

Mr. Pearson:

I could not agree more.

Press:

I am going to split your fee with you this evening incidentally!

Mr. Pearson:

You need someone to tie these things together. What you are suggesting is that we need some superman to tie together all the national policies of a group of free states with their own national interests and who are trying to reconcile those national interests with their international obligations. This is not an easy thing to do.

Press:

Would you say, Mr. Pearson, on this particular question, that the stand which the Americans have just taken, backing the French in Algeria, might be a right step in this direction?

Mr. Pearson:

I read, of course, as I am sure you did, with very much interest, the speech of the American Ambassador in Paris yesterday in which he, and I may not be quoting him textually, said substantially that he pledged the support and sympathy of the United States to the efforts being made by the French Government to bring about a liberal solution, and I use the word "liberal" with a small "l", for the Algerian question. I would certainly myself say "Amen" to that and I am sure the Canadian Government would back that kind of statement of sympathy and support to bring about a solution in Algeria; a liberal one, which would be in accordance with the wishes of the people of that country; and best for them, for their welfare as well as for their freedom.

Press:

Weren't we a little late, Mr. Pearson, in getting around to that? When I say "we", I refer to the Western nations and specifically the United States. Shouldn't some such action as Mr. Grandlandau mentioned have been taken much earlier than it was?