

We all hope that that happy time will come soon. When it does come let us go about our task without an attitude of condescension. - I think another word for it is "Olympian detachment" - but in a spirit of equality and of co-operation.

If it is the choice of our people to assume this responsibility, let us do so with a wholesome spirit. Let us look upon our task as one of helping others to help themselves.

Let us realize that we are not expected to be perpetual donors of food or to be permanent subsidizers, and that what is wanted from us is the sharing of our technical "know-how" and our aid in the form of capital goods so that dams may be built, new areas irrigated, new techniques employed to enable the underdeveloped areas to be developed and the underfed peoples to feed themselves.

Our destiny requires more of us than ensuring greater social justice and maintaining freedom and opportunity at home and assisting those less fortunate than ourselves throughout the world, however worthy and necessary those things are. If this century is to be ours, we must show the disillusioned and those without hope that our kind of society is a worthwhile one; that we ourselves are, on the whole, fairly decent people interested in the welfare of our neighbours. For all the members of the human race are really neighbours in this modern age.

We will not triumph in the struggle against Communism by arms and production alone, essential though they are. Communism has flourished because of poverty and despair but it has also become the home of the frustrated and of many confused souls who could not fulfil their own natural destiny or had no roots in a democratic society.

We will rid the world of this modern menace only if we really practice what we preach. That means we have to tolerate those with whom we honestly differ. It means we must allow creativeness and we must preserve freedom for others to say and believe what they will. It means ordinary men and women must have a chance to live their own lives in their own way and bring up their children decently, and enjoy the fellowship of their neighbours. The happier and more prosperous the ordinary human being is the less likely there are to be unpleasant dictators ordering us about. All this requires a recognition of the fact that we are all, regardless of the colour of our skin, or of the language we speak, or the country we belong to, pretty much the same kind of people-- though strange we may sometimes appear to each other to be. You remember the appraisal of the dear old Quaker: "All the world art strange, but thee and me, Priscilla, and thou art strange at times." But that kind of strangeness need not keep us apart any more than it did Priscilla and her Quaker husband.

If we Canadians can try to have this kind of attitude such an example may perhaps be our noblest contribution to the welfare of mankind.

If we Canadians accept the responsibilities that our new wealth is placing upon us, by employing it for these unselfish ends then we will prove worthy custodians of the key that has been placed in our hands.....