

have decided that the time is opportune from their standpoint for an abatement in the cold war.

While the Western world is right in accepting at face value all genuine peace moves on the part of the Soviet, we must, at all costs, maintain our own unity and we must in no way lessen our preparedness. The world has witnessed peace manoeuvres before. We shall not shake off for generations to come the grim memory of Hitler's promise of "peace in our time", broken a scant twelve months later by the outbreak of the most destructive war in human history.

World Peace -- A Challenging Quest

It is a depressing thought to recall that in this century, Canadian forces have been at war for one year in every four.

Although the twentieth century stands out clearly as the greatest period of material progress, inventiveness and new discovery in the history of mankind, we have yet to learn the most fundamental secret of human life. In the short space of fifty years, men have learned to fly, they have won victory over disease and ill-health, they have harnessed the unbelievable power of atomic energy. This, too, will be remembered as the century of social progress, for, in enlightened countries, more has been done than ever before to provide a measure of social justice to all. But the supreme discovery has always eluded us -- the secret of how men can live together in peace and harmony.

Now this may seem an ignominious failure in the face of some of the miraculous accomplishments of the human mind. And yet, when one considers the complexity of even one human personality; when one considers the difficulties private individuals encounter in living side by side with one another; when one considers the simple fact that we have to have so many lawyers in this world, it becomes immediately evident why nations, composed of millions of individual human beings, are not always able to work out their differences in a sensible and mature manner.

If we want peace in the world, we will have to work for it -- and intelligent, patient, painstaking work it must be. Never was there a time when the challenge to human initiative was greater than at present. Peace is not a state which can be achieved simply, but something that we must keep on achieving. Peace, like war itself, is not static, but a dynamic, ever-changing condition requiring constant vigilance and continuing effort.

Four Steps To World Stability

The paramount issue we are facing today is the issue of peace or destruction. In spite of the enormity of the task they have set themselves, the free nations are steadfastly working together towards the realization of this great objective. Present efforts are following four distinct lines, each important in itself, each a necessary complement to the other three:

1. Military preparedness,
2. Aid to backward nations,