

Africa, on the other, we have learned that our differences relate only to the means of attaining our goals, not to the goals themselves. Our arguments have been directed to the question of effectiveness — what will work, what is possible, what are the best instruments for serving our peoples.

We have not found specific solutions to concrete problems. Nor, I think, did we believe a week ago that we would. If this is a failure on our part, as some outside this conference suggest, it is a failure of our conception of this meeting. We find value in gathering together periodically because we believe there is merit in candid talk. There is no other forum available for this purpose for political decision-makers from all parts of the world. And certainly none where we all speak the same language.

If solutions have escaped us, information and understanding have not. Nor has commitment. Commitment to work toward solutions both co-operatively and individually. We have used this meeting as a place where solutions can be proposed and considered.

What we have learned from these considerations — and not complete to our surprise — is that we are not now able, no matter how firm our will, to solve many of our problems. We need more information for one thing. We need more boldness, for another. In the words of Prime Minister Manley: "We must develop the capacity to make intelligent judgments." There have been a number of suggestions as to how we might do so. If I have sensed correctly the mood of this meeting, there is a desire to search for the means. Surely we should not permit ourselves to stumble over the barrier of inadequate facts or statistics.

We need to know more about the costs of shipping and the effects of shipping conferences. We need to know more about the operations of multinational corporations. We have insufficient understanding of how to control the mechanisms which permit manufactured goods to be priced according to cost, but which force commodities to be priced according to the market. We are still woefully deficient in our knowledge of the development process, of the stimulation of growth and the absorption of aid, of the transfer of resources and the implementation of adequate controls. Although we recognize the advantages of airline links among us, and the impact on our societies of migration, we differ in our assessment of each because we do not possess sufficient information about either.

Over these, and over other of the factual roadblocks that we have encountered, I hope that we are able to climb before we next meet.