

One Canadian student of these matters has said (and I quote what he has said): "We should be a country which, in domestic policy, actively encourages internal cultural differences, while in foreign affairs it becomes a leader in advocating and practising the freest possible exchange of capital, goods, people and ideas from every corner of the globe." ("Canada, 'The International Nation'" by Roy A. Matthews, Queen's Quarterly, Autumn 1965.)

That is the way in which we can best move forward. That is the best way to deal with the worry of U.S. pressures and any threat of U.S. economic control that we may have - not by counter-attacks but by diffusing such pressures, and the possibility of such control, in wider international arrangements and groupings, the members of which will co-operate for their own national advantage in an international climate which will make for international expansion rather than national restriction.

That is the way to our future. I admit at once, as a realist, that it is a way cluttered with obstacles, road-blocks and booby-traps. It should be the purpose of our policies - as I see it - to remove the obstacles and not, because of them, get "detoured" into blind alleys and one-way streets, even if those streets may seem to be paved with something that glitters but will not be gold.

... I have now finished my little lecture on Canadian-American relations.

If I have appeared to be giving Americans some advice, it is not because you are likely to make mistakes that we do not make; nor is it because you have faults that we do not have. It is not because of your weaknesses, which are not peculiar to you. It is because of your strength and power, which is indeed peculiar to you.

You are the most powerful people the world has ever known.

Your mistakes, therefore, can involve everybody - especially, and most quickly, your northern neighbour.

So we have the right, which we often exercise, to lecture you, to warn you, and occasionally even praise you.

We do this with all the greater confidence because, when we speak English, it is with an American accent - because we are American enough to be aware that the Dodgers are not characters out of Dickens but strange baseball players that have moved from Brooklyn to Los Angeles.

But even Canadians should really know better than to lecture or advise you. After all, it was a Canadian, Dr. Brock Chisholm, who wrote a few years back: "...Man's method of dealing with difficulties in the past has always been to tell everyone else how they should behave. We've all been doing that for centuries.