

internationalism is an immense one and it is going to demand much more of us both at the governmental level and at the individual and group level throughout our society.

I should like to emphasize one important fact. Before a government in a free society like Canada can really do big things it must have the solid support and understanding of its citizens who are involved now more than ever before in international affairs. Government cannot create this support by itself. It needs legions of voluntary organizations and private citizens marching with it in a dynamic partnership. Organizations like the ones I have mentioned, with their spirit, their momentum, their energy and their ideals, provide vital qualities which can invigorate governments and inspire statesmen to provide the leadership and vision which we need today.

By any standards the age in which we are living is of a revolutionary character. The other day I read a particularly striking illustration of the way in which rapid change characterizes our generation. In this illustration the 50 thousand years of mankind's recorded history are condensed into a 50-year period. That is, the march of man's progress is condensed proportionately a thousand times. The point which emerges, in an almost dramatic fashion, I think, is the need for clear and broad perspectives in assessing the current events of our day. There is no doubt that when you attempt to look at the big factors and developments in man's long history some events stand out as really significant while others perhaps important at the time become less significant in history.

Let me briefly develop this illustration. For the first forty years of our fifty-year period man had very little knowledge of anything. Then about ten years ago he began to move from caves into shelters and to learn the simple arts of cultivation. About five years ago man learned to write. About two years ago the idea of Christianity burst upon the world.

Continuing this chronology, it is just this year that the printing press was invented. It was only last month that electric lights and automobiles and planes were known and only last week that