

whose peoples at best are only one step removed from starvation, the over-riding objective is change, - quick and dramatic change. Life for this two-thirds of the world was yesterday without hope, relief only a distant dream. Today these people know that their aspirations for a better life are a practical possibility. The ferment caused by this knowledge is perhaps the most important motive force of our time.

31. The underdeveloped nations are demanding a new division of labour and a redistribution of capital resources to bring to their people the advantages enjoyed by the wealthy west. But so far, in spite of the fact that we are in the second decade of an organized response to this demand, with the level of development assistance at a record high, the gap between the "haves" and "have-nots" continues to increase. It is this hard fact that has led the Secretary-General to comment forcefully that if the ever-widening gulf between the rich countries and the poor