

I say publicly, with all the force and the solemnity and the authority of which I am capable, that out of this peace there will never be an act by the United States which will turn it into war."

I believe no stronger words of peaceful intentions could be uttered.

I have tried in these few words to give you some mental picture of the San Francisco Conference. There is much that, for reasons of time, I have had to pass over: the physical setting of the conference in one of the world's most beautiful cities, the unstinting hospitality of the city of San Francisco and the State of California, the intense interest of the people of the United States, of whom it is estimated that 12,000,000 saw and heard the proceedings on television, the wide press coverage given to the world by 400 reporters. All these factors contributed to my belief that this was a meeting demonstrating the world-wide desire that action for peace be taken. In my opinion, Japan was set free by the signing of this treaty to pursue her peaceful destiny in Asia, for it is in Asia that she must live. We can only hope that she will be inspired by the ideals on which the treaty is founded, and that her actions will contribute to the peace and stability of Asia. I think I can not do better, in concluding my remarks, than to quote the words of my fellow-delegate, Mr. Pearson, to the Conference:

"We, of the West, would be well-advised not to apply too strictly our own national experience as a yardstick to Japanese progress. Men reach the truth by different paths and they can strive towards a tolerant and peaceful society on widely variant roads. The Japanese have learned from their own bitter experience the tragic folly of aggressive war; that immediate success from military superiority is not victory but only the postponement of overwhelming disaster. It is our hope that some of Japan's continental neighbours will also learn this lesson."

It was a great and unforgettable day in my life and a proud moment to be one of Canada's delegates to sign the Japanese Peace Treaty. A Treaty of reconciliation, a Treaty of trust, giving the Japanese people an opportunity to rise again and take their full place in the community of nations. A new day in the world's history when peace treaties can be made in accordance with fundamental moral principles of the great spiritual teachers and leaders of all nations and all religions. Armaments may prevent a shooting war, but these principles alone can bring goodwill, peace and progress to the world.

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