

Action by other nations as well as by ourselves is required to meet these dangers. We cannot, of course, direct the conduct of other nations. But I suggest that our weight in world affairs and the influence we can exert is greater than our numbers would indicate. Are we really making the best use of that influence to promote peace and to foster international trade?

We have established our outer lines of defence in Korea and West Germany, but we dare not concentrate all our military strength in those places. The promotion and safe-guarding of peace begin at home. We have to do our part to provide for the territorial defence of our homeland and the continent in which we live. We know that modern science has opened our northland to potential danger of attack.

We know we could not bar a northern invader alone. We realize that the defence of this continent is a joint operation with the United States and that is why both countries have carried forward into the post-war world their co-operation in continental defence.

In February 1947, Mr. Mackenzie King and Mr. Harry Truman formally renewed the agreement for joint defence made at Ogdensburg in 1940.

In our joint defence, each country has respected the rights of the other and scrupulously observed the underlying principle of the joint declaration of 1947 that "all co-operative arrangements will be without impairment of the control of either country over all activities in its territory".

We can be profoundly grateful that we live side by side with a great power which recognizes the equal status and respects the integrity of its neighbours.

But most of us in North America have learned from the experience of two world wars that we cannot isolate ourselves into security on this continent.

Fortunately almost all Canadians are resolute in their determination to have our country do its part to prevent a third world war by building up the strength of the North Atlantic alliance and by resisting open aggression in defiance of the United Nations Charter. I do not think we need worry too much about the few deluded Canadians who have been misled by self-styled Apostles of Peace into proclaiming as war mongering what Canada is doing to prevent another world war. Nor are many Canadians deceived by those who call the tyrannies they have established "peoples democracies" or who practice racial and religious persecutions while they preach what they call "human rights".

Our efforts to win and secure peace in the world are not confined to armaments, necessary though they are. I think everyone here knows how great and useful a part Canada has taken in the work of the United Nations.

Fortunately we have been able to work for peace by other constructive means as well. I refer to the Colombo Plan and the United Nations Technical Assistance Programme.