

two countries is based upon moral, spiritual and intellectual values which together we have drawn from the peoples of many lands and from generations of human experience. For us in the North American continent these values are a common inheritance from our European background, which we have developed in our trans-Atlantic environment and which we believe underlie our civilization. Three years ago, in a lecture given at the University of Toronto, the Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. St. Laurent, endeavoured to define the general principles of Canadian foreign policy. At that time he said that he thought the Canadian people were fully aware of the values upon which their national life was founded, and that they were anxious to preserve these values. Here is what he said:

"No foreign policy is consistent nor coherent over a period of years unless it is based upon some conception of human values. I know that we live in an age when it is fashionable to speak in terms only of hard realism in the conduct of international affairs. I realize also that at best the practice of any policy is a poor approximation of ideals upon which it may be based. I am sure, however, that in our national life we are continually influenced by the conceptions of good and evil which emerged from Hebrew and Greek civilization and which have been transformed and transmitted through the Christian traditions of the Western World. These are values which lay emphasis on the importance of the individual, on the place of moral principles in the conduct of human relations, on standards of judgment which transcend mere material wellbeing. They have ever influenced our national life as we have built a modern state from east to west across the continent. I am equally convinced that on the basis of this common experience we shall discern the same values in world affairs, and that we shall seek to protect and nurture them."

Those are good words. The principles they express apply equally to the people of the United States. It is our common responsibility to nurture and defend these values. We can do so by stating them clearly, by observing them in the conduct of our national affairs, by maintaining them in the presence of those strong materialistic forces in the contemporary world which attack them, and by creating as far as possible conditions in the world in which they may thrive. So long as we do so, I am sure that we may face the future with confidence. May that future hold - for you who are graduating today from this great university - the happiness which comes from honest endeavour, constructive achievement and the good life.