

Certainly it would have been infinitely more difficult, in my opinion, to get out of the difficulties in which we found ourselves last November if the nations of the world had not been gathered together in New York. It is true that one works at times in the United Nations under the white light of intense and often ill-advised and distorted publicity; at other times, in the shadow and under the threat of majority pressures which do not lead to moderate and responsible conclusions. Nevertheless, there have been great achievements to the credit of our world organization, and they should not be forgotten in the frustrations and setbacks we have also suffered. These setbacks would have occurred perhaps in a worse form if there had been no United Nations. The achievements might not have been possible at all without it.

The United Nations has now existed for ten years, during which time it has struck deep roots in the hopes, in the emotions and in the aspirations of the free nations and peoples of the world. Its very existence is a fact, the importance of which cannot be overlooked. We should work with and through it to the greatest possible extent. We should make the very best we can of it. We can try to alter and improve it, and we can and should resist certain wrong trends. But we do not serve the cause of peace and progress when we seek to weaken and denigrate the world organization. We do serve that cause when we try to support, strengthen and develop it.

I know of no better way of doing this than to restore and reinforce the closest possible co-operation between the British, American and French delegations at the meetings of the Organization. I do not mean to suggest, of course, that this co-operation should not be wider and include many other delegations. But I want to see the kind of "togetherness" if I may use that word, between these three delegations which once existed and which can be of such great even essential, value not only to the United Nations but to peace itself. Indeed, in the tense and difficult days in which we live, nothing can take its place.

It must continue to be a major principle of Canada's foreign policy to take advantage of every possible opportunity to bring this about.

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