Incidentally, in the affairs of NATO where you and the British and French are so closely associated, the Canadian Delegation has frequent opportunity of playing the celebrated role of interpreter for which we're supposed to be so providentially suited. It's true, of course, that we're able to explain the Americans to the British from time to time and vice versa - and sometimes we may be a help to, and with, the French. But in my experience we not infrequently find ourselves with the other lesser powers - like Holland and Belgium, or Norway. For it is hard for the "big" two or three to appreciate at all times, in the rush of events and the urgency of decision, that we too have our legislatures and our public opinions - and to be "informed" is not the same as to be "consulted" when our own national interests, and even prejudices, are involved.

It is not perhaps so surprising that you should find us your active ally in the Atlantic community. For, although we are a North American country, we have had throughout our history a strong sense of Europe. And it was, I suppose, natural that, when we emerged from our own national habitation, we should be willing to give hostages to those countries from which our fathers came and in which many of our material interests lay. It is, I think, more significant that we should be your active ally in the Far East where, before the last war at all events, our national sentiments and interests had not been largely engaged. Nevertheless we are there, alongside you in Korea as part of the United Nations forces, standing now on guard, after their successful resistance to Communist aggression. The United States - with the Republic of Korea - has of course provided by far the majority of the United Nations forces and made the greatest sacrifice of blood and treasure. But the Canadian contribution has not been negligible - in quantity or in quality - a brigade group of our Army which has fought with distinction alongside your own boys, and substantial elements too of our Air Force and our Navy. The fact that Canadian forces are in Korea and that the Canadian Government and people responded as they did to the lead given by the United States is the best proof of our willingness to accept wider world responsibilities and to share with you and other free nations the cost of security by collective means.

So, at home and abroad, Canada and the United States are bound firmly together by links of history, geography and interest. Despite our occasional family squabbles and the blandishments of Communism which seek to divide us, our relations as neighbours remain an example to the world of how a large and powerful nation and a relatively small power can live alongside one another in mutual respect and amity. Now as allies, on a larger stage where the fate of mankind may be determined in our generation, let us so comport ourselves with patience, steadfastness and tolerance that our dealings with each other may provide a standard and an inspiration to our partners in the cause of decency, freedom and peace.