

my view our most justifiable source of pride lies in the way in which Canadians are responding to the challenges of national unity. We have not yet found our way - in an evolving society we may never be completely sure that we have found all the answers. But in 1967, I believe that most Canadians are posing the right questions and, more important, are exhibiting a willingness and a desire to work out a new national equilibrium which will reflect new realities.

National unity at home is the prerequisite for a strong and influential foreign policy abroad. A country which is divided in its domestic affairs, which does not appear to be managing its internal problems with intelligence and foresight, is unlikely to be successful in furthering its international interests. Up to now Canada has had a strong international voice; we must continue to ensure that this voice reflects a country which is confident at home and knows what it wants to do abroad.

The international benefits of national unity as we are building it in Canada, are impressive. Our debate at home on the inter-relationships of different communities, gives us an insight into the relationships of other peoples and countries. We understand the complexities of operating a federal system. In addition, our English-speaking and French-speaking orientations give us an opportunity to foster close links with many more areas than would have been the case had our society been monolithic. The presence of groups with varied ethnic origins expands our opportunities to develop our relations with the homelands of our ancestors.

Some people would even argue that the success which we may have in dealing with the question of national unity in Canada