

United States, that they were not able to take their traditional place in the concert of powers.

The second reason we were able to play the role we did from 1942 to 1951 was the intellectual and emotional drive of a relatively small group of cabinet ministers and senior officials, Intellectual ability of a high order. Hard creative work. A sustained determination that Canada should do all that it could to help create a great galaxy of international institutions which might make depression and war less likely.

If there is a moral to be drawn from the golden age of Canadian foreign policy, the moral is surely this. Where there is a gap and where we in Canada have prepared ourselves to act and act wisely - we can play an important role in world affairs. What is the biggest gap today in the defences of civilization? Is it the kind of gap which Canada can move into?

I submit there can be no doubt about the answer. The most serious gap in the defences of civilization is the gap between what the rich developed nations of the world should be doing to help the poor countries speed up their economic development and what they are, in fact, doing. It is a gap which Canada can move into.