

that of our great Asian friend, India. This is what Mr. St. Laurent said in India where it is so important that the objectives of American policy should not be misunderstood:

"As we see it, in the light of all the circumstances of the post-war period, the readiness of the United States to assume the responsibilities of a major power has been of very great benefit to the free world. ...

"Whatever those of us who do not bear the arduous responsibility of this role may think from time to time of particular proposals, we Canadians are thankful that, both through experience and by instinct, the United States and its people are devoted to peace and freedom for themselves and for all others. As their close neighbours, we have special reason to know and appreciate the qualities of the American people, which have been reflected in the fundamental outlook of their Government over the years." ...

This same thought was echoed by Sir Winston Churchill the other day when he pointed out that, without the exertions and sacrifices of the United States, chaos or subjugation might overwhelm us all. At the Geneva Conference just last week, my colleague, Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L.B. Pearson, asserted with a conviction based on our national experience that the people of the United States are "neither aggressive nor imperialist". He said:

"If indeed the United States did not respect the rights and interests of others, Canada would not today be an independent power, but merely a satellite of her great neighbour."

National Unity as a Key to Progress

In the United States and Canada, our unexampled political, social and economic progress, particularly during this century, is the result of many things -- technological discoveries, resources development, the increase in our population and the initiative and hard work of our people. But I would suggest that one of the most important factors in our growth -- and one that is frequently overlooked -- is the high degree of national unity which has gradually been achieved in each of our countries.

In my country, as in yours, we have created with conviction and with pride a national pattern, compounded of diverse racial and cultural elements, of old and new immigrations, all unified by a common devotion to the democratic tradition. We have proved that national unity can be a living thing, for we have built a working partnership of peoples from many lands -- peoples who have learned to appreciate the worth of their fellows and the distinctive contribution that can be made by each to the total strength and diversity of the nation.