

as indeed you have - to foster unity and co-operation inside our coalition as well as to protect our own national interests.

On your part, I hope you will accept the fact - with all its implications - that Canada is a nation in its own right; that Canadians are intensely proud of the progress their country has been making; feel that we have a great destiny ahead of us, and that we have an increasingly important part to play in the free world. It will I hope be a Canadian part but it will be one which cannot be separated from yours.

Your importance to us is obvious; the effect on Canada of every move you make, political, financial or cultural, is quick and considerable; sometimes it is decisive. This ranges from Congressional elections to new models for cars, or the abolition of the two platoon system in football.

We are, however, on our part becoming more important to you. That is shown in our joint arrangements - far-reaching and co-operative - for continental defence in which we are essential; in the fact that we are by far your largest market and your biggest field for investment. Our growing importance to you is shown in many other ways. Without Canadian co-operation, Detroit cannot become a seaport! Nor can it win the National Hockey League Championship without Canadian players who should be over in Europe this Winter getting the World Championship back from the Russians!

It should also be remembered that as our relations become more important, they are becoming more complex. If these relations are good, it is certainly not because we have not a great variety of tough problems. It is because we approach their solution in this spirit of good neighbourhood and friendly partnership. But this relationship cannot be taken for granted or allowed to develop, without planning or understanding, or care. If so it might soon lose much of its good and special quality.

There will, of course, be times when we will differ - that happens in the best of partnerships when they are voluntary. On occasions Canadians when they don't agree with you, will express their own views frankly and in a North American idiom that you will understand. But behind it all will be the kind of co-existence between nations that those in power in Moscow and, say, Warsaw, would not be able even dimly to comprehend; because it is based on friendship and freedom, on trust and understanding.

When we talk of "co-existence" now, however, we are not likely to think of the United States and Canada and their good neighbourhood. The word has now acquired a suspect specialized meaning - most words do which are taken over and debased by communism - and another greatly abused word, "peaceful", is put in front of it by the Kremlin to supply the answer to what is indeed the central question of our time; can the free nations live in the same world with the nations that belong to the international communist conspiracy; without war - which would be total destruction; or without submission - which would be total degradation?

In facing up to the challenge of this question, what we need is not some blind and wishful faith that "peaceful co-existence" with communism on honourable, or at