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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KING

Re: Canadian Congress of Youth

I attach the best accounts of Saturday's sessions.

The discussions on the subject of peace reveal a great diversity of view. They ranged from advocacy of ~~any~~ participation in war at all to the application of stronger sanctions against Italy and the use of military sanctions as a part of the apparatus of peace. Mr. Massey's statement that it would be impossible to prevent Canada going to the aid of the Mother Country was received with derision. The diversity of opinion on this subject resembles not a little the latitude of opinion of the Liberal Party itself. The discussions on 'Youth in The Canadian Economy' are remarkably free from the suggestion that the government should substitute itself ~~for~~ individual effort. References to Fascism show no sympathy with this form of dictatorship.

Principal Morgan has stated that the problem of youth is not to win freedom but to use it. This surely is based on a negative definition of freedom. In a positive sense freedom in our day must be regained, held, and enlarged in many directions - freedom from unemployment, poverty, unprovided age, freedom from industrial and international strife. Principal Morgan also claims that the greatest good for the greatest number as the end of political action does not offer sufficient appeal to the idealism of youth and to the desire inherent in man for self-sacrifice. The happiness of the greatest number is not limited to material considerations. Its attainment is an unselfish end with difficulties sufficient to challenge both the idealism and the courage of youth.

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