

yet he called them, quite properly, one of the great stocks of Europe. And what Yeats said of his people's contribution to Ireland, I say of what our people, the people of Canada, have contributed to world affairs: "We Canadians are no petty people. We are one of the great stocks of the Western World. We are not the kind of people to remain passive while others decide our destiny for us."

"A nation", Frank Underhill has written, "is a body of people who have done great things together in the past and who hope to do great things together in the future." This nation has done great things together in world affairs. We can do greater things in world affairs in the future.

I have quoted one great poet, an Irishman. I'll quote another great poet, an Indian, Rabindranath Tagore. He said, "Each nation has a special problem given to it by God, and it finds its salvation by solving it rightly. Hence the Sanskrit saying, VEERABHOGYA VASUNDARA, the world belongs to the valiant."

It is a dangerous thing for a great power to come to believe that it has a Messianic role to play