

been a great increase in the circulation of ideas, of persons and of goods from one country to another, so that relations have become closer between individuals, families and intermediate associations belonging to different political communities, and between the public authorities of those communities. At the same time the interdependence of national economies has grown deeper, one becoming progressively more closely related to the other, so that they become, as it were, integral parts of the one whole economy. Likewise the social progress, order, security and peace of each country are necessarily connected with the social progress, order, security and peace of all other countries."

Is there not great wisdom in these words.

I believe that John XXIII is destined to become a great figure in history. In his few short years as Pope, he managed to inspire peoples of all faiths in every corner of the world. Through his quiet, humble nature and his deep spiritualism, he has greatly enriched all mankind.

We, in the West, must remain strong, united and alert to both the dangers and opportunities of the world we live in. We must be cautious and patient, but at the same time we must maintain a positive and dynamic approach.

We must not be put on the defensive. We are Christian nations. We of the western civilization believe in the dignity of the individual and in his right to freedom of thought, expression and worship. We believe that states and societies exist only to promote the welfare of the individual, and that no man or party stands above the law or above truth and God.

These are ideals which are far more revolutionary and permanent than any materialistic ideology. and as such