

have been giving in the international aid effort. We started from a low level but we have been increasing our aid effort by 50 million dollars a year until it has now reached a level of 300 million dollars a year. The Government has announced that it intends to continue to increase our aid effort until we reach a level of one per cent of our annual production of goods and services.

What I plead for tonight is that the voluntary organizations represented on this Centenary Council organize public support behind this courageous decision of the Government and that the voluntary organizations say to the Government: "We congratulate you on what you have done. We want you to go further and faster. We will do everything we can to enlist public support behind a much larger aid effort. We want you to move at a faster rate. We want the target not to be one per cent of goods and services but a billion dollars. We hope you can reach this goal in five or six years' time. We want a substantial part of this increased aid to go to the International Development Association, the World Bank's agency for granting soft loans to hard projects in deserving poor countries. We will make clear to the Canadian people that