

So, in providing the benefits of our more advanced techniques to the less developed areas of the world, we must do so with respect for ancient cultures, from which, incidentally, we have ourselves a very great deal to learn.

Our assistance should be given in a spirit of understanding and goodwill; and not determined by short-sighted considerations of our own political or strategic interests. On that plane, as well as on that of material support, we must meet and defeat this now Soviet challenge.

This spirit should underlie, not merely our practical assistance to these other new nations in Asia and Africa. It should govern our whole political relationship with them.

A distinguished American journalist, Roscoe Drummond, writing to his own people, but in words which apply to others as well, has put the question this way:

"Shouldn't our relationship with these freedom-cherishing, poverty-plagued nations be that of the most friendly understanding senior democracy intent upon helping these new democracies to help themselves deepen their roots, guard their freedom, improve their economic lot and fashion their own free nations in their own image in their own way - as we did?"

The answer we give to this question will, in large part, determine whether there will be stability, progress and peace on our planet in the years ahead.

If governments can match the Red Cross in dedication, purpose, and zeal in the pursuit and achievement of noble objectives, then I think that the answer will be in the affirmative, and our hopes for a better world may one day be realized.

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