

This respect for the full autonomy of each of the self-governing members of the British Commonwealth, I may add, is not confined to questions of participation in war. It applies to all relationships. It is for each part to decide what political or economic policies it may wish to adopt. Recognition of the same principle, we believe, should govern the actions of all the members of the League of Nations.

The Canadian tradition is one of inherited and developed freedom. The repression of criticism is alien to that tradition. Our political institutions are founded upon democratic principles and are subject to modification by democratic methods. We have a profound faith that the way of freedom is also the path to peace. Holding that conviction ourselves, we do not assume that we have a mission to impose our beliefs and institutions on other states. We concur in the faith expressed by the United Kingdom representative in the soundness and the indispensable value of democratic institutions and individual freedom, but we concur also in his view that it is for each country, whether a member of the League or not, to decide for

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