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## PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU TALKS TO SOVIET LEADERS

A Joint Communiqué Tabled in the  
House of Commons on May 28, 1971.

At the invitation of the Soviet Government, the Right Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, and Mrs. Trudeau paid an official visit to the Soviet Union from May 17 to 28, 1971.

During their stay in the Soviet Union, Mr. Trudeau and his party held official discussions in Moscow and visited Kiev, Tashkent, Samarkand, Norilsk, Murmansk and Leningrad. They were thus able to acquaint themselves with the life and work of the Soviet people and many of the achievements of the U.S.S.R. in the economic, scientific and cultural fields.

The Prime Minister of Canada laid wreaths on the tombs of the Unknown Soldier in Moscow and Kiev and at the Peskaryovskoye Memorial Cemetery in Leningrad.

The distinguished guest from Canada and his party were everywhere accorded a hearty welcome testifying to the friendly feelings of the Soviet people towards the Canadian people.

Prime Minister Trudeau had a talk with the Secretary-General of the Central Committee of the CPSU, L.I. Brezhnev. He also had a talk with the Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R., N.V. Podgorny. Conversations were held between Mr. Trudeau and the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R., A.N. Kosygin.

Taking part in the discussions were:

*On the Canadian side:* Ambassador of Canada to the U.S.S.R., R.A.D. Ford; Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, B.J. Danson; Dr. Stanley Haidasz, M.P.; Walter Deakon, M.P.; Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, A.E. Ritchie; Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, Marc Lalonde; Deputy Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, J.H. Warren; Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet, M.A. Crowe; Special Assistant to the Prime Minister, Ivan Head; Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, J.G.H. Halstead; Press Secretary to the Prime Minister, P.M. Roberts, and other officials.