

"Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp,
Or what's a heaven for?"

We must encourage those developments in our societies which will contribute to the goals of internationalism and the pursuit of excellence. Let me give you one encouraging and significant example of what I mean.

I think one of the great concepts of our age is represented in the American Peace Corps and in Canada by the Canadian University Service Overseas. These bodies which are providing opportunities for our young people to go abroad and share in the exciting adventures and challenges of the developing countries are doing much to increase a spirit of internationalism amongst our people and to prepare our young people for the kind of world which confronts them. They are truly becoming citizens of the world. These organizations and others like them deserve our support for the important tasks they are fulfilling. I should like to pay a tribute to the fine work that is being done by the American Peace Corps and in my own country by the Canadian University Service Overseas.

But it is not only abroad but at home as well where we must encourage people's best efforts and the pursuit of high standards. We must resist tendencies in our society to think in terms of status symbols and to think of some jobs of having more prestige than others. There is great dignity in all aspects of human labour and it is not the job that counts so much as the quality of the man or woman fulfilling the job and the kind of efforts they put into their work.

As John Gardner, the President of the Carnegie Foundation, put it in his recent book entitled "Excellence":