

CANADA AND UNITED STATES HAVE COMMUNITY OF PURPOSE

Shall Walk Forever Together as Best of Good Neighbours, Mackenzie King Tells Princeton

Princeton, N.J., June 17.—(CP)—Canada and the United States shall "forever walk together as the best of good neighbours," Prime Minister Mackenzie King declared to-day as he received an honorary degree at Princeton university.

"Between you and us," he said, "there is a community of thought, ideal and purpose."

"Meant for Canada"

Addressing the graduating class, Mr. King paid high tribute to a one-time president of Princeton, Dr. Francis Paton, who was the roommate of the Prime Minister's father at the University of Toronto.

Mr. King accepted the honorary degree as "an honour meant for Canada," and said Canadians would "see in it, as I also do, an expression of your abiding pleasure that our two countries, destined by divine Providence to be neighbours, have for so many years lived together in peace and understanding as friends."

The Prime Minister expressed pleasure in the fact that the university was also conferring an honorary degree upon Crown Princess Juliana of the Netherlands, who took up residence in Canada after her country had been occupied by Nazis.

Inspired by the same vision, Canada and the United States have sought the same ends, Mr. King said.



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Through Fires of Strife

"This ceremony to-day seems to me to commemorate our common disdain of the fleeting things that will pass and our common love of the eternal things that will remain," he added.

"I see in it also a realization of the kinship between this great university, indeed between all universities of this great country and the universities of Canada.

"As with other countries and other peoples, the inner qualities of your nationhood and of our nationhood have not been without their testing in the crucible of pain. With us in bygone years, there were the fires of racial and constitutional strife; with you, the fires of revolution and civil war.

"We both have participated in other wars. From victory, we each learned magnanimity; from suffering, compassion.

"With some falterings, some shortcomings and some failures, we have each in our own way sought to establish the worth of the common man, the dignity of human labour, the equality of human opportunity, the sacredness of human life and the exaltation of our Christian faith.

"To-day, evil men have placed those precious things in peril. They would change faith, truth and religion, hope and freedom, for unfaith, falsehood, darkness, despair and slavery."

Ever since a cloud "as large as Hitler's hand" appeared on the European horizon, thoughtful men of this continent feared, if they did not see, the coming of the storm and the onset of barbarism.

Took Hard Road

"From the first moment of tragic conflict, Canada, of her own free choice, took the hard road of sacrifice," Mr. King said. "With Britain in the vanguard of liberty and you at our side, we shall continue to the end whatever be the cost."

It was surely the simple truth that to-day, more than ever before the universities of North America were the trustees of man's liberties. It was their high privilege to see that no matter what happens elsewhere, truth could be taught and proclaimed on this continent, beauty revered, "the renaissance, not only of learning but of man himself, flower in significance and splendour."

"As I stand here to-day and gaze into the faces of those who are about to leave Princeton for the university of the world, and as I recall the other free institutions of learning and enlightenment on this continent, I know in my heart there will be no betrayal of that high trust," said Mr. King.

Thanks For Princess

"As I thank you again for the gift which I have received at your hands, may I be permitted to thank you also for the gift which you have bestowed upon one who, an exile from her own country, has honoured Canada by her royal presence. She bears with great courage and dignity the sorrows of her own homeland. She has been welcomed by the citizens of Canada to this continent, which owes so much to the character, the skill and the faith of the people of the country to which she has dedicated her life.

"The name of the Crown Princess Juliana of the Netherlands will have an abiding place in the chapter of Canadian history which will record the moving events of this war. Canadians will be happy and proud to learn that to-day Princeton has made her royal name a part also of American history."