

for new emphasis on policies, domestic and external, that promote economic growth, social justice and an enhanced quality of life for all Canadians.

I think it is true to say that Canada exports more per head of population than any other country -- certainly we are well in the forefront. Fostering economic growth for Canada means working for the good health of the international trading community -- our own economic well-being and that of all countries depends upon a buoyant world market.

The existence of two super-powers makes the ranking of nations as great powers, middle powers and small powers irrelevant. Canada makes no pretensions to "power" in the absolute sense but it does intend to have an effective voice in world affairs. To act constructively in the community of nations one must have a power-base of some kind. In this limited sense, Canada must be seen as an economic rather than a military power. Emphasis on economic growth enhances Canada's capacity to play its full part in the councils of the nations.

I have dealt with economic growth at some length since the emphasis upon it has been widely misunderstood. What is often forgotten is that the Government places within the same pattern of emphasis the themes "Social Justice", within which fall the great problems of the developing world, relics of colonialism, racial discrimination and the need for development assistance, and "Quality of Life", which is concerned as much with problems in the developing world as with problems in Canada and necessarily overlaps the theme "Harmonious Natural Environment".

The policy themes can and do come into conflict and require the Government to make hard choices. An obvious and timely example is the possible conflict between "Economic Growth" and "Harmonious Natural Environment". I do not need to labour this. The spread of industry brings jobs and wealth. It also can pollute the air, the ground and the water. Canada and every other technologically-advanced nation is facing hard choices in this area today. So, as their economies grow, are the developing countries. I hope we are ready to face the challenge and make the hard decisions.

One of the more controversial statements in the general paper is on role and influence:

"It is a risky business to postulate or predict any specific role for Canada in a rapidly evolving world situation. It is even riskier -- certainly misleading -- to base foreign policy on an assumption that Canada can be cast as the 'helpful fixer' in international affairs.

"There is no natural, immutable or permanent role for Canada in today's world, no constant weight of influence. Roles and influence may result from pursuing certain policy objectives -- and these 'spin-offs' can be of solid value to international relations -- but they should not be made the aims of policy. To be liked and to be regarded as good fellows are not ends in themselves; they are a reflection of but not a substitute for policy."