

Diplomacy, now more necessary than ever, includes two things; first the effort, patient and persistent, to settle differences with those whom we rightly fear, though at times, with a fear that seems to freeze us into diplomatic immobility or fire us into something almost like panic. Secondly, there is the other kind of diplomacy, now also more important than ever: the search for agreement between friends on policies and tactics and timing, so that "our choosing" will mean an agreed collective decision, without prejudicing speedy and effective action in an emergency. Indeed, such agreement, after consultation and discussion, is to put it bluntly, necessary, if this policy of preventing aggression by the threat of immediate and overwhelming devastation, is to work collectively.

The stakes are now higher than ever, and the necessity for co-operation and consultation greater than ever. It is essential that we work together in any new defence policy - or we have already been working together - if the great coalition which we have formed for peace is not to be replaced by an entrenched continentalism which, I can assure you, makes no great appeal to your northern neighbour as the best way to prevent war or defeat aggression, and which is not likely to provide a solid basis for good United States-Canadian relations.

We have that basis now, I think, in a common devotion to freedom, law and justice; in a common belief in the supremacy of the individual over the state, and in a common fear of totalitarian tyranny, of subversive doctrines harnessed to the might of a great and aggressive communist empire which threatens those things in which we believe.

On that basis I hope we can erect and maintain a solid structure of friendship and even closer co-operation. If our two countries so close together in so many ways cannot do this, there is indeed little hope for peace and progress in the troubled world of to-day.