

of world leadership. Never has that summons met with a more splendid response. We thank Heaven that you have moved with such generosity to help countries devastated by war and other countries struggling with the age-old problems of grinding poverty. We take reassurance from the determination you have shown that the free world shall not be thrown to the wolves of totalitarian aggression. Above all we are grateful that so mighty a country, in which so many of the peaceful hopes of mankind must centre, is also one of the classic homes of freedom. When from time to time the changing surface of your national life is criss-crossed by currents that may not be entirely to our liking, we may give way to momentary worries -- and expressions of worry. From time to time, too, although agreeing with you on the objectives of policy, we may differ somewhat on how best these objectives can be achieved. But we in Canada have abiding confidence in the serenity of your strength and in the tenacity of your devotion to freedom. As I have travelled across your country, I have been reminded that never more marvellously than here has been enacted the supreme miracle of free men moving in space. The space in which we all must now work out our destinies is less than it was. The problems of making freedom operative are more difficult than before. But the spirit with which men in your country and mine have responded to the challenge to enterprise and adventure, is unchanged and unchangeable. If I have spoken at length about my own country, it has been with the purpose to make you feel that, through whatever anxieties and trials may lie ahead, you have in Canada a strong and faithful ally.

governments of the free world enjoy some of the advantages that we of the West enjoy because of the rich resources with which we have been blessed and because of our scientific discoveries and technical advances. The task of raising the standards of living of the masses of the East is immense. It cannot be accomplished overnight. But that is no reason for apathy or delay. We in North America must be prepared to shoulder our share of the responsibility. In the East, the balance of power throughout that whole area may be tilted even more dangerously against us.

Apart from the efforts of Asians themselves, the most important factor in this struggle is the aid that is being provided by the United States. But we in Canada are also prepared to shoulder our share of the responsibility. During the past three years the Canadian Parliament has appropriated some \$80 million for economic development in South and Southeast Asia under what is known as the Colombo Plan. This scheme, initiated under Commonwealth auspices now comprehends most of the countries in the area and is already beginning to bear fruit. In our opinion it is an enterprise of the highest importance and one which must not be allowed to fail.

It is almost inevitable that in these remarks I should have stressed -- perhaps over-stressed -- Canada's growing self-confidence and strength and, in particular, the contributions we are making to the cause of freedom. To restore a sense of proportion, let me make it clear that we Canadians know quite well that our country is far from being a great power; and we have no aspirations to such stature. Let me also make it clear how fully we realize what all the world owes to the United States. Never in history has a nation been called so quickly to take up the crushing responsibilities

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