

Our development is just beginning. We don't want to be "swallowed up" by even such a benevolent whale as the United States. I recall that in the classic swallow of all time, neither Jonah nor the whale was comfortable.

However, as a friend and neighbour, you can count on us to back you in all good causes. We know that we are tied closely to you and we wish it to be the tie that binds, and does not chafe. We have no delusions about our ability to stand alone in an uneasy and interdependent world. We realize that our future is bound up with the future not only of the United States, but of the United Kingdom, and the United Nations. For better or for worse, in sickness or in health, for richer or poorer we are wedded, bigamously, I fear, to London, Washington and Lake Success.

It is for us a shade ironical that, having just achieved national status and learned to walk on our own feet, we have learned also that we have to keep in step with others whose stride at times is a little longer than ours, and whose progress seems to us sometimes to be something less than direct. "Follow the leader" is not always an easy game for smaller nations to play these days.

May I just say this in conclusion and it gets me right back to where I started. The international picture is sombre. The hopes of San Francisco have been cruelly shattered. In this deteriorating and depressing situation however, there is one redeeming feature. In the face of the menace of aggressive communism, the free peoples are coming closer together. In that gathering together, the good-neighbourly relations between Canada and the United States should be both an example and an inspiration.

On our boundary line, between your Montana and our Alberta, there is a peace garden dedicated to the friendship between our two lands. In that garden is a tablet which reads:

"To God in His Glory, we two nations dedicate this garden, and pledge ourselves that as long as man shall live we will not take up arms against one another."

May that tablet, one day, be reproduced on every borderline between Nations, and may its message be written deep in the hearts of all men.