

signs of reconstruction, but signs of a most farsighted and deliberate development of a nation. It has been exciting for me to be able to look in briefly on the growth of a modern Japan. Everything I have seen -- from the memorial at Hiroshima to the triumphant Olympic Stadium -- has impressed upon me the dimensions of the new stature Japan has achieved.

The remarkable preparations being made everywhere for the forthcoming Olympic Games have left me with no doubt that this great international event will have a most decisive symbolic value for the Japanese nation as a whole. I have been very interested to note that the symbolic value of the Olympics is deeply appreciated throughout the country. There is, of course, a very good reason for it -- this event will convince the entire world of the tremendous capabilities of this nation and the forward-looking attitude with which these capabilities are being put into action. Above all, I can think of no better place in the world where this event can take place and illustrate so effectively that the post-war era is closed and that a new era of development and imaginative construction is upon us.

In Canada, and in North America as a whole I might say, we too have for some time ceased to think in post-war terms -- even "cold war" is rapidly becoming old-fashioned.

No Contracting of Horizons

But this is not to say that, now that we have entered an era where peace is relatively more secure, now that we are in the throes of exploring the avenues which prosperity can open to us, we can shorten our individual national horizons and seek to exploit the present era of international fluidity for short-sighted, self-seeking national aims only.

For we shall have learned nothing from the past if we do not now realize that the future of every country depends on the future of all countries, and we shall have forsaken the future if we forget the lessons of the past and do not act in the interests of mankind.

Japan and Canada are perhaps in a chosen position to awaken the world to the possibilities of constructive interdependence, of meaningful, concerted action among countries who have learned to co-operate, partly through necessity but largely through a common desire to preserve peace in this world. In our respective positions vis-à-vis each other and vis-à-vis our mutual partner the United States of America, we have a unique opportunity not only to influence each other to our mutual advantages but also to widen our perspectives in a significant way -- of the Western Hemisphere through the United States' role in NATO and the OAS, of the Commonwealth through Canada's membership and, perhaps most important of all, of Asia through the respect and admiration Japan is acquiring throughout this continent.

Europeans, Western Europeans that is, have for some time now been moving toward a greater unity among themselves. The Canadian point of view, however, is that such steps toward unity should not stop at continental boundaries. We have consistently supported the idea of an Atlantic Community and we consider