

united. NATO preserves freedom because of the unity of the countries that are joined together in that alliance. Canada's contribution, through the former Prime Minister, my predecessor in office, was very great in the formation of NATO. If it had not been for NATO, the rights of free men long since would have gone. Mr. Khrushchov says that with the single stroke of his pen he will terminate Western rights in the city. The free world, I said, is united. Those rights and responsibilities are ours; we accept them. The people of West Berlin on many occasions have made clear their desire for a democratic way of life and for the continued presence of the Western occupying forces in their city.

Those responsibilities that rest on the shoulders of those that try to give to the free world leadership have been awe-inspiring in recent days. The leaders of the free world have agreed that the West does not intend to betray the trust placed in them by the citizens of West Berlin by turning them over to the tyranny of Communist rule.

#### Resilient Policy Needed

The West must pursue a policy which, while demonstrating the unity and determination of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to preserve the freedom of the citizens of West Berlin, is at the same time resilient and adaptable to changing conditions; we must be ready to make changes where those changes do not mean the sacrifice of principle. I believe this with all my heart. If in 1913 and 1914 Kaiser Wilhelm had known what the attitude of the countries opposed to him was, there might never have been war; for Lord Grey has said that, if we had not given up negotiation, we would have prevented the war that took place. And again in 1935 and 1939, if the Western nations opposed to Nazi Germany had made it clear where they stood, it is generally agreed today that things might have been different and that war might have been prevented. I believe that if the Western alliance maintains its unity, does not indulge in challenging speeches and shows itself to be possessed of calm determination of purpose, there should be no fear in the days ahead.

#### Modern Tale of Two Cities

In the last few days something else has happened. The closing of the border on Sunday between East and West Berlin is a serious incident. Berlin is a modern tale of two cities. The lights of one are too bright for the other. The mightiest empire on earth in area and in potential power has closed the gates to Berlin, not in defence of men, not against the people outside, but in defiance of those within. I think that the very fact that in the last few weeks a horde of people have fled from East Germany to West Germany, and that that horde has in past years been mounting, indicates that all is not as it is claimed to be. If the Soviet system is paradise, why is it the people of West Berlin do not beset the Brandenburg Gate and beseech the Burgomaster of East Berlin for citizenship?