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50th Anniversary of Pearson's Nobel Prize

New Web Project Examines Former Prime Minister's Role

Tuesday, December 11 – On the 50th Anniversary of former Prime Minister Lester Pearson having received the Nobel Prize, The Dominion Institute launches a website devoted to Pearson's diplomacy during the Suez Crisis – www.suezcrisis.ca

One of the most convulsive events of the 20th century, Suez erupted when France and Britain launched a military strike to take back the Suez Canal, which had been nationalised by the Egyptian government. Pearson carved out a middle ground between angry allies and bitter Cold war enemies by proposing the world's first UN peacekeeping force. Arguably he was the only diplomat in the world who could have pulled it off.

Visitors to the site will find unprecedented access to information about the Suez Crisis, including streaming interviews with some of the last eyewitnesses from the crisis as well as a detailed chronology, archival photographs and newsreels, historic documents and essential links.

In a major examination of Pearson's diplomacy, the site features an essay that debunks many of the traditional myths surrounding Pearson's work at Suez:

- Myth 1 – Pearson invented peacekeeping
- Myth 2 – Pearson made the peace in Egypt
- Myth 3 – Pearson was a neutral bystander during the crisis
- Myth 4 – Canadians fully supported Pearson's actions

This new website was made possible by a generous donation from the Donner Canadian Foundation. The site was created by documentary writer and producer Antony Anderson.

The Dominion Institute is a national charitable organization dedicated to promoting Canadian history and civic culture (www.dominion.ca).

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