

to the participating nations. The U.S.S.R. is not unmindful of the benefits that flow from such a policy, and while I have no information of the number of Asian students, I am informed that some 2,000 students from Africa are now studying in Moscow, Budapest and Prague.

The West must get to know the East. I think that if finances would permit there is a need for the establishment in Canadian universities of Chairs for the study of Asian history and affairs, and of Commonwealth relationships, as the Commonwealth is by its very nature an object lesson to the world in tolerance as between race and creed. Incidentally, the only university in North America which provides a course on the Commonwealth is located in the Southern United States.

I said earlier that the struggle for the minds of men will depend on the example that each of the nations of the free world give in the laboratories of daily living. Canada needs men and women of dedication and ability to make her contribution to public life.

We live in an age that is dark and menacing which means that there are great challenges and grave problems. We live in a world in which men can reach for the moon and grasp it, which means that there are as great, if not greater and more challenging opportunities than ever before. We live in an age requiring service and sacrifice of men and women who, in the spirit of Mahatma Gandhi.

"ever in his right hand carried gentle peace to silence envious tongues. His prayer each day was: 'Lead me from untruth to truth, lead me from darkness to light'."

John Morley put it this way:

"....not many have so many gifts of the spirit as to be free to choose by what pass they will climb the steep where fame's proud temple shines afar."

But every person having integrity, dedication and a tireless capacity for energy and service has the qualifications for public life.

By 1979 Canada will have a population, according to some prophetic economists, of at least thirty million. It is possible that we will be the only Western country whose population growth has not only kept pace but actually exceeded the world average. Canada's role will be much more than that of an interpreter and intermediary between the great powers. We will then no longer be a middle power, but one of the leading powers of the West. Canada must be prepared for her larger role in the international sphere.