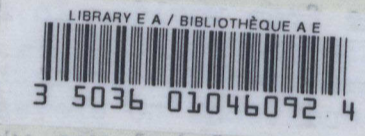


understanding. Co-operation becomes easier as one learns with practice how to co-operate. Common ideals provide a stimulus for common action.

May we not hope that the success which has attended the joint efforts of Canada and the United States in co-operative defence will inspire and encourage every free nation to ever increasing effort looking to the preservation of themselves and the free world.

Only thus can a world poised on the edge of the atomic abyss hope to avoid annihilation and at the same time preserve its freedom and those precious things which make life worthwhile. We must not and will not fail to meet this greatest challenge of all history.

But I would remind you that every bridge we sent to Europe - every ship of aircraft we base there - every modern naval ship we construct is a basic contribution to our own specific defence as well as to the defence of our friends of the Atlantic. We are jointly trying to build a world which will be a global war which might prove to be, if it occurred, a war to end all wars but not in the way that we would like to see all wars ended.



I have sought to outline to you the steps by which defence collaboration between Canada and the United States has grown steadily closer and stronger as the years have passed.

It is not easy for two independent individualistic nations living at each other's doors to achieve such unanimity of purpose. It is still more difficult when one is a small nation, jealous of its freedom, and the other is a great world power fully conscious of its strength. It is difficult for two such nations to continue as a free-wheeling partnership and have that partnership not degenerate into a patron and satellite relationship.

Canada and the United States have done just that. They have demonstrated that such a partnership can be established and that it can be maintained and strengthened as the years go by.

Frankness in the exchange of views, full recognition of each other's point of view and a willingness to seek to meet that point of view, an understanding approach, mutual confidence based on mutual recognition of each other's sincerity, common ideals in respect of freedom, right and justice and all the things that really matter - these are the reasons for the outstanding results which have been achieved.

The spirit of co-operation and mutual understanding in which the United States and Canada have worked to provide for their common defence at home has made it easier for each of them to work closely and effectively with the other free nations of the world for the defence of all abroad. Understanding breeds