

Character of nationalism. Peoples with a strong sense of national identity have been submerged politically and even economically for decades and centuries, but have clung stubbornly to the characteristics which identified them as a national group. They have, moreover, resisted with equal stubbornness efforts to integrate them within wider political organizations because they felt that they were being threatened with annihilation.

I am sure, therefore, that the real path of progress lies in another direction. It lies through the long, patient and persistent effort that is required to build up a world organization by consent. Those of us who live in the United States and Canada know how difficult and delicate a procedure this must be, but we also know how successful it can be. We know that it requires a careful computation and balancing of forces within the community. We know that the interests of any section of a federal state must be given means of expression, that all sections of the community must be able to articulate their views, and that in a rough and ready way the power which is exercised at the centre of such a state must represent the distribution of influence in the community. I am sure that by applying these principles in our efforts to establish an international organization we shall be making the best use of the great resources which are available to mankind for the preservation of peace.