

is a remarkable and unique example to the world. In my extensive travels, I have found nothing in either the developed or the developing world that comes even remotely close. Quite the contrary. Good neighborliness and mutual trust between nations are rare ingredients indeed on this tragically troubled planet.

Although I have discovered that there are many around the world who think otherwise, good Canada-United States' relations are not something we inherited automatically along with our North American domiciles. We have had to work at it; we must still work at it. Otherwise minor irritants, of which there must be many thousands between Canadians and Americans in the run of a year would soon accumulate and merge into a general feeling of antipathy and even bitterness. This is the fact, and the example we can convey in our international relations.

In our dealings with the world community, there is little real difference in the ultimate goals of Canada and the United States. This is not only because we consult on and co-ordinate many of our foreign policy initiatives. It is also because, instinctively, we perceive international problems in the same way and usually arrive independently at the same conclusions. The essential difference which can create difficulties, is that the United States is a superpower while Canada's ability to influence and shape events is much more limited.

Middle East leaders told me last week that the United States holds 90% of the cards needed to resolve the torment of that troubled region. The same was said by some regarding Cyprus and the various African conflicts. That does not leave much leverage or influence for the rest of us, including Canada; especially when in other places and at other times that other super-power, the Soviet Union, plays the principal role.