

Continued Social Advance

But our defence programme is more than a matter of armaments, alliances, or aid. Our first line of defence must be built right in our own society by working out a social order that commands the respect of our own and other peoples. If Communism finds its opportunity in human misery, democracy finds its justification in a prosperous, humane and neighbourly society.

In democracies like Canada, we have learned how to satisfy man's material needs while respecting human rights and aspirations and revering those spiritual and ethical values that give a nation moral strength. Our way of life is based on the sincere conviction that machines are never as important as men; that we must invest with just as much courage in the producer as we do in production; and that our first concern must be the individual and not the state. To keep true to this concept of individual worth and to maintain our steady social advance is an essential part of our defence against war and our investment in peace.

Diplomatic Negotiations

While strengthening our military defences, providing aid to those in less-favoured parts of the world, and maintaining our own social progress, we must continue our efforts at the United Nations and in other world forums to talk over our differences in a mature and intelligent manner. This means not only doing something to preserve peace when the danger of a major breakdown in human relations confronts us, but a continuing attack on all the tiny roots and sources, the aggravations and misunderstandings that lead to war.

We must discuss; we must compromise; we must arbitrate; we must adjudicate. We must establish special organizations to deal with special problems. We must maintain a watchful eye at all times on the sources from which conflict might grow. Action, energy and effort must be directed constantly at all the minor irritants that can infect the world body politic. If war is to be eliminated by getting at its roots, we have to think of far more than the actual prevention of physical strife. We have to think of far more than the reduction of armaments. We have to think of far more than the control of atomic energy.

In short, we have to think of all the possible sources of those irritations and disagreements that can grow into the fatal cancer of war. We are only beginning to realize how wide a field we have to cover. The field is almost the full range of human activity. These pressing problems -- whether they be in the social, political or economic fields -- will call for the very best that trained minds and dedicated hearts can give. Beyond material considerations, there are wider moral and spiritual problems such as the right of men to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience.

The UN -- Our Best Hope For Peace

Today, the free world has pinned its hopes on peace. Over the stormy course of these years, the United Nations is carrying the banner of humanity. There can be no doubt about the urgency of the need for solution of the problems