

can best interpret the United States, in a way that no other nation can, to the nations of Asia and Africa and provide the answer to such propaganda.

Wendell Wilkie, that great American whose passion for freedom and human rights lifted him far above the politics of his day, once reminded his own people:

"We cannot keep freedom to ourselves. If we are to have freedom we must share freedom. Let us keep that aim shining before us like a light -- a light for the people of Europe, for the people of Asia, for the people of South America, and for the people of our own beloved land."

I believe that there is a ceaseless need that the nations of the free world explain what we stand for, in simple and understandable terms. The word "democracy" conveys little, for it has been borrowed and its meaning distorted by the communists. They misinterpret the purposes of Western democracy by seizing upon isolated events or untoward occurrences that take place anywhere in the free world. There is no way in which an interpretation of the meaning and purposes of Western democracy can be secured excepting by a study of the statements made in recent years by world leaders. The purposes of the democratic free world have been left to a considerable degree for definition to the whims of its enemies. We need understanding of the vital faith and philosophy that is ours. I am persuaded that there is a compelling need for the Western world to restate and define its purposes, its principles, its ideals, if they are to be understood in a world engaged in the war of ideas.

Material assistance to the peoples of underdeveloped areas is important. Canada's contribution has been a worthy one. Since the Second World War Canada has contributed no less than four and one-half billion dollars in financial assistance to other nations and few other countries have made proportionately larger contributions. Material aid has its place, and it has contributed much, but of itself, it is not sufficient.

In visiting Asian countries I sensed misunderstanding of the aid programmes, and among some people a frightening suspicion as to the motives actuating the humanitarian action of the contributing nations. The lesson seems clear that material aid alone will not convince the uncommitted nations of our sincerity, nor win their allegiance to freedom in the battle of ideologies. I am convinced that should the Western world prove its eventual superiority in the race of scientific advance, (important though victory undoubtedly is in this vital aspect of the world struggle) the spiritual things will constitute the decisive element.