

of world and national leaders in all history. This meeting symbolizes the bringing together of the cultures and philosophies of all races. We must make of it a testament to the capacity of rational men to achieve rational relations, to live at peace and to practise brotherhood and the raising of standards everywhere in the world.

The United Nations constitutes the greatest hope for the middle and small powers for the new and weak states, indeed, for all the countries of mankind, the strong, the powerful, as well as the weak, and of every social or political system.

The United Nations is at a critical stage in its development. It faces a threat to its very existence.

The Assembly has heard from the leaders of its two most powerful members. Mr. Khrushchov, in a gigantic propaganda drama of destructive misrepresentation, launched a major offensive in the cold war while giving lip service to the United Nations which would be destroyed by his proposal for a triumvirate. His speech could not have been intended to bring the world closer to peace, yet to bring the world closer to peace is the reason we are here.

In a restrained, wise and conciliatory speech, President Eisenhower presented a constructive programme for a world community at peace. The President opened the door to international conciliation and world fellowship. Mr. Khrushchov tried to shut that door.

I reject categorically the unjust and intemperate attacks that have been made on the office and person of the wholly dedicated and impartial Secretary-General. The proposal of the Soviet Government to replace the Secretary-General by a three-man praesidium requiring unanimous agreement to act is a transparent plan to undermine the prestige and authority of the United Nations. Having thwarted the United Nations so often in the Security Council through the exercise of the veto, the Soviet Union now seems bent on destroying the United Nations by neutralizing its power to proceed effectively and promptly in emergencies as they arise.

Canada is opposed to this absurd proposal which would reduce the United Nations to innocuity and indecision.