

at a press conference on September 26, 1946, when asked whether a statement on Canada's foreign policy might be issued, such as the Australian Information Service had recently released: "We could issue a statement of principles, I suppose, but I doubt if it would be of much value. We follow a fairly consistent pattern at the various conferences we attend, but I don't see what is to be gained by attempting to reduce the matter to a simple code". Accordingly the only paper prepared in the Department at the time of this "general post" was a description of the organization of the Department which brought up to date earlier memoranda on the same subject. This memorandum was circulated to all missions in October, 1946.

2. However, Mr. St. Laurent was to depart from precedent and make a public statement on the long-term principles governing Canadian policy which comes nearest to putting on paper Canada's approach to international problems. As the first person invited to give the recently established "Duncan and John Gray Memorial Lecture" at the University of Toronto, Mr. St. Laurent took as his subject "The Foundations of Canadian Policy in World Affairs".

3. In his lecture delivered on January 13, 1947, Mr. St. Laurent laid down five general principles which, he said, "have been defined and articulated in the practice of relations with other countries over many decades". They may be listed as follows:

- 1) External policies must not destroy Canadian unity. For that reason the speaker argued that "external relations should not be allowed to become a matter of party political controversy at home", which implies presumably a "multi-partisan" policy. He laid down as a fundamental rule of action that "...the