

during these difficult years. Let's not be overly sensitive and suspicious; too sure that every time the big hero jumps into the icy waters to rescue the beautiful maiden he wants to marry her - or worse!

(2) A recognition, also on Canada's part that we are a part of the western Hemisphere, with all the implications of that fact. We don't need to be more British than the British.

(3) A recognition on the part of the United States that Canada is neither an extension northwards of this country or an extension westwards of the U.K.; that we are now a nation in our own right; a right gained by blood and sacrifice in two world wars. We Canadians now stand on our own feet, even though we want to walk in step with our friends. We are no longer, to change to a more modern military metaphor, gliders pulled along by B29's or Lancasters. We are flying in the squadron on our own; but in formation.

(4) We also expect Americans to accept our position in a Commonwealth of Free British Nations; a fluid and progressive association neither exclusive nor reactionary, every member of which has full power to make its own decisions on every issue including the vital one of peace and war.

(5) Finally, (and this principle applies also and with importance to our relations with the U.K.) in trade and economic matters, to adopt a currently popular song "Don't fence us out".

I have been attempting to cover a lot of ground in a very short time, and as a result I am afraid that I have spread myself very thin. But I hope that I have given you something, at least, to think about. Hard and deep and wise thinking on international problems is going to be as necessary in the months ahead as ever before in our world's story. There is no easy, upholstered way out of our problems - political, social and economic. So let us abandon "our infantile delusions of roller-bearing ease, moonlight emotion, celluloid romance and instalment plan living" and face the grim reality of the tough fight for peace and stability and prosperity which lies ahead. That fight, ladies and gentlemen, can only be won if we display in peace some of that international teamwork, that national doggedness and that individual courage which all the fighting men of all the United Nations are displaying for us tonight on the field of battle.

If we can do that, then out of the blood and dust and ashes of today's carnage may come a peace that will be worthy of those men and women who have died for it. Without such a peace they will have died in vain. To avoid that most tragic and bitter of all laments, "they died in vain", is a flaming challenge to every one of us. We must meet and defeat that challenge, and do our part in leading ravaged humanity out of the swamps and wastelands of post-war desolation - up to a higher and sunnier level where man will not be plunged every generation into blood and suffering and savagery. God help us to achieve that high purpose and give us enough sense to realize that we can never do so unless we act together. For better or for worse - in success or failure - we are as surely roped together as any climbers who ever scaled a mountain peak. We go up - or down - together.