

evening - and that is to Canada as a whole. Even beyond this area which concerns all the citizens of Canada, for whose benefit and to whose behalf the general government of Canada proceeds, there are responsibilities as to the fraternity of nations which we know as the British Commonwealth of Nations. It is certainly a high expression of "citizenship" that peoples of half-a-dozen sovereign nations in far-flung parts of the world should share in a common allegiance to the Crown which serves to unite them in an association unique in the history of the world.

There is, finally, a new and evolving loyalty to that general association of nations which has grown out of a titanic conflict for the maintenance of freedom in the world. Canada, in common with more than 50 other freedom-loving nations, has accepted under the Charter of the United Nations, certain obligations. These obligations may be thought of as good citizenship writ large, and carried into the areas of concern as between nations and nation.

If, in our dealings between one individual and another, we recognize the needs of patience, tolerance, and fair play, and if we make this friendly understanding the basis of our individual relationships, may we not also carry the same spirit into our ever-expanding relationships with our neighbour nations? May we not, in this ceremony here this evening, find a renewal of the inspiration which, nearly two centuries ago, began the founding of our nation, based at the beginning on the equal partnership of two great races and