

Yet even a peaceful demonstration may threaten the peace and order of Canada if by sheer weight of numbers it places an impossible burden upon security forces. Or it may be used as a cover by elements in our society that are prepared to see violence used for the sake of extreme political causes which cannot gain acceptance by democratic processes or to promote anarchy.

This right to the quiet enjoyment of life has not been earned by this generation. It is inherited, and there is a duty upon us all to pass it on, strengthened, to coming generations. It is a precious and fragile heritage. It is based on the delicate equilibrium between a maximum of personal freedom and the essential minimum of public order. Let not those who advocate what they regard as good causes jeopardize by excess that delicate balance upon which the good society itself depends.

Things have been happening quickly here at home in Canada, and in the world as a whole, and it is this rapid rate of change that contributes much to current unrest. Many of the assumptions we made in the past have to be re-examined. The accepted patterns have been broken. Canada recognizes the People's Republic of China. Other nations, some of them among our oldest friends like Italy, follow. Peking takes the China seat at the United Nations. President Nixon announces a new economic policy and shock waves are felt around the world, nowhere more than in Canada, the United States' best customer and closest friend and ally.

Within six months the Prime Ministers of the Soviet Union and Canada pay extended visits to each other's countries, a Protocol on Consultations is signed in Moscow and a General Exchanges Agreement in Ottawa. Britain moves towards the European Common Market. The whole pattern of world trade, so essential to Canadian prosperity, seems to be changing. Signs of hope for an end to hostilities in Indochina are offset by a growing confrontation between India and Pakistan.

All of this and much more within the space of a relatively few months.

Small wonder that there are uncertainties as to the future and the course that Canada should follow both at home and abroad.

First and foremost, I am sure you will agree, is the question of how to protect and strengthen the Canadian economy in this complex situation and on that point, I shall say only two simple things.