

violent attacks against the Western powers, the ugly realities which exist within the sphere of Soviet imperialism. To divert attention from its own evil practices, the U.S.S.R. has long preached against the sins of others.

In keeping with its own tradition and outlook, Canada has warmly welcomed the steady development toward independence during the last two decades. We have sought to promote that development by exerting our influence in the direction of accommodation and orderly progress. We have been glad to assist the new nations to find a firm footing in economic and social stability.

Therefore, we cannot but deplore that the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, which has marked this period of United Nations achievement, has not spread to the areas under Soviet domination. The contrast between the record of the Western powers and that of the U.S.S.R. is clear for all to see. And the discrepancy between Soviet protestation and Soviet performance is no secret. We need look no farther east than the Berlin wall to see the determination with which the U.S.S.R. seeks to isolate the oppressed people behind the Iron Curtain from the contagion of freedom.

The views which I have been expressing reflect no new departure on Canada's part. Speaking in the general debate of this Assembly in September 1960 the Prime Minister of Canada sharply contrasted the record of the Western European powers with that of the U.S.S.R. Mr. Diefenbaker had the opportunity then to call on Chairman Khrushchev to make good his many professions of concern for the rights of dependent peoples by granting to the nations under his domination the right to choose their own leaders and form of government through free and secret elections. At that time the Canadian Prime Minister said - and I quote -

"Indeed in this Assembly the membership is composed in a very considerable measure of the graduates of empires, mandates and trusteeships of the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and other nations.

I pause to ask this question: how many human beings have been liberated by the U.S.S.R.? Do we forget how one of the postwar