

though I did not need to rub this in to that audience --- but for the future, since they can leave a heritage not of bitterness and resentment and misunderstanding, but rather of friendship and cooperation and mutual aid, which can prove of value if we are ever to achieve peaceful co-existence and, transcending that, a truly civilized world in which nations cooperate in the common interest of mankind.

I was not surprised that despite indications beforehand the tape recording of my little Russian speech was not in fact broadcast on the Soviet radio. The implications of these political facts of life are too disturbing for classical, orthodox Marxism-Leninism.

Now the main point I want to make is that Canada's historic invention of and attachment to the Commonwealth association, though it sprang in part from our concern about being left alone on an isolated continent with a much more powerful neighbour, and was largely a reaction to real or apprehended American pressure, was also in part based I think on a genuine and constructive vision that in the long term a satisfactory international environment for us must be more than continental. It was not merely defensive, but creative. That reaching out for overseas friends was a sound instinct. Ultimately, as we now know more clearly than earlier generations, our community of friendship must become global if humanity is not someday to blow itself up.

This search for, and cherishing of overseas links is, I think, the deepest continuing element in Canadians' attitude