

should say it ought to be the nature of our neighbourhood, and usually it has been. We should be able to take differences in stride, as good friends who know how to take the broad view, to make the general interest prevail, and therefore to accommodate the minor differences with reason and restraint.

Mutual Interests Predominate

We shall the better be able to do this if we remember that the things we have in common are much greater than the things that divide us. The political traditions of the United States and of Canada are from the same roots. Each of us has tried to build a society that gives first place to the individual man - his needs, his hopes, his rights, his responsibilities. Our methods are in some ways different, and our efforts on both sides less than perfect, but on balance we can both claim some success in our dedication to the free society. We stand together also in our common dedication to the ways of peace and in our common determination to co-operate and prevail in the cause of freedom and fair dealing between nations. We stand together in the Atlantic alliance, which has proved itself to be the shield of a free world, and in a United Nations, which is groping toward a world brotherhood which, in our nuclear, jet-propelled age has become an urgent necessity for survival itself.

Sources of Disagreement

I am sure that to you at this university, who are students of history and of ideas, these things that our countries have in common need no emphasis from me. Of our differences you may be less aware; the differences which make the good relations between our two countries not always an easy relation. I do not think so much of our differences in particular interests. Those are normal and can be dealt with. I think of another and central relation which I have already mentioned - the enormous disparity in power between the two countries. You are a gigantic, a super, power. Canada is far from that.

From this, two consequences follow. We are always watching big brother to see what trouble he might get us into - while at times protesting at the fact that big brother is not watching us. You are unaware. We are uneasy. This can cause misunderstandings that should be avoided.

A second consequence of your being a big power and our being a much smaller power is that you and we at times react differently to international problems. Despite all that we have in common as North Americans, we often look at things through very different telescopes. We share this difference of viewpoint with other smaller countries.