

I wish time would permit extended reference to the way in which common ultimate objectives have made possible daily co-operation in the conservation of our fishery resources, in utilization of water power, in scientific research, in providing gainful employment, and so on. Most of you, however, will have many practical examples in mind so that I need not elaborate.

In my attempt this evening to make a realistic appraisal of relationships between the United States and Canada I hope I have been able to make clear several rather simple conclusions.

In the first place, I suggest that there is no magic salve but that we must employ an intelligent and positive approach to each problem as it arises.

In the second place, there has been such a change in the world situation during the past twenty years and there has been such a vast change in the international responsibilities of the United States and Canada during that period of time that we must assess our problems in the light of the current situation and not seek refuge in panaceas of a bygone day.

In the third place, there has been a harmonious approach to what I have referred to as our border problems.

Fourthly, there has been some coordination in the field of foreign aid and a degree of cooperation in pursuing some common objectives in such other international economic institutions as the International Monetary Fund.

As a fifth point, there has been a most remarkable continuing close cooperation in political and military affairs which has resulted in a large measure of success in accomplishing our objectives.

I now add very briefly and tentatively a sixth comment. As I see it, in world political and military affairs there has been substantial agreement between us on objectives. There is close cooperation in coordinating measures for seeking to attain those objectives. Above all, there has been the voluntary acceptance of some measure of self-restraint, even of self-sacrifice, in order to attain our common objectives.

Self-restraint, self-sacrifice, self-discipline, these are hard words in our modern society. Nevertheless, I suggest that we should ponder them and seek to determine how much they have contributed to the success of our cooperation and friendship.