

Thirdly, we need to exercise greater respect for the rights of others under the Charter. This involves restraint by the great powers in the use of their privileges; restraint by the smaller powers in the observance of orderly procedures; restraint, above all, in the pursuit of national objectives where these are at variance with the purposes and principles of our constitution.

Finally, on the eve of the hundredth birthday of my country, the Government and people of Canada pledge their loyalty and their support to the concept of the United Nations and to the ideals it symbolizes and seeks to attain for the benefit of mankind.

...The Secretary-General, the present incumbent, has the confidence of the Government and people of Canada. No man who has ever held this office, no man who has ever aspired to this office, has been so widely endorsed, as we know from events during the past few weeks. We all recognize, as we did three years ago, as the Security Council recognized three years ago, his great personal qualities. But added to this is the great authority which he has gathered in the last few weeks, an authority that we cannot dismiss, in the interest of this organization or in the interest of peace. This commanding authority could be of the greatest value in this critical time in human affairs.

I agree with what the Secretary-General said the other day about his concept of the role of the office of Secretary-General. This was the view, I well remember, of Sir Eric Drummond, in the League of Nations, and of Mr. Avenol, who succeeded him; it was the view of Trygve Lie and of Dag Hammarskjold; and it is what is implied and implicit in Articles 99 and 100 of the Charter of the United Nations. The Secretary-General -- whoever occupies this post -- must be one who by personal quality and by capacity and by respect has an authority far behind his own person, and that exists today, clearly and demonstrably, in the person of U Thant.

I have the strong conviction -- and I speak this way only because the foreign policy of my country is so embedded in this organization, and because I feel that in the immediate period this organization's future and integrity are involved -- that U Thant's personal attributes and his undoubted global moral authority could be a powerful force in helping to win the war in Vietnam, moving us on to universality in this organization and, I think, to sure guarantees for peace in the world.

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