

The Canadian Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. John G. Diefenbaker, had this to say in the House of Commons when the Bill of Rights was given its third reading: "The principles of freedom are never final. Freedom is not static. It cannot be fixed for all time. It either grows or it dies. It grows when the people of a country have it in their hearts and demand that it shall be preserved. I would be the last to contend that any document made by man, however impressive, can assure freedom; but I think that what we have done will provide an anchor for Canadian rights. The ultimate assurance of them must always be a vigilant people, vigilant to invasions of and intrusions on their freedom; when the spirit of freedom dies in the hearts of men no statute can preserve it". It is considerations such as these, Mr. Chairman, which compel us to recognize that ultimately the real effectiveness of the Covenants will depend upon the spirit with which they are administered.

