I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, and equality.

When an individual is no longer a true participant, when he or she no longer feels a sense a responsibility to their society, the content of democracy is emptied. When the social system does not build security for all its citizens, individuals within it are impelled to pull away from a soulless society. This process produces alienation — perhaps the most pervasive and insidious development in contemporary society.

It is also the hope of the members of Alliance Quebec that the Montreal will open up new avenues and that it would assist this government, our society – together, in reaching the heights of democracy. But it is time that we stop our lip service to the guarantees of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. These fine sentiments are embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, but even that document was always a declaration of intent rather than of reality.

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