

I can even foresee that we in Canada, possessed of vast territory and free from any suspicion of military ambition may have a particularly significant part to play in international efforts to make peaceful forays into outer space and to bring it under international control.

Commerce between the scientific communities of the Soviet Union and the West would be, I feel sure, to our mutual advantage. Indeed, it may well be indispensable if we are to find a way out of the dangerous impasse in which the world now stands. But I am emboldened to think that a much wider interchange of persons would also be to our advantage. You may recall that the earliest democracy in Europe 500 years before Christ, prided itself upon the fact that: "We leave our city open to all men, nor do we ever by banishing strangers, prevent them from studying or observing any of those things which, if not hidden, might be of benefit to an enemy. We do not rely upon tricks of secret preparation and deceit, but upon our own courage in action". In a different age, the simplicity of that principle no doubt requires modification. But I hope that we will display something of the vigorous self-confidence that characterized Athenian democracy.

With that quotation from Thucydides, I return to some of the fundamental values on which our civilization rests. In the effort to find an accommodation with the Soviet Union, I have no doubt that there will be many points on which we will have to negotiate and compromise. There are some points, however, on which no compromise is possible. They include our convictions concerning tyranny and freedom, concerning aggressive and peaceful intentions, concerning justice and injustice, concerning cruelty and kindness, and concerning liberty and serfdom. Upon these matters, for all the ease of our relationships within our frontiers and with our allies and friends throughout the world, we are prepared to make no compromise whatsoever. We in Canada have no very long tradition of political experience. But I do not believe it is naive of us to think that there is something significant in the direction which refugees take when, in despair, they try to escape from conditions which they find no longer tolerable. It is our hope and our determination, if it is permitted to us, to live on terms of friendship and of respect with countries everywhere; but at the same time we will not abandon our conviction that there is a difference between a prison and a haven. Whatever may happen to us, may we never lose that conviction, and all that stems from it.