

REMARKS

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY AT AMBASSADOR TUBBY'S LUNCH IN GENEVA FOR U. N. OFFICIALS

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We are delighted to come once again to this beautiful city and to meet with you who are devoted to the arts of international cooperation. It is like joining a gathering of old friends.

President Johnson has said that we think of international cooperation as a clear necessity to our survival.

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And more recently, in talking about our commitment to the UN, he said that this evidence of cooperation is "an expression of faith -- that the creative powers of democracy and human reason can overcome the evils of tyranny and violence."

And so we have not only found it a necessity but a source of strength and pride to be a member of the United Nations and of each of its related agencies.

The agencies and activities represented around this table are impressive monuments to the pioneers who saw the needs and laid the foundations for dealing with them, internationally. In the case of the ITU and the Red Cross, that was over a century ago.

It is an exciting thing to realize that right here in Geneva we are about to launch the World Weather Watch -- perhaps the most comprehensive effort yet to predict and perhaps ultimately control the weather -- while at the same time we continue to

push our attack on the major diseases . . . to develop and expand international communications . . . to provide better opportunities and conditions for the working man and woman . . . to widen the avenues of trade

Gentlemen, your work and the operations of your organizations are the best assurances we have that the future will have meaning. Perhaps it is easier to obtain international cooperation on matters primarily scientific and technical --

where phenomena can be observed and measured and similar deductions be made from similar evidence.

Perhaps it is more difficult to obtain cooperation on matters primarily political and economic -- where one man's faith is another man's heresy. —

Still, cooperation, for whatever purpose, is contagious. And beneficial results in one field may lead men and nations to try cooperation in other fields. I think it will work out that way. I am an optimist -- realistic, but still an optimist.

And so are you. It's good to be together again.

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