

Our week of commemoration now ends. But our Charter, which is today before us as signed in this place on June 25, 1945,—our Charter remains; as the international Bill of Rights, as imperishable as Magna Charta itself. It enshrines for all time man's hope—so long deferred—that he may live his life in peace and freedom; in dignity and security.

This Charter is, and will always be, the best Declaration of San Francisco, and I suppose no other can add very much to it. It remains also our best peace programme—and others with five or seven or ten points can scarcely do more than repeat it or elaborate on it.

It is the standard of international conduct by which our actions will be measured. We signed it ten years ago and we honour and commemorate that signature today. But we have not yet fulfilled it. Indeed almost before we ceased praising ourselves for what we had done by agreeing on its noble language and its lofty ideals, our actions, became shrouded in the mists of distrust and suspicion that began to envelop the world. Our faith was soon frozen by fear, and our hopes shaken by hatreds. Only now does the sun show some sign of breaking through.

When President Truman spoke at the signing of the Charter, he said this:

"You have created a great instrument for peace and security and human progress in the world. The world must now use it! If we fail to use it, we shall betray all those who have died in order that we might meet here in freedom and safety to create it. If we seek to use it selfishly — for the advantage of any one nation or any small group of nations,—we shall be equally guilty of that betrayal. The successful use

of this instrument will require the united will and firm determination of the free peoples who have created it. The job will tax the moral strength and fiber of us all".

It certainly has and it certainly will.

The fact that today is another anniversary—that of the launching of the war of aggression in Korea—is a grim reminder of how great the gap has been between our pledge and our performance, between debate and deed; of how far short we have fallen of our avowal of "practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours".

It is altogether fitting this afternoon—as we celebrate, with solemnity and satisfaction, the signing of our charter of peace—to recall also, with honour and sorrow, the memory of those who have died that it could mean more than words in the search for peace. Their sacrifice is the tragic proof of our failure to understand, and act on the understanding that, in Pascal's words, "strength without justice is tyranny, and justice without strength a mockery". We can retrieve this failure and redeem this sacrifice, but only if we never forget that peace is more than a word or a declaration. It is something determined by the policies of nations. Even more, it is something in the hearts of men. There will be no peace until nations' policies are based on our Charter; above all, until we live our own lives in accordance with its principles.

This week has recalled us to these principles and, because of that, it has, I think, shortened in some small way the distance between a today—with all its alarms and unrest and tension—and a better tomorrow when strength will walk with justice, peace with progress, and the good life will be for all people.

APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS IN THE CANADIAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE

Mr. E. Reid posted from the Office of the High Commissioner for Canada, New Delhi, India to temporary duty in the Department and home leave effective May 27, 1955.

Mr. J. Y. Grenon posted from Ottawa to the Canadian Embassy, Rome, Italy, effective May 31, 1955.

Messrs R. R. Canon appointed to the Department of External Affairs as a Foreign Service Officer Grade 1, effective June 1, 1955.

Mr. M. P. F. Dupuy appointed to the Department of External Affairs as a Foreign Service Officer Grade 1, effective June 1, 1955.

Mr. J. G. Harris posted from Ottawa to the Office of the High Commissioner for Canada, Canberra, Australia, effective June 2, 1955.