

and equipped may be the strongest deterrent against aggression. United Nations action in Korea, the building of a unified army command by the Atlantic nations in Europe, and preparedness at home are ample signs that this important principle is now an integral part of military and economic policies of freedom-loving nations.

Thirdly, resources used solely for own benefit means closing our eyes to the hunger, misery and distress that exist in many countries, near and far. And there can be no secure foundation for peace if nations who have an abundance of resources are unwilling to help their less fortunate neighbours to help themselves. The Canadian post-war programme of loans and credits, the American Marshall Aid and the Point IV programme, the many developmental efforts of international agencies, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the International Bank for Reconstruction, and the United Nations and Commonwealth assistance programme for under-developed countries, are all steps in this direction.

In coming to the end of my remarks, I am convinced that the North American continent has an important contribution to make to happiness and peace in our generation. The fact that we have an abundance of resources makes such a contribution not only possible but also imperative. For if we do not work towards a better life abroad we may have to defend our own way of life on our own shores.

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