

that our relations with Britain will remain much as they are, that very special relationship that exists because, as you say, of our shared institutions. But, it is, nevertheless, as far as the Government of Canada is concerned, a country with whose Government we have relationships. We have a High Commissioner from Britain here, and we have a High Commissioner in Britain ourselves who has diplomatic status. We carry on negotiations with that Government on many questions. The position and the nature of our relations with Britain as such are subject to review just as the nature of our relations with France. I think they should be looked at from time to time and certainly should not be excluded from a review of our general foreign policy, or our external policy. Foreign is a doubtful word.

The Press: Mr. Sharp, going back to the fact that both Red China and Rhodesia are condemned by the United Nations, what reason is there for the difference in approach? In one case they apply economic sanctions, in the other case we offer diplomatic recognition. How can that be justified? On what grounds?

Mr. Sharp: Well, for example, the People's Republic of China is recognized by a number of leading countries. It is not subject to the same conditions as Rhodesia is within the United Nations. For instance, Denmark, France, Finland, India, a group of Arab countries, the Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Sweden and Switzerland among many others. I just pick these out as examples of countries that have relationships with the People's Republic of China.