

that between the Commonwealth, France, and the United States.

Canada has perhaps a more important part to play in this relationship than is at times comfortable for us. We talk a lot about our special privilege because we are American, we are British and we are French; that we have peculiar opportunities for understanding all three countries on whom our future depends to such a great extent. But with these privileges and these opportunities come grave responsibilities. If at times at the United Nations and elsewhere in the discharge of these responsibilities we seem to be accepting commitments which may appear to be a little too heavy for a country of 16 million people, which has problems enough of its own at home, that is due, I think, to the fact, first, that Canada has built up a reputation in war and peace as a country that accepts and discharges its responsibilities, that has no particular axe to grind, no ambitions of an unworthy kind.

I hope that we will continue to act in the discharge of our international responsibilities in such a way as to deserve the good repute which I think we have gained.

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