

observation force since the inception of the UN -- these are offered to Japan, which in turn shares with Canada its deep understanding of the continent of Asia, its acquaintance with neighbouring political and social processes alien to the Canadian experience, the insights it gained as the architect of one of the great economic triumphs of history, its possession of a culture as rich and distinctive as may be found anywhere, its involvement in the "Pacific Rim". From our vantage-points on the opposite sides of the North Pacific, from our proximity to two of the world's giant powers and our shared geography with a third, Canada and Japan are able to contribute mightily to one another's understanding of the world. Even more important, we are able to join together in an attempt to resolve those problems of a global dimension I mentioned a few moments ago.

We are working together with other nations in New York, in Paris, in Geneva; together we have sat around tables recently in Puerto Rico and in Manila; Mr. Miki and I have pledged to one another this week that Ottawa and Tokyo will henceforth more regularly seek the views of the other as we strive to bring the Seventies under control, to ensure that their rich promise -- blurred as it has been recently -- will be realized by the decade's end.

And we have each acknowledged that, to a degree we have not yet fully comprehended, we are being measured by the nations of the Third World. They are watching our performance as democratic societies, the solutions we devise to meet our economic and social problems, our willingness to assume international responsibility. It is the Japanese and the Canadians of the world who will determine for the newly-independent countries whether they will opt for the difficult yet immensely rewarding path of individual freedom or follow the seductive but barren course of totalitarianism.

We are on display, we in the industrialized democracies. We are being measured by our words and by our deeds. If we are not able to rise to this challenge, if we are not able to demonstrate to others our awareness and our understanding of their needs, to demonstrate to ourselves the ability of our societies to function with self-discipline, honesty and compassion, then we shall have failed the test of the Seventies and our children in decades to come will curse us for our blindness. Japan and Canada possess the key to this riddle, the guide to exit from the labyrinth. We are more powerful symbols than we care to admit. By our attitude, by our performance, I want our children to say of us "taihen na oseiko osamemashita" ("well done").

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