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A speech by the Deputy Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys, Mr. Marc Boyer, to the American Mining Congress, San Francisco, September 23, 1954.

After filling my lungs with the balmy air drifting in from the Pacific and feasting my eyes on the luxurious natural setting of your splendid city, I can well understand why so many Easterners find themselves humming that rollicking song "California Here I Come" as they speed westward toward the Golden Gate. It calls to mind the story of how the Lord built the United States; of how He started on the East Coast and did a progressively better job as He moved westward, finally attaining perfection here in San Francisco. Depending upon where the story is told of course, the coast would need to be changed.

May I state at the outset that I consider it an honour to be present here today and to share in a small way in your programme. I am in distinguished company for the American Mining Congress includes in its organization engineers, scientists and others who have played and are playing notable roles in the mining and metallurgical industries of this country. Canadians engaged in mining or in related fields of endeavour have always shown a keen interest in your annual deliberations. In fact, the mining fraternities of our two countries are as one when it comes to attending each others conventions. We speak the same language, or considering the accounts of those of us in Canada whose mother tongue is French, and the southern drawl of a large section of your people, perhaps I should say, as President Eisenhower is reported to have said to Prime Minister Churchill on a notable occasion, "We speak practically the same language". This, of course, largely explains why the interest of Canadians in American affairs and developments is matched only by your own interest, including our interest in that widely known lady, Miss Marilyn Monroe, who is as well known to us as our Royal Canadian Mounted Police are to millions of American movie-goers.

My task today is to deal with the outlook for Canadian mining. There are several approaches one could take to a big subject like this. The one I have in mind is much like that of the farmer who found he was the only member of the congregation present for church services one Sunday afternoon. The minister had a carefully prepared sermon to deliver and he was bothered as to what he