

The general principle of equality must, I think, continue to guide us in our approach to projects for closer co-operation. However, the equality appropriate to status need not, and in many circumstances should not, extend to function. You may recall that the creatures in George Orwell's "Animal Farm" lived under the slogan, "All animals are equal but some animals are more equal than others." In a similar sense, all states are equal, but some are more equal than others. Of these, the United States of America is the "most equal" of all. That imposes on this country - as it faces - with its friends - the problems ahead and seek for solutions to them - special responsibilities. It also offers special opportunities.

We in Canada - your neighbour, your best and most candid friend - feel that this country, constant to the concept of freedom and generous to the ideals of co-operation, will continue to accept these responsibilities and to use these opportunities for the general good.

Under United States leadership and with the whole-hearted and effective co-operation of the other free countries of the world, we have the right to hope that one day we will secure a world where the weak will at last be safe, because the strong will have learned to be righteous.

The days ahead will be perplexing, difficult and dangerous, but if the free countries - under the leadership of the United States - work together whole-heartedly and efficiently for good purposes - we may hope that one day we will have a peace which will be more than the absence of bullets or bombs; that one day we will live in a world where the weak will be safe and without fear because the strong will have learned to be just and to be righteous.

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