

Scientific advances with their immensity and deadly power of destruction have brought fear into the hearts of men everywhere. Fear can be met, if we elevate the spiritual horizons of mankind which beckon to the adventurers of good will and vision. Freemen must be prepared in this period of the new Renaissance to sacrifice and to weigh the accepted views of the past, and if found wanting, to courageously provide new formulas to meet new conditions in the conflict of ideas and ideals. We live in a new age. There are many challenges for the adventurous in this age, which has been described by Dr. Smith, Professor of Medieval History at Cornell University, as "a period and process of transition, fusion, preparation and tentative endeavour".

In Asia and Africa a major conflict for the minds of men is taking place. In the Asian sub-continent 500 million people -- 30 times the population of Canada -- are crowded into territory less than one-half the extent of Canada's. One hundred millions live in Southeast Asia -- including Indonesia. China has 500 million people occupying a land approximately the size of Canada. In Africa, some 200 million people occupy territory the size of Canada, the United States and China combined.

In these and other countries a tremendous awakening of nationalistic pride, coupled with a desire to raise conditions and standards of living, is under way. The advances of the U.S.S.R. in scientific achievements, in nuclear power, in intercontinental missiles, in jet planes, in the exploration of outer space, have had a tremendous influence on mankind, not only throughout the world, but in particular in these areas where poverty is the daily portion.

What the Russians have done scientifically is in the air for all to see and, in the field of trade, is revealed by the communist trade offensive. In parading its achievements -- even though attained by tyranny and slavery -- the communists would have us believe that the free world is decadent and has lost its sense of adventure and achievement.

That wise world observer, Walter Lippmann, in a recent article, stated that there are some who feel that the West is losing, and the communists are winning, the contest for influence in the underdeveloped countries:

"....it is not enough to stand firm and persevere. It is necessary also to take hold and costly measures to turn the tide.....time is not on our side unless we make a prodigious effort in armaments, in the development of our own economy to support them, and in a demonstration