

earned the contempt of our children and our grandchildren. They will have every right to blame us for the kind of world we will have bequeathed to them. They will not easily forgive us for our short-sighted and ignoble policies on foreign aid.

Here is the most serious gap which exists today in the defences of civilization. Here is an opportunity for Canada to play a creative role in world affairs.

If Canada were to spend another 700 million dollars a year on defence, this would increase the defence expenditures of the NATO countries by less than one percent. If Canada were to give another 700 million dollars of aid to poor underdeveloped countries to help them speed up their economic development, this would increase the net flow of aid from the NATO countries to poor countries by about fifteen per cent.

I do not suggest that we immediately increase our foreign aid expenditures by 700 million dollars a year. What I do say is this: Canada has, during the past few years, been setting an example in foreign aid by the steady annual increases in the amount of our foreign aid and by the intellectual leadership which Canadian cabinet ministers and civil servants