

Our aid programme in Canada is being reshaped to meet this challenge. Despite the improvements in communications and the close relations which Canada has had with its partners in development, not enough is known about the way in which our special experience and capacities can be wedded to overseas need. We are moving to remedy this situation. Next month, we shall send a team of Canadian agricultural specialists to India. Their assignment is to define areas in which Canada, with its specific skills, experience and products, can mount better programmes of assistance. It is our hope that other nations may follow our lead and that those who require assistance will welcome this initiative.

Despite 20 years of co-operation, our two worlds are still too far apart. We in the economically-developed world must bring home to our peoples the true gravity of the situation. Those who are struggling against overwhelming odds in the developing world must take fuller advantage of the opportunities offered by economic co-operation.

Government aid programmes alone cannot meet the whole challenge of underdevelopment. Total mobilization of available resources is required and, to this end, government must look to its private sectors for the application of economic capacity and private initiative.

Here are vast resources of capital and scientific knowledge. Ways must be found to apply this capital and knowledge to problems far beyond our own borders. There are many scientifically-trained young people eager to serve overseas in the cause of international co-operation for development.

Those who guide the machinery of government and those who work in the experimental laboratories look to youth to provide a spur. Canada gives its full encouragement to its young people who wish to serve the cause of development, whether through government programmes or the energetic activity of our young volunteers. All over the world, young people must be given the opportunity to bring fresh ideas to bear upon the old, old problems.

You are the most deeply involved; you have the most to lose if the battle against hunger is not won; you are the best prepared to fight the battle.

But it is not to you alone that we must look. All who have responsibilities of leadership must accept the challenge.

The world has no place for neutrals or bystanders in this war on want. We are all involved. We shall all suffer if that war is not won. We shall all benefit from victory and it is my hope that we shall see the fruits of that victory in this generation.

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