

Maintain the United Nations; contribute according to our responsibilities; press for disarmament but maintain our defences.

What of the future?

There is a revolutionary turbulence in the world today. Everywhere there is a call on the part of peoples and nations for their independence.

Soviet Versus Western Colonialism

You heard Mr. Khrushchov as he inveighed against the colonialism of Britain and France. Yet since the last war those colonies and dependencies of the United Kingdom and of France have diminished to such an extent that more than half a billion people have secured their absolute freedom. Mr. Khrushchov was not able to give an answer when asked how many human beings had been given their freedom by the U.S.S.R. during the same period of time.

We live under a continuing nuclear threat. It touches the hearts of Canadians. The question is asked: are you going to provide nuclear weapons for Canadians? Gentlemen, the responsibility resting on those who have authority, as a trust from the people, knows no greater or more trying problem than this.

Canada and Nuclear Arms

We have taken the stand that no decision will be required while progress towards disarmament continues. To do otherwise would be inconsistent. When and if such weapons are required, then we shall have to take the responsibility. The future of Canadians requires that we make that decision which, in the light of the best information we have, represents the maximum security for our country. We have made it equally clear that we shall not, in any event, consider nuclear weapons until, as a sovereign nation, we have equality in control - a joint control. In other words, this problem is not one requiring immediate decision. The course to be taken will be determined in the light of what happens in connection with disarmament and in the light of events as they transpire and develop in the months ahead.

The great danger today, and I have found it everywhere, is that our people and the peoples of the free world are becoming complacent. The threat has been there so long that it is becoming commonplace.

I conclude and summarize. The principal aim of Canadian foreign policy is Canadian security in partnership with her friends. It is peace; it is welfare for all peoples, and particularly those who live in under-developed countries in poverty or in a state of retarded development. It is an understanding between cultures, however diverse; human ideologies,