

We must remember, however, that social security is not an end in itself. To have a prosperous economy, governments must consistently follow sound economic and fiscal policies and full scope must be given to personal initiative and enterprise. No amount of social security, no matter how well conceived or well intended, can compensate for foolhardy economic policies.

In my remarks this evening I have attempted to assess the strength of Canada's prosperity and to indicate my faith in the boundless capacity of our future. If, in the years ahead, we can continue the balanced development that results from courageous investment -- in our productivity, in peace and in our people -- we will continue to build, in freedom, a structure that will stand the hazards of the years.

The way to the future does not lie through Communism or any other sort of violent revolutionary upheaval. The gradual revolution of democracy has brought the individual citizen and his welfare to be the first concern of government and this is the only revolution that will endure. It will endure because it centers, not on hate and despair, but on faith and brotherhood. It will endure because it takes its inspiration -- not from the needy or the wealthy or those in between -- but from the widespread conviction of Canadians that the welfare of each is the welfare of all.

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