

other two countries in the world. It is no wonder that we are each so interested in the continued social stability and economic prosperity of the other.

Nor should we be surprised that the desire of the American and Canadian peoples to understand and help one another sometimes adopts unusual forms. In what other two countries in the world could there be reproduced the scene of tens of thousands of people in a Montreal baseball park identifying totally with one team against the other, forgetting all the while that every single player on each is American, and a similar scene in the Washington hockey arena where thousands of spectators identify totally with one team against another, forgetting that virtually every player on the ice is Canadian?

Thus do the images blur, and sometimes they lead to chafing. Yet how civilized are the responses! How temperate are the replies! We threaten to black-out your television commercials. You launch fusillades of anti-trust proceedings! Such admirable substitutes for hostility!

More important than the occasional incident of disagreement is the continuing process of management we have successfully incorporated into our relationship. It is a process that succeeds through careful attention, through consultation, and through awareness on both sides of the border that problems can arise that are attributable neither to intent nor neglect but to the disproportionate size of our two populations and the resulting imbalance of our economic strength.

Those differences will probably always lead us in Canada to attempt to ensure that there be maintained a climate for the expression of Canadian culture. We shall surely also be sensitive to the need for the domestic control of our economic environment. As well, in a country visited annually by extreme cold over its entire land-mass, a country so far-flung that transportation has always posed almost insuperable problems, the wise conservation of our energy resources assumes a compelling dimension. And for a people devoted throughout their history to accommodating themselves to the harshness, as well as the beauty, of their natural surroundings, we shall respond with vigour to any threat of pollution or despoliation, be it from an indigenous or from an external source.

Our continent, however, is not the world. Increasingly it is evident that the same sense of neighbourhood that has served so well our North American interests must be extended to all parts of the globe and to all members of the human race. Increasingly, the welfare and human dignity of others will be the measurement of our own condition.

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