

QUESTION: I am not saying fully informed, I was referring to appreciation. You in your speech yesterday in Parliament said there was a lot to be said for America, or words to that effect, and you tried, shall we say, to interpret sympathetically to us the American view. We have a feeling that maybe we do not understand the American position and you were good enough to understand. Did you have any evidence in your talks with Mr. Nehru of that kind?

ANSWER: No, Mr. Nehru made no criticism whatsoever of the views I had expressed as formed from our experience living alongside our American neighbours. There are, I suppose, 160 million people in the United States. I don't know so much about Asia but I do know that in some of the European countries that I have visited there were impressions that were not fair to the mass of the American people. Now I don't know whether there are such impressions in Asia or not, but I practised law for 36 years and during that period I had a lot to do with Americans who were making investments in Canada. Since I have been in Ottawa I have had many contacts with many Americans and I have travelled quite extensively throughout the United States, and I think that in the main the United States citizen is not very much different from the Canadian citizen. He wants peace; he wants to raise his family under peaceful conditions and he is willing to go along with those he trusts in the way in which they think they are going to best secure for him that peace for himself and his family that he hungers for.

QUESTION: How is it that the United States is deliberately creating tension in this part of the world by giving military aid to Pakistan?

ANSWER: Well I am sure they are not deliberately creating tension. I know that their deliberate desire is to lessen tension. Now, after the Coronation I had some chats with Mr. Malik, who was the Russian representative at the Coronation, and who happened during the ceremony to be seated, well, no further from me than the gentleman across the table. I had the stall, choir stall, along the wall and my wife was in front of me and Mr. Malik was in front of her and he followed the Coronation ceremony with very respectful attention. I was curious to know whether he would or not and then I had several occasions to meet him and I was expressing to him my satisfaction that Russia was going to resume normal diplomatic relations with us and send an Ambassador back to Ottawa. There had not been an Ambassador there since 1945 after we had some little trouble over a spy investigation, and I said that I hoped we would certainly follow their example and send our Ambassador back to Moscow, and that I hoped that would help do something toward easing the situation. And I said, of course I suppose we will continue doing things you think are wrong and I know that you are going to continue doing things we think are wrong, but I hope you won't think we are doing it on purpose and that we will be charitable enough not to think you are doing it on purpose. He said, well you know