

to clear a forest, to raise a house, barter their goods. This North American spirit is a bond between our people and we must never take it for granted.

New ways must be found to reinforce our special relationship. We live on the strongest, most prosperous continent on earth. But as we develop our resources, we must protect the environment around us. We will never shirk our responsibility to defend our way of life when it is threatened. Prime Minister Trudeau, while visiting the United States, said that our nation was once the hope of the new world. Well, he's right. And I would like to add that our new world of freedom and democracy is now the hope of the entire world.

Our strong defense is the foundation of freedom, peace, and stability, and our countries must continue to draw close in times of crisis as we always have. Together we'll stand as an example. As we work to keep this spirit of cooperation fresh we will continue to respect each other's sovereignty, recognize our distinct national interests, and maintain our individual commitments to greater self sufficiency. Robert W. Service lived in Canada for many years and wrote about the taming of our continent and about the wild Canadian northlands. The law of the Yukoni road is that only the strong shall thrive, only the fit will survive. This is the challenge to our nations in the world today. Our national characters were forged on such a frontier. I'm confident that Canada and the United States, independent but together, can meet the test. Nancy and I are just delighted to be here and have had a wonderful day and we shall look forward to returning.

Thank you very much. (Applause.)

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