

BUT IN A VERY REAL SENSE, OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS NOW THE WORLD. CANADA IS DEEPLY CONSCIOUS OF THE WORLD LEADERSHIP BURDEN THE UNITED STATES IS CALLED UPON TO CARRY. WE KNOW THAT IN THIS POSITION THE INTER-RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN IMPORTANT ISSUES IS INCREDIBLY INTRICATE. CITIZENS OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES ARE NOT SUFFICIENTLY AWARE SOMETIMES THAT INTERNATIONAL ISSUES ARE NOT A SERIES OF INDIVIDUAL WATER-TIGHT COMPARTMENTS. PROPOSED SOLUTIONS FOR ONE PROBLEM MAY BE PERFECTLY LOGICAL IN THAT CASE BUT THEIR APPLICATION WOULD SERVE ONLY TO EXACERBATE ANOTHER EQUALLY SERIOUS DIFFICULTY. WHEN A SMALLER COUNTRY OR REGION, OR EVEN GROUPS OF PEOPLE WITHIN OUR OWN COUNTRIES, HAVE A SPECIAL INTEREST IN ONLY ONE ELEMENT OF THE INTERLOCKING GLOBAL PUZZLE, IT IS NOT ALWAYS EASY FOR THEM TO COMPREHEND THE FAILURE TO ADVANCE ON THE PARTICULAR AND NARROW FRONT OF THEIR CONCERN. THEY FAIL TO SEE SOMETIMES THE MUTUAL EXCLUSIVITY OF INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVES EACH OF WHICH MAY BE EMINENTLY SENSIBLE IN ITS OWN RIGHT.

IN TERMS OF CANADA-US RELATIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD, THIS IS AN EVER PRESENT FACT OF LIFE. BECAUSE CANADA DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND RANGE OF INTERESTS, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO STAY IN CONCERT WITH THE UNITED STATES.

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