

hundreds of thousands of people in Canada of Polish descent, of Ukrainian and of Russian descent. I understood their love for the countries from which they and their ancestors came, and I understand better some of the sources of the great contributions which they have brought to Canada."

Audience with the Pope

"When the Archbishop of Canterbury came to Ottawa a few weeks ago," Mr. Martin said, "I had the opportunity of discussing with him, as I have with other great religious leaders, the important role which can be played by these heads of vital bodies in the world. I felt I was honoured to be received in Rome by His Holiness the Pope, and was again impressed by his wise and compassionate understanding of the troubles of the world as well as by his great spirit of ecumenism, which has done so much to bring the Christian churches closer together. He commended the efforts of Canada to bring about peace. He was well briefed in respect of what we have been trying to do through the Vietnam Commission. I told him that the leadership which he and other religious leaders were continuing to give to international collaboration met with warm support and appreciation in Canada. I can only say that I have the strongest hope that my talks with the Pope, as with the other leaders, will be shown to have yielded productive results.

"I have appreciated from time to time the visits to Ottawa of foreign ministers from many governments, and I particularly appreciated the discussions I had with Mr. Rapacki, Mr. Gromyko and Mr. Fanfani and the members of the ministries in which they serve.

I thank the Government of Poland, the Government of the Soviet Union and the Government of Italy for the way in which the Canadian representative was received in those countries. No matter what our ideological differences may be, I am sure that, if we have determination — all of us in this Parliament and in every Parliament in the world —, we can promote conditions which will lead to lasting peace. That was the purpose of my visit. While I did not at any time expect that I would return with great solutions, I feel as strongly as I possibly can that the further understanding of some of these problems and positions resulting from my visits will have constructive consequences and will, I hope, help in an improvement of the international problems facing the world at this very difficult time."