

What does all this mean? It means that, because of the development in communications, because of the extension of the community of which the individual Canadian will increasingly feel a part, the strategies of allocation of our resources today, directed towards the world of 25 years hence, must give a significant weight to development assistance. From this perspective, foreign aid is in the same category as our expenditures on education, our pension plans, our regional development expenditures, our family allowance and our private insurance structures. It is designed to affect the conditions under which we will live in 25 years.

We applaud the American space programme for its technological achievements and we know that as Canadians we shall never be in the space race. Our resources, more limited but still very large, can more usefully be put to work elsewhere, seeking solutions to the human problems on this poor spinning planet of ours. Nor are we involved in the arms race. But we can play a significant part in the development race. Indeed, in this race I'd like to see Canada up front, and leading. It's a race that will determine the future history of man.

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