

This part of the paper has been commonly misquoted and taken to mean that Canada is trying to dodge international responsibility and to repudiate the invaluable work it has done in the mediation of disputes and in peace-keeping operations -- in which we are still involved in Cyprus, the Middle East and Kashmir. Nothing could be further from the truth. Canada is ready to act as mediator or to provide peacekeeping forces when called upon to do so, but there must be some real hope that the operation will be effective.

The review has brought home to us many things we already knew but to which we had not given due weight. In the late forties and early fifties, Canada, emerging from the war with its economy strengthened when the economies of most countries had been weakened, enjoyed a brief spell of unusual prominence upon the international stage. Since then, friends and former enemies have rebuilt their economies, the Soviet Union has emerged as a super-power, China has come to have the potential to be a world power. All this is true, but what is even more true is that Canada has grown in strength and independence since those days to an extent not generally realized or accepted, at least by some Canadians. The prominence we enjoyed in a world devastated by war could not last. As a nation stronger and more important than we were then, we are taking our place and playing our part in the world as it is today....

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