

Certainly such free world unity and strength is needed today - especially in the NATO coalition - as never before. And - in that coalition - there is a special reason, a special necessity for the closest possible Anglo-American-Canadian co-operation.

For Canada, with the United States as a neighbour and the United Kingdom as a mother country, it is a first requirement of policy to do everything it can to promote such co-operation on the closest and most friendly basis.

The English-speaking countries share common institutions, common traditions of freedom and law. We have also the bond of language. This last bond is, I fear, occasionally reduced to the ability to criticize, and argue, and bicker in words that cannot be softened by translation. It provides a convenience which we should not abuse. Otherwise we may reach the deplorable position described by Bernard Shaw when he said that Great Britain and the United States were two countries divided by a common language.

But I have gone on too long, far longer I'm sure than Dr. Imhotep did to his U. of M. commencement audience 5,000 years ago.

May I conclude by wishing you who have finished this stage of your education, good fortune, and the true satisfaction and happiness that comes from sincere effort and honest achievement.

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