

Canadians can help to remove them. Above all, we must convince these people that we are concerned about them, that we want them to be prosperous, that we want them to remain free and sovereign states working out their own futures. That means that we must really get to know them and understand their difficulties. We must forget the silly idea that they are mysterious inscrutable beings, they are people just as we are people, with the same hopes and fears and aspirations. Their friendship, as I well know, is a rewarding experience.

The potential mineral and other wealth of Asia is colossal, they have what they need for progress, except capital and the all important technical education. That we can assist them to get, as on a small scale we are already trying to do.

Undoubtedly, the greatest power in Asia is the people. There is no quick or certain route to the freedom from want and disease which they seek but they will not wait forever. If our system cannot help them, can we blame them if they adopt another which is so constantly urged upon them?

Fortunately, there is still time, but not too much. A number of Canadian businessmen have become interested in the area, more could well do so. The free world we seek can be built, it can be made strong with the strength which only freedom can give, but not without our Commonwealth partners and the other peoples of Asia - who still have a choice.

If we make the necessary sacrifices, someday we and they can look at our children and know that never will they be the slaves of a totalitarian state.

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