

position, if not among the great powers, at least as a leader of the so-called middle powers, and, while a Canadian is reluctant to claim credit on behalf of his country, I believe we have been able to influence the course of events along constructive lines and enjoy a respect among the nations exceeding our political importance.

If we do enjoy that respect, it is because other nations see Canada not only as a nation of great and growing economic strength but also as one which has shown integrity and competence in its economic dealings. They recognize our bona fides and have learned to expect from us capacity in dealing with technical problems and in the art of government. This is not an accident. Canada's not inconsiderable role in two world wars has been played not out of thought of territorial or other selfish gain but because we realized, either instinctively or consciously, that freedom and the integrity of our way of life were at stake. We have been willing to do our share in shouldering the post-war responsibilities which membership in a "one-world" system entails, as we believe. We have contributed to the relief of world distress and, in proportion to our size and resources, have done at least as much as any other nation to promote by way of loans the economic restoration of the war-ravaged countries which were our good customers in the past and are expected to be so again -- we expect to continue this assistance in future to the extent that we are financially able to do so. We have striven to preserve the peace and to promote better political and economic relations. We have sent of our best to represent us in the deliberations of