

We can take satisfaction and hope from these developments while we try to broaden and deepen them in the interest of real peace. We should not, however, indulge in any premature rejoicing or loud hosannahs. We must not become unreasonably exultant when things seem to be going well on the international front: or unreasonably discouraged when there are setbacks, as there will certainly be.

It would be dangerous and unrealistic to assume that real peace has been achieved merely because four men have smiled into forty - or four hundred - cameras at Geneva. It is, therefore, no time to relax or to weaken our defences, physical or moral. But it is a time for imagination, as well as caution; for seizing and making the most of every opportunity that may lead to a better state of affairs than this poor world has known since 1914.

Steadiness and balance, the maintenance of a sense of proportion will be essential in the months ahead; months that will be full of movement and manoeuvre and will prove, I believe, the realities and the necessities of inter-dependence between nations. In the long run, however, there is only one answer to the challenge of this inter-dependence in the hydrogen age. It is the response of Christian charity and understanding; in showing by our actions - not merely by our words - that we are in all truth our brother's keepers.

It is because the Churches of Christ are dedicated to this response, and because you have come to Toronto as witnesses to that dedication, that I am proud to have had this opportunity to be with you and speak to you tonight.

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