Banquet of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, in Montreal on February 8:

I am deeply touched by the great honor which the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has bestowed upon me tonight. Receiving the Canadian Family of Man Award from the members of a venerable society which for nearly 127 years has worked untiringly in pursuit of justice is very meaningful to me. I accept it in the spirit of our fellowship in a common human ideal. I accept it in a spirit of wisdom and brotherhood....

CULTURAL CONTRIBUTION TO CANADA

Since the arrival of the Hart family in Trois-Rivières, the Jewish cultural contribution has continued to flourish in Canada, especially in the Province of Quebec. Today it compels recognition in all fields of endeavor — poetry, the novel, theater, criticism, visual arts, music, medicine, pure and applied

sciences, law, civil engineering, architecture. What a long honor list it would take to do justice to each! So outstanding is the Jewish contribution that it is difficult to imagine our society without it.

Some will think that I am unduly broadening the field of culture by including the exact sciences and civil engineering. But, in my opinion, literature, philosophy and art alone do not make up the culture of a people. Science and technology, commerce and finance, which are creative activities in their own right, also help express cultural identity. To these various aspects of culture, the Jewish community has made a substantial and original contribution.

Such contributions would have been impossible without a highly successful involvement in Canadian society. Since the Harts first settled here, Jews have set an example in the way they have identified with Canada. The ease with which so many members of the Jewish community are able to express themselves in our two official languages is, in a sense, an example of the success of Canadian pluralism. Furthermore, there is a remarkable resemblance between the Jewish community, with its widely differing cultural traditions, and the structure of our country, which is both bilingual and multicultural. Indeed, the overall cohesion of the many elements of the Jewish community is an indication of the degree of unity that Canadians can hope to achieve within our federation....

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EVIL OF ANTI-SEMITISM

It is an enrichment for the Jews of Canada, as for their fellow citizens of English, French or Irish origin, to have a mother country to which they are bound by close and ancient ties of kinship. All Canadians therefore join in a fervent wish that history will never decree another Exile!

These reflections must of necessity leave many things unsaid, but they would be quite incomplete if I failed to mention the persistent evil of anti-Semitism, a problem which has afflicted our society for the past 2,000 years. Other minorities have known adversity, but how many have undergone the bloody