

-- a gap which endangers the security and welfare of the people of Canada and which the people of Canada can help to close by throwing in more money, more brains, more crusading zeal.

② Where is the next biggest gap in the defences of civilization? Is it not in knowledge and understanding, particularly on this continent, of what is happening in a quarter of the world - China?

I am not going to talk about what Canada might do in the next few months or in the next year. Probably very little if anything can be done during the present period of turmoil in China. I am going to talk about opportunities for Canada to do something during the next ten years to help close the dangerous gap between China and the rest of the world.

It is now eighteen years since the United States and Canada withdrew their embassies from China. The embassies were an important source of current information. What is more important, they were training grounds for foreign service officers to become experts on China.

The work of the embassies in training experts on China was supplemented in the years before 1949