

Such a policy of negotiations -- which is neither a confession of weakness and need nor involve any betrayal of principle - becomes easier as the free world becomes stronger and more united. For we should not forget that our growing strength is not an end in itself but a means to an end; namely, the solution of international problems by peaceful means and the easing of international tensions.

I would like to conclude these remarks by returning to where I began; to the individual man and his own responsibility.

Today, it is true, we live in fear and tension and under the awful shadow of a nuclear cloud. But if each of us remains true to Christian ideals and Christian principles, which provide an answer to every question, a solution to every problem, we have no cause for despair.

Professor Arnold Toynbee has suggested that no great society is ever defeated by outside pressures or attack, unless it first defeats itself by disintegration of its own moral standards. If this is true, and I think it is, then the real issues, which will in the long run determine the political future and fate of our society must be faced and fought out within the minds and wills of each one of us. There is no escape from our individual responsibility and no other road to reach our goal.

A great and wise and venerable American jurist and citizen, Judge Learned Hand, gave us the answer to many questions that are troubling us when he wrote:

"You may build your Towers of Babel to the clouds; you may contrive ingeniously to circumvent nature by devices beyond even the understanding of all but a handful; you may provide endless distractions to escape the tedium of your barren lives; you may rummage the whole planet for your ease and comfort. It shall avail you nothing; the more you struggle, the more deeply you will be enmeshed. Not until you have the courage to meet yourselves face to face; to take true account of what you find, to respect the sum of that account for itself and not for what it may bring you; deeply to believe that each of you is a holy vessel unique and irreplaceable; only then will you have taken the first steps along the path of Wisdom. Be content with nothing less; let not the heathen beguile you to their temples or the Sirens with their songs. Lay up your Treasure in the Heaven of your hearts, where moth and rust do not corrupt and thieves cannot break through and steal."

If we all lived our lives and conducted our affairs in the spirit of those words, then, indeed, would we have found a sure and Christian foundation for world order.