

and the North Atlantic Alliance as being a humiliating one -- and some do talk that way, you know, -- whether they are sincere or not, I leave it to their listeners to judge -- my own reaction is that they are just talking nonsense. We are not always in the front line in publicity; but anyone who knows anything at all about us and about them does know that we are not often backward in effective performance.

One other point I think I should make before I conclude. In this present world-wide struggle between totalitarian communism and the free world, success will ultimately depend on much more than armed forces and military weapons, important and urgent though these are in this preventive stage. Some of the most effective weapons are not military weapons at all.

The real hope of communism is to destroy our so-called capitalist society from within by fomenting discontent, by creating divisions between classes, by gaining power over trade unions, by infiltrating into key positions and by a host of other subversive means. The communist technique is to put themselves in a position to take over governments and thereby gain control over whole nations. In many parts of Europe and Asia this technique has been altogether too successful.

At the present time, it does not constitute a threat in Canada, because we have an enlightened population which is increasingly aware of how the communists work, and the vast majority of our people are convinced that they have a better life and greater opportunities in our society than would be possible behind any iron curtain.

But we have to realize that the maintenance of our high standards of living and of human welfare is an objective which competes directly with the increasing demands for national and international security. In this shadow land between war and peace, it is obvious that some of our personal wants will have to go unsatisfied for the time being, if we are to act effectively to prevent war.

Many years of sustained effort may be necessary if war is to be prevented. If, as a nation, we are to be equal to that sustained effort, nothing will be more important than the maintenance of good relations, of a feeling of genuine partnership in all sections of our Canadian population. The members of your Association can contribute to that sense of national partnership especially through the maintenance of good working relations with labour.

We should never forget that the communists have always directed their main appeal particularly to organized labour. We have all watched with the greatest satisfaction the effective way in which the responsible leaders of Canadian labour have fought this subversive menace to their organizations. They are fighting a battle for all of us, for our way of life, and they deserve our help. Good relations with labour have been one of the happiest characteristics of Canadian industry in the post-war period. Everything those of you who are employers can do to give to labour a genuine sense of co-operative partnership in our national endeavour will not only increase our national capacity to provide security, but it will also contribute greatly to the capacity of your members individually and