

for each of us has the common heritage of freedom, and the common aspiration for peace.

What I am going to do in the very few minutes that I have in which to speak to you is to tell you something of what we have in mind in our country. We look forward to the days ahead, to the attainment of that destiny to which you referred, sir. We believe that it is necessary for us in the fulfilment of our destiny to maintain and assert our sovereignty. We believe that can best be assured by co-operative arrangements which are designed to attain, first, survival, while at the same time, maintaining non-jeopardy of our political and economic destiny.

In other words, we are united with the United States in a realization that only in the maintenance of our unity is there the assurance of our survival. We are united, too, because we realize that the fantastic cost of modern weapons of war would impel us to be united in any event. Canada with its relatively small population could not afford the whole panoply of modern war.

#### Defence Production

We are united in air defence. We are united in a common idealism. We are united in a common geography. We are united in an integrated defence. Through our own volition, we have joined together to maintain those things which are of the essence in our respective countries. I feel this, and I say this in all sincerity, that it is essential that there be an equitable sharing of costs in the tasks of defence production, in the same manner as we share our co-operative defence measures.

I take the words of the former Prime Minister of Canada and the words of the former President of the United States in the Hyde Park Declaration, and I apply them to the situation today. In general, in mobilizing the resources of this continent, each country should provide the other with the defence articles it is best able to produce, and above all produce quickly, so that production programmes shall be co-ordinated to that end.

We continued that in 1950. The Government of the United States and the Government of Canada today are striving in that co-operation to make those agreements of 1941 and 1950 effective in practice. Significant progress has already been attained.

Recent changes by the United States in procurement arrangements made possible a greater opportunity for us in Canada to share in production of military equipment required by the armed forces of the United States. It was an encouraging development, and when implemented in greater measure will contribute to the better functioning of the defence partnership.