

Canada has no territorial desires. She has no desire to impose her will or views on other nations, and would not if she could. Democracy cannot be forced on nations or individuals by war threats or other means of coercion because it is founded on spiritual things and the aspirations of the human spirit.

Beginning with the two major founding nations of British and French, Canadians of these and many other races have learned to live together in amity. To Canada's shores have come people of every race and colour, and that she has been able to meet one of the world's major problems, that of discrimination, is shown by the presence of an Indian in the Senate and a member of the Chinese race in the House of Commons, who was elected in an electoral district predominantly of the white race, and by the fact that Parliament has representatives of sixteen races among its members.

Canada's purpose is to do her part to assure peace in the world, selfishly if you like, for she depends on trade, being the fourth greatest trading nation in the world, and trade depends on peace. Canada wants peace because her geographical position is between the two most powerful countries in the world, the United States of America and the U.S.S.R., and Canada in any war would be a vulnerable target. But primarily Canada wants peace because of the realization that the alternative to peace is the destruction of everything that we hold dear.

Canada, with a relatively small population of 17.5 million, is an independent nation within the Commonwealth of Nations, proud that it was here that the principles and concepts of the Commonwealth had their beginning.

International Commitments

Internationally, Canada is a member of the United Nations, and has been since its inception. This country belongs to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, an alliance without aggressive purposes, which stands as a bulwark of defence for the freedom of the rights of men, and for peace -- composed of 15 nations, including many of the countries represented here: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States, and West Germany.

Canada's closest neighbour is the United States, a nation with ten times Canada's population. We pursue separate ways in mutual trust and friendship, and without fear of war, for war between these countries is unthinkable. The effective answer to communist propaganda that the United States has aggressive or warlike purposes is that for more than 140 years peace has existed between Canada and the United States. There are no fortifications