

is why both countries have air and land forces in western Europe. Whatever long-range bombing destruction may be aimed at this continent, the decisive fighting in the event of war will be waged finally by ground troops, and likely in Europe.

NATO is a regional defence association within the framework of the United Nations, and the defence of North America is part of the defence of the North Atlantic region. The two cannot be separated.

I have not attempted to deal with the part that Canada and the United States have played and continue to play in the NATO aspect of defence of the free world, and I shall not seek to do so now. It is a heartening and inspiring story in itself.

But I would remind you that every brigade we sent to Europe - every squadron of aircraft we base there - every modern naval ship we construct is a basic contribution to our own specific defence as well as to the defence of the free world. In conjunction with our friends of NATO and the U.N. we are jointly trying at one and the same time to strengthen our defences and bring about conditions to prevent, if possible, another global war - a global war which might prove to be, if it occurred, a war to end all wars but not in the way that we would like to see all wars ended.

I have sought to outline to you the steps by which defence collaboration between Canada and the United States has grown steadily closer and stronger as the years have passed.

It is not easy for two independent individualistic nations living at each other's doors to achieve such unanimity of purpose. It is still more difficult when one is a small nation, jealous of its freedom, and the other is a great world power fully conscious of its strength. It is difficult for two such nations to continue as a free-wheeling partnership and have that partnership not degenerate into a patron and satellite relationship.

Canada and the United States have done just that. They have demonstrated that such a partnership can be established and that it can be maintained and strengthened as the years go by.

Frankness in the exchange of views, full recognition of each other's point of view and a willingness to seek to meet that point of view, an understanding approach, mutual confidence based on mutual recognition of each other's sincerity, common ideals in respect of freedom, right and justice and all the things that really matter - these are the reasons for the outstanding results which have been achieved.

The spirit of co-operation and mutual understanding in which the United States and Canada have worked to provide for their common defence at home has made it easier for each of them to work closely and effectively with the other free nations of the world for the defence of all abroad. Understanding breeds