

rights and aspirations of its people.

There is not today the freedom in the countries of Eastern Europe that their peoples yearn for. As the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Mr. Pearson, has stated many times, we live in a world in which many peoples are enslaved by communist imperialism which forces a materialistic ideology upon them and denies them their fundamental and precious freedoms. This can never be acceptable to Canadians or to democratically-minded people.

The task of the free nations of the West is to act with wisdom, patience and determination in pursuing policies which will hasten greater freedom for individuals in these nations.

There have been those who, in their abhorrence of the Communist system, advocate a war of liberation to remove the yoke of Communism from the peoples of Eastern Europe. Others have suggested that we should attempt to isolate Eastern Europe completely from any contacts with the free world, ^{that we should not recognize their governments,} that we should refuse to trade with them and to have no cultural interchanges.

There is another course -- a middle course -- which maintains that there should be no compromising of principles between Christianity and the materialistic ideology, but it also recognizes that we should recognize and encourage positive developments in even the most oppressive regimes. Was not this direction greatly strengthened by the encyclical "Pacem in Terris" of His Holiness Pope John XXIII, whose passing the whole world mourns. Let me quote a passage to you from this great document:

"Recent progress of science and technology has profoundly affected human beings and influenced men to work together and live as one family. There has