appeared more intimidating to us.

Canadians still smart when they recall President Theodore Roosevelt's tough instructions to Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., on the occasion of the Alaska-Yukon boundary arbitration. But how many of your historians have ever noted what Canada's first Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald was at one time contemplating as your fate?

In 1857 that gentleman wrote to a correspondent in Calcutta:

"War will come some day between England and the United States, and India can do us yeoman's service by sending an army of Sikhs, Ghoorkas and Beluchees across the Pacific to San Francisco, and holding that beautiful and immoral city with the surrounding California as security for Montreal and Canada."

(Laughter)

You see, Mr. Chairman, that although Canadians may not always be able to follow through, we should never be said short on imaginative proposals.

Indeed, a question which some of your Canadian newspaper colleagues are now beginning to ask about my government is whether our ideas are capable of implementation. It's a valid question.

Imaginative and original approaches to problem solving are always welcome, but they must be practical and