

"Now I am not going to say who in this audience are lions and who are lambs but I am sure we are all grateful to the Director-General and his staff whether they are our producers or our keepers.

"This is the third great meeting of Eastern and Western minds, hearts and minds, which I have attended in the last two or three years. Not long ago I was in Athens, that ancient sanctuary of the freedom of us all, that enfranchiser of the human mind. It was of Greece of which it was once said that the Greeks knew all the right questions to ask. I may say we are still searching for the right answers. At the closing session of seventy nations, many from the East and the West, we met as the sun was setting behind the Acropolis. We stood almost on the exact spot where Demosthenes once made his passionate pleas for the freedom of his native land. There also St. Paul preached of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. And I think we all realized there and then that without brotherhood there could be no freedom. And we lawyers found a pride and an inspiration in the knowledge that there were two lawyers, heralds of UNESCO, who both looked at the world with eyes of pity and talked to it with tongues of fire. One came from the West and the other one from the East. And one was Abraham Lincoln from the United States of America and the other was Mahatma Gandhi.

"And the other international meeting I attended was held in Scotland last year for the celebration of the birthday of that poet of the people and liberty, Robert Burns. Now there was no delegation more welcome or who deserved to be more welcomed at that meeting than the Russian Delegation. They were headed by a famous Russian poet, who had recently translated the poems of Robert Burns in to Russian. And any of you who read Burns will know that it must have been a formidable task. And in the first week he told me he sold 160,000 copies. And amongst the verses of Burns which appealed to my Russian friends and which are known, no doubt to you all, and have echoed in this meeting, as an inspiration, are some lines from a poem called, "A Man's a Man for A' That". Now in the verse I am going to quote to you there is one difficult word, "gree", which is the Scottish word for a prize. And this is what that poem says:

Then let us pray
That come what may,
As come it will for a' that
That sense and worth
Through all the earth,
Shall bear the gree
For a' that.
For a' that and a' that
It's coming yet for a' that,
That man to man the whole world o'er
Shall brothers be for a' that.