

have this opportunity of welcoming you in a free parliament as the distinguished and respected head of a free France. Canada is, I think, the best evidence, permanent and historic evidence, of the peaceful purposes of the United States.

"These confident, friendly and co-operative international relations which we enjoy with our great southern neighbours, we wish to share ultimately with the whole world, and in the meantime we expect to share them with all the nations of North Atlantic community."

In the North Atlantic alliance, and in the resistance we are offering to aggression under the flag of the United Nations in Korea, the United States and Canada are engaged with a number of other nations in a partnership not to dominate others, but to uphold freedom in the world. In that partnership history and geography have combined to make the United States, inevitably, the predominant partner.

Of course, the success of any partnership depends upon the understanding and good will of the partners towards one another. In every successful partnership, each of the partners has to be prepared to overlook what he may regard as imperfections and shortcomings in the other partners, and to make the best of what each is able to do. This partnership is no exception. It would be easy at times to get worked up about whether others are doing their full share; but that, I am sure, would be the quickest way to destroy the common effort.

We must recognize that the very essence of freedom is variety and that, even in a partnership, free nations cannot be expected, all of them, to make their efforts in the same way nor to use the same methods. We in North America are so much more fortunate, in a material sense, than other nations that we must expect to contribute more proportionately from our abundance than can be expected from those of our partners who are still recovering from the dislocation and destruction of the last war which affected them much more deeply than it affected us.

We must realize, too, that even with a maximum of good-will the partners in an alliance like ours can never be expected to see eye to eye on every question that arises. There will inevitably be differences, debates, perhaps even misunderstandings.

Our Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs said in a recent speech about Canada and the United States: "We have the right to disagree, as friends. We also have the obligation to resolve these disagreements, as friends, and with a minimum of fuss and disturbance. This has not always been easy in the past, and is not going to be always easy in the days ahead, but our friendship will, I know, stand the challenge of the trials and turmoil of our time."

As Mr. Pearson said, there is no question that the friendship of Canada and the United States will stand that challenge. But we must take even greater care to see that the wider partnership of the free nations is able to meet the challenge of these difficult times. Because there are bound to be some, in every country who, from time to time, will say it is better to go it alone and take the consequences. That, I believe, is another of the great dangers to our partnership for freedom.