

There are other matters which are not so immediate or difficult but which are still important. Such matters as peace keeping, another field in which we actively seek to associate East and West in our common interest, and in which the conception of national-liberation war makes understanding seem remote. They also include the bilateral exchanges and trade which we conduct with the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe in increasing volume.

The importance which exchanges are assuming may be judged, however, by the fact that this summer a Soviet parliamentary delegation, which is to come to Canada to return a visit of Canadian parliamentarians last year, will be led by Mr. Dmitri Polyansky, one of the First Deputy Chairmen of the Soviet Council of Ministers and a member of the Presidium of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Mr. Polyansky will be by far the most important Soviet guest to have come to Canada so far, and his visit will mark a milestone in Canadian-Soviet relations.

All such exchanges contribute to the same purpose of introducing elements of normality and stability into a world where rapid social change and the monstrous destructiveness of weapons produce too volatile an atmosphere for widely divergent views to be carried to their logical conclusions.

There is still an "East" and still a "West" and we are not yet done with polarization, but pluralism provides diplomacy with opportunities both to divert such dangerous logic and to narrow the divergencies. To quote Raymond Aron again in conclusion: "This world of growing complexity promises to be a paradise for the analysts and a hell for statesmen. In it the first can display their ingenuity and the second will discover the limits of their power".

I take no particular delight in analytical ingenuity. My interest lies rather in the broad implications of our assessments for government policy. In this field, my conclusion would be somewhat different from Mr. Aron's so far as Canada is concerned. We may find the limits of Canada's role expanded rather than diminished by the growing complexity of the world. In that possibility lies our hope for rational discussion, for constructive diplomacy and for a determined attempt to ensure world peace.

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