

Diefenbaker has far too big a majority for his own good, just as the Liberals had for too many years. I find myself wondering how he is going to perform. There is little doubt that he is in complete command of the party at the present time and there can be no doubt either that the sweeping Conservative success places him in a strongly dominant position in his party. When I first entered Parliament there were certain guiding principles that influenced both Conservative and Liberal ideas. In the present day such notions have been pretty well thrown out the window. In all my reading I cannot find a parallel for the blunders made by the Liberal Party, particularly over the last five years of its term of office, and I cannot help feeling that this began several years earlier. I see where some Toronto University Professor named Fox (perhaps he is well named) was telling some group of young Conservatives at Lake Couchiching this week that the important thing for a political leader was to make many and varied promises. It may be that he is wrongly reported but if not he is talking dangerous nonsense.

The international heavens are cloudy and little sunshine comes through. The Western Allies appear unable to unify their policies. The challenge from Russia in the years before us will almost certainly come in the economic field. There is plenty of evidence now that in the industrial field, both in their skill and imagination, the Russians do not mean to take a back seat. This will pose increasing problems for Canada in the European market.

It may be an impossible dream, but I would like to see all the European Western countries integrate their economies in a complete free trading area, and I would like to see Canada and the United States join this area by Treaty that would cover at least fifty years. However, this may be but the hallucination of an old fellow who should be musing on life's problems in a rocking chair.

With all my best good wishes,

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