

Some despair that anything constructive can be done in the present state of superpower tension, but the Canadian Government view is that something can be done and it must be done. I repeat: the Government recognizes that inch-by-inch progress day-by-day is the only sure way to peace and true security. I have no intention of creating a climate of rising expectations of a simple solution. But I have a relentless determination to make progress in small steps. I have no illusions about this task; rather, I am a realist. And one of the reasons that I am a realist is that I have been to Hiroshima.

Prime Minister Mulroney has placed great emphasis on reducing the threat of war and enhancing the promise of peace. At St. Francis Xavier University on September 28 he stressed that the central issue confronting our generation was the prevention of nuclear war and the need to inaugurate an era of assured peace for all the world.

"There can be no let up in our efforts to reduce the threat of war" he said. "No matter how frustrating or difficult, negotiations must be pursued....The exercise of political will is nowhere more important than on this issue on whose outcome the lives of our children and of humanity depend."

We need new policies to lead the world to the new vision of humanity outlined by Pope John Paul II during his recent visit to Canada. The Pope said: "It is necessary to protect people from death - millions of people - from nuclear death and death from starvation."