

they can make an important contribution to the improvement of East-West relations. More trade means more contacts, better understanding and increased opportunity for effective negotiation of issues. The search for a better accommodation with the U.S.S.R. must be pursued with skill, patience and determination by Europe and America working together, not at odds in trade or anything else.

I hope I have said enough to stimulate some lively discussion. For my own part, and speaking on Canada's behalf, I regard the kind of confrontation I have envisaged as unthinkable. The world cannot afford such a costly mistake. We must learn to use the earth's resources rationally and imaginatively if we are to survive and live useful lives in human dignity. Surely the political imagination and ingenuity that have characterized the formation and enlargement of the Community can be brought to bear in a world context.

The nations of North America and Europe are not answerable only to themselves. As custodians of a great part of the world's knowledge, technological resources and wealth, they must account for their stewardship to the developing nations. Politically mature and experienced, they must engage their energies in the search for a lasting settlement of world tensions.

The markets of the two continents of which I have been speaking must live in harmony, not in conflict. They must accept their responsibilities, not only to their own peoples but to all the peoples of the world.

In the course of my visit to Europe, I am learning a great deal about the Community and its concerns, as did my colleague the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, Jean-Luc Pepin, when he was here recently. I am getting frank and full answers to all my questions and a courteous and sympathetic hearing of the Canadian concerns I am expressing. This kind of continuing exchange is essential to understanding. It is for this reason that I am encouraged by the fact that Signor Malfatti, President of the European Economic Community, has accepted my invitation to come to Canada next spring.

I have said that in Canada we have very real fears. This is true, but in Canada we also have faith that reason will triumph over the search for temporary advantage and that the nations of North America and Europe will continue to work together for the greater good of all mankind.

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