

CLOSING REMARKS

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I APPEAR on the floor again because the President of the Organizing Committee of this Symposium, Dr Lorne Gold, has become President of the Society. As such he would have had the pleasant duty of thanking himself for his own work. It is for situations like this that Past Presidents are created! As such, therefore, I have the task of closing this meeting. We have experienced a fruitful week, papers of high standard have been discussed actively, and as you have just realized, agreement has been reached, new questions have come up, and others have remained unsolved. I think the most important effect of such symposia is the immediate interaction between people, after which thinking can start all over again.

On behalf of the Society I wish to thank first the authors for their work and their participation here. Next, the audience, for their discussions, and the chairman and rapporteurs. I wish to thank the Papers Committee which did the screening behind the scenes, and, above all, the Local Organizing Committee which Dr Gold chaired, and his Canadian members Peter Johnson, Fritz Koerner, Olav Løken, and Simon Ommanney—they have all done a beautiful job. I also wish to mention Mrs Gold and the assisting ladies who arranged a programme for the accompanying participants. Among the many helpers who spent lots of extra time I thank the ladies of the Registration Office who did important office work: Bonnie Calderwood, who was our contact with Carleton University, Mary Strome, Beth Ross, and Shirley Pilanen. We owe thanks to Don Le Clair, the perfect projectionist—it is a very important task. Finally, I wish to repeat my thanks to the authorities of Carleton University and, in particular, the Geography Department for offering us their facilities.

Now I formally close this Symposium and I wish you all a safe journey home.