

REMARKS OF VICE PRESIDENT

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It is an honor and a pleasure to join this distinguished group at the annual International Christian Leadership luncheon and I congratulate the sponsors for bringing together the ~~selected~~ guided Ambassadors of so many nations around the world.

I would like to take this occasion to speak briefly on a subject which concerns us all. I speak of peace.

In this hotel
Last night President Johnson spoke of some of the ~~domestic~~ programs being undertaken in our country to bring the benefits of social justice and modern ^{science & technology} ~~society~~ to all our people. *concluding remarks* But his ~~final conclusion~~ should command the

we can wage a war on these ancient enemies and in so doing save lives, not destroy them.

*Twenty
Prejudice
Illiteracy
Disease*

special attention of this group here today. He said:

“But the success of all we undertake -- the fulfillment of all we aspire to achieve -- rests finally on one condition; the condition of peace among men.”

Yes Peace is the Business of men & Nations

If we fail to keep the peace abroad, our achievements here at home in this nuclear era will be ashes in our hands. The same is true in all countries.

But ~~we~~ We rejoice that the claims of international ^{peace and} social justice command growing ^{support} around the world. The

interdependence between rich nations and poor, between

^{so called} developed continents and underdeveloped, is increasingly recognized.

The Recognition of Interdependence is the first guarantee of Independence!

The international machinery for channelling assistance is being perfected. Agencies of the United Nations are bringing health facilities ^{technical assistance} to added millions in every land. New programs to feed the hungry and train the

unskilled have been launched. The United States Food
for Peace program and the Peace Corps serve humanitarian
objectives recognized by all. And these objectives will be
further served to the extent that other nations participate
in food for peace programs and in Peace Corps-type
activities. *and others do.*

↳ But all these endeavors can bear fruit only if peace
is preserved and nuclear war avoided. In this nuclear age
the deliberate initiation of full-scale war as an instrument
of national policy has become folly. *utter madness.* Originally a means
to protect national interests, war today can assure the

death of a nation, the destruction of a continent,

*the annihilation
of millions.*

But ↳ The goal of peace, as President Johnson has stated,
will not be finally grasped "in a day or a year or a decade
in 120 nations or more -- not perhaps in a lifetime." But

Build Peace - like a beautiful Cathedral
Each generation adding to the work of the
other.

this goal
to achieve/we must begin. "The longest journey begins

with a single step" the President said.

Peace is a Process
a Journey
Peace is Dynamic,
not static

Today in the year 1965, our vision of the folly of
war and the necessity of peace is enlarged because some

world leaders have had the vision and courage to take

that "single step" on the long road to peace.

The 20th Century
will be remembered
because of its
Peace
making!

In 1963 that great and good man Pope John XXIII gave
the world his vision of the path to peace in his encyclical

Pacem in Terris. It was later that same year that the late
President John F. Kennedy responded to this call and

launched the initiative which culminated in the nuclear

test ban treaty - yes a step in the Journey of Peace.

Since that single step in 1963, others have followed.

Through the United Nations, we have agreed to prohibit the
stationing of weapons of mass destruction in space.

Togon in the Peaceful Exploration
of Space.

Make space a laboratory, not a battlefield.

Ecumenical
movement

✓ what a blessing it would be if
nations and leaders of
nations would cast aside the
harsh invective, and
speak with moderation
and forbearance.
Is this asking too much of
civilized human beings. I think
not.

~~Can we not hope for~~

(X) cultural changes, trade, travel -

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The United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union have agreed to slow down the race for larger nuclear stockpiles by cutting back the production of fissionable materials. and To avoid the miscalculation which might lead to nuclear war, we have established a "hot line" between Washington and Moscow.

and We shall continue to pursue additional steps along this road to peace. President Johnson has made it clear that he will travel anywhere and meet with anyone if this will enhance the pursuit of peace, peace with justice, peace with freedom. I am hopeful that the leaders of the world will respond in like manner.

It has long been my belief that that which God has created, no man has the right to destroy. Since that day when man exploded the atom and acquired the power to obliterate himself from the face of the earth, war has

Peace is a process a journey

→ We must, in our time, turn the arms race into a peace race - our task is to conserve & develop human resources.

worn a new face. And the vision of its destructiveness has
sobered all men and demanded of them a keener perception of
mutual interests, a higher order of responsibility. For two
thousand years we have been exhorted by the Bible to "pursue
peace". Today our common humanity, our common interests in
a nuclear age require that we heed the Biblical injunction
as never before. ~~They require that we~~ ^{We must} spare no effort to
build a world ~~where~~ ^{Peace} peace is more than a ~~hiatus~~ between
wars. This is the common task of all nations ~~represented~~
here today, of all peoples throughout the world.

Pursue Peace in good
works - in building, not destroying
- In Trust, not suspicion
- In faith, not cynicism
- In confidence, not doubt
- In brotherhood, not prejudice
- In love, not hate



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