

"That is not unity. It is an attempt at dictation and it is not the way free men associate."

Those are good and true words. They derive from the recognition of the fact that policy - like peace and prosperity - is indivisible and that there is a strength in the co-operation of free men that slave societies can never hope to attain.

In this co-operation, difficulties often daunt us - and trials oppress. The long and hard ascent to friendship and better understanding between peoples often seems like the last 1,000 feet to the summit of Mt. Everest; a peak, incidentally, which was finally scaled by a Nepalese and an Anglo-Saxon, a Buddhist and a Christian, working together.

In our slow march forward and upwards we meet frustrations and we have our setbacks. These, however, mean no disgrace, and are no cause for despair, as long as we do not allow them to drive us off our course or destroy our resolve.

If we, whose graduation date seems now a depressingly long way behind us, falter in this striving for better things among and between men, well, the class of '53 will soon be on the scene in more than 53 free countries.

I know that you of the Dartmouth division of this great, reinforcing army, whatever the work that you are called on to do, whatever your responsibilities may be, will add your strength, your energy and your mind and heart to the effort that is being made in so many lands to bring peace and decency and some tranquillity to this tortured and frightened world.

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