

but also the greatest possible measure of well-being and prosperity.

It is enough, however, to glance at a map of the world to convince oneself that in meeting the menace of totalitarian Communism, the British Commonwealth by itself does not constitute a system of collective security. The Commonwealth countries must obviously combine with other neighbouring countries if there is to be any real security. Great Britain recognized this truth when she became a member of the Western Union. I have said that the British Commonwealth of Nations does not constitute by itself a system of collective security. The same can be said of Western Union, left to itself. The United States and Canada cannot alone assure the maintenance of international peace, which is so necessary to their own security. Anything less than a North Atlantic Pact would give us no real hope of maintaining a preponderance of material and moral strength on the side of peace. And it is only if we can maintain an overwhelming preponderance on the side of peace, that we can maintain the peace.

We must get clearly into our minds the fact that a Security Treaty will not be fully effective if it is nothing more than a military alliance. In order to create and maintain an overwhelming preponderance, we must have on our side not only military strength but also economic strength and moral strength.

The economic reconstruction of Western Europe is thus an essential condition of our own Canadian security. In helping to reconstruct Western Europe, we have acted in our own best interests.

How can we add to the moral strength on our side? We can do it, I suggest, if the North Atlantic Alliance is the outward and visible sign of a new inward and spiritual unity of purpose in the free world. The alliance must be a sign that the North Atlantic nations are bound together not merely by their common opposition to totalitarian Communism but also by a common belief in the values and virtues of our Western civilization, and by a determination to work for the promotion of mutual welfare and the preservation of peace.

If a third world war should break out, Canada could not be neutral. We are situated right between two great powers, and whether we liked it or not, another world war would be fought at our very gates. It would moreover, be a conflict not merely between two great powers, but between an atheistic communist world and our democratic Christian civilization.

It is no secret for anyone that the leaders of the Soviet Union aspire to world domination. It is equally clear that they count as much on the weaknesses of the free nations as they do on their own armed strength. By demonstrating to the Soviet Union that the free nations of the world are really taking the measures necessary to defend themselves and to ensure respect for the principles of the Charter, the free nations may well convince the Soviets that it would be impossible for them to win a war if they started one. Now no one is likely to start a war with the prospect of losing it.