

(C) Most difficult and demanding of all - perhaps too much to ask of any but a people with a high concept of social responsibility - I think that there was implicit in the conference atmosphere a fervent hope and confidence in the United States. It was a hope and confidence that the United States would exercise in its commercial and economic policy a measure of self-restraint and discipline which can serve at once as an example to others and as a practical means toward achieving reasonable standards of living in all countries, maximum exchange of goods and services, and the development of a true sense of community among people.

In matters of commercial concern there must be found reconciliation and accommodation between independence and inter-dependence.

On my native Atlantic coast we were early taught to box the compass. Tonight, in a manner foreign, perhaps, to Euclid, the father of geometry, I have endeavoured to beat the bounds of a triangle, the base and symmetry of which mean much for the strength and stability of the countries within it and for all the nations of the free world. Can Canada and the United States, which constitute the base of the figure which I have sketched, continue to provide by word and deed an example to all the countries within and beyond the triangle, through the reconciliation of independence and interdependence? To attain that end, let us on the base work for the banishment of indifference and apathy and myopic vision.

For us, the haunting question of the ages, "am I my brother's keeper?" is not only deeply spiritual, but it is fraught with social, economic and political meaning.

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