

We could not contemplate imposing our ideas by force; nor should we expect to succeed in buying favour in Asia with our dollars or technical aid. These peoples have fought hard for racial equality and for freedom from the domination of the West. Those same aspirations that created our own nations a century and more ago -- freedom from outside control, economic opportunity for all and respect for the dignity and worth of the individual -- are now in ferment in the developing democracies of the East.

It is essential that now, and for years to come, we should use every practical means to convince those Asian nations that stand outside Soviet control of our concern for their welfare and of our resolve to help them maintain and strengthen their independence in all spheres. I believe this is necessary for our own ultimate security. It is also necessary if we are to be true to our own democratic tradition.

Even in these times, we must not lose sight of the vision of all men bound together by ties of sympathy and co-operation. The radiance of that vision has been partially eclipsed; but by unremitting effort we must strive -- as I am sure all members of your great fraternal organization would agree -- to bring about a genuine recognition of the common human brotherhood among all the peoples of this earth.

The great adventure of this century, the supreme challenge to world statesmanship, is to open to men and women everywhere the opportunity for a more abundant life. It was the quest for a short route to the East that first led to the discovery and development of North America. And now, 450 years later, the Passage to India can at least be opened up by demonstrating to the peoples of Asia our deep faith in those ideals that are the abiding basis of the democratic tradition. The call of the frontier which once stirred the pioneers of this continent is now echoing across the vast reaches of the Pacific and beckoning our people to a new and difficult task. Inspired by the same instincts of decency and hard work and the dream of liberty and independence for men and nations, we must join the larger struggle to maintain and to extend the frontiers of freedom.

