

any part of the world and represent Canada either at a conference to make peace with Germany or one to suppress the traffic in obscene publications.

The fact that in 1947 there will be no day of the year when some international diplomatic gathering is not in session, is eloquent recognition of the interdependence of nations. Such meetings will be tiring, expensive in money and effort and their results will often be negative. But they seek to substitute co-operation for conflict, and as such, they deserve our full support. As to the expense; a few hours of war cost Canada more than all those 95 conferences that were held in 1946.

These are random observations on my vocation and, I'm afraid, are not very profound. I hope, however, that they will give you some idea of the nature of Canadian diplomacy in 1947. Our work is an inspiring one and a rewarding one in every way--except possibly in financial returns. We serve the state, and there is no prouder service for a Canadian. More than that, we serve Canada in one of the most important and challenging phases of its national life, in its relations with other countries. As such, we are privileged to work for the international community as well. The day has gone, or should have gone, when a citizen's loyalty to his own country, or a diplomat's loyalty to his own government, is enough. It must not now exclude loyalty to the whole community of nations. As our Prime Minister has said, "over all is humanity", and no person can be a good Canadian, certainly a good Canadian diplomat, who does not accept that dictum and act on it. There can be no permanent solution to the problem of the international anarchy of competing and suspicious national sovereignties, the breeding grounds of war, except by the development of this universal community within the United Nations; founded on law and backed by international force. Our own country has played a good part in the effort to realise this ideal. We in the diplomatic branch of the Civil Service are grateful for the opportunity of participating in that work and thereby making our small contribution to the establishment of a peace, worthy of the men who have died for it.

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