

to the maintenance and the assurance of the modern industrial machine in any nation. And, I say that, because I have been asked this question: what do you think their attitude is? What purpose have they in mind? Well, I say if you want to see their purpose, come to us, and in the words of one who wrote of Sir Christopher Wren, "if you would see his monument look about you". In other words, we are not armed; we have no border fortification. Our other nearest neighbour is the U.S.S.R. We are in between them. Our fortifications are not to the south of us because we know that never, regardless of what conditions may transpire, never will arms be taken up as between us and our southern neighbours.

Those are just things I wished to bring to your attention in the few minutes at my disposal. I thank you, and thank you most sincerely, for the reception that has been given to my wife and myself. We will always recall yesterday. My wife had an orchid named after her - nothing could be more orchidacious than that, and as far as a welcome is concerned, everywhere I have gone there has been friendliness. Your Minister of Home Affairs, Mr. Jayasuriya - to him I want to express, and to you, Mr. Prime Minister, and to the Government of this country, the kind of feeling that cannot be translated into words. As I have gone about, the warmth of the feeling of your people for us - that indescribable spirit of fellowship that has been apparent - these are the memories which will be ours in the years ahead; the memory of a feeling that is not achieved outside of this Commonwealth relationship to the extent that it should be. The reason is simply this: we have something in common, we have that heritage, which the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition have mentioned. We have the feeling of oneness. That is why I came here, because I believe that in particular it is among the Asian countries of the Commonwealth that in the years ahead, the Commonwealth will have its greatest responsibility. Here in this portion of the globe, I believe we shall together be able to achieve the unity, the realization of a common destiny in prosperity, that sense of a responsibility each to the other. It means that in the years ahead those who say the Commonwealth has outlived its usefulness are those of little faith, for in the years ahead we are building not without organization, not by statute, but in our hearts the feeling that makes each of us regard the other as indeed his brother. That is the spirit that has been transmitted to me here today. Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition, when I go back to Canada, I shall convey your message and the message of the Prime Minister, a message of goodwill which I have tried to reciprocate in these few uncertain words.