

wherein we request nothing; wherein we attach no type of strings, politically or economically or otherwise. We believe, however, that in the building of that world unity that is so necessary economically, each of us is indeed his brother's keeper, and it is in that spirit that in the past few years, Canada, a country with only 17 million people, has contributed 250 millions of dollars to the Colombo Plan. And in addition to that, we have in the last few weeks undertaken that in the next three years, we shall expend \$15 million more per year, or \$50 million a year, not for control of the mind or the body, not to bring about through insidious methods of any kind whatsoever, any control over those who co-operate with us under the Plan, but simply to implement in some small measure the responsibilities that fall on us. We, who are blessed by nature and also by our tremendous expansion, believe that in the world in which we live, each of us must do our part in order to raise standards everywhere in the world and give other nations the same opportunities for development as we have within our own. I underline this, because I hear on occasion that those of us who belong to this Plan have some ulterior purpose in mind. I do not know what it is. I have no conception of what is meant, but I am of those who believe in this responsibility.

One of my major purposes in visiting the Asian countries in the Commonwealth, is that I am here for the purpose of learning, of realizing something of your problem, of understanding something of your concepts, and at the same time thereby to do my part for the achievement of what I believe in implicitly - the mission of the Commonwealth in the world of today. A mission which is intensified by reason of the fact that we are able to show mankind that, different as we are in racial origin, in geographic position, in economic capacity, in colour - in all the other things that ordinarily separate people - we indeed are able to show mankind that these things are not divisive and by realization of each other's problems, constitute a unifying force.

When I say I was one who, at the Commonwealth Prime Minister's Conference in June of 1957, brought before the Conference the need for action to be taken to expand trade; not to expand trade only within the Commonwealth, but to expand trade within the Commonwealth and outside the Commonwealth. Believing in that, I brought before the President of the United States and others, the concept of the need to extend the Monetary Fund, and the resources of the International Bank, so that - liquidity being increased - trade would be possible. Out of that Commonwealth Trade and Economic Conference came two concepts. We began to realize that we had so much in common, that we have opportunities in trade that we have not yet in any way exercised, and that we have potentialities to assure something that is of importance to you in Ceylon. That is the maintenance, in respect of certain commodities, of at least a modicum of certainty in price. In other words, in