

a world of difference. In saying this, however, I do not wish to imply any sort of moral comparison between Canada and the USA or between the Canadian and U.S. governments. I simply wish to illustrate what I said earlier about differences of size involving differences of perspective. I also want to make the point that the scars of the Vietnam and Watergate years have affected U.S. institutions in a way that is affecting relations between the USA and Canada.

Those British gentlemen who decided to break away from the British crown a little more than 200 years ago gave the USA a form of government which in a way retained more of kingship than was preserved in that part of the continent which remained "British North America". The U.S. constitution, after all, institutionalized through separation of powers the old conflict between executive and legislature which in Britain and Canada was resolved by having the legislature absorb the executive, leaving the sovereign to reign but not to rule.

In Britain and Canada, the executive, having thus been made part of and accountable to the legislature, was freed from the struggle for supremacy -- but not, let me hasten to add, from the struggle for survival -- and enabled to get down to the job of governing. In the USA,