

in Czechoslovakia, which we're passing on to our Embassy, so that we know where these people are in case of any danger but at the present time I don't see any reason to be concerned about their safety.

Mr. Nelson: The State Department at 10:30 this morning issued an advisory to all U.S. citizens asking them to defer travelling to Czechoslovakia until further notice. Presumably we'd give the same advice.

Mr. Sharp: We certainly would. While we are not concerned about the safety of those who are there, I wouldn't encourage anyone to visit Czechoslovakia under these circumstances.

Q. Si l'USSR, Moscou, le régime soviétique impose un gouvernement à la Tchécoslovaquie, est-ce que le Canada a l'intention de reconnaître ce Gouvernement?

Mr. Sharp: C'est une question à laquelle je n'ai pas l'intention de répondre parce que il y a un Gouvernement tchécoslovaque qui nous reconnaissons. C'est une question hypothétique.

Q. On a entendu dire ce matin que M. Dubcek a démissionné.

Mr. Sharp: Je n'ai pas entendu ce rapport.

Mr. Collister: I presume we have a certain military planning reaction to events of this kind. Is Canada as a Nation or NATO as an Alliance taking any new measures as a result of what has happened in Czechoslovakia to increase their military preparedness.

Mr. Sharp: Needless to say the NATO Commander is watching developments very closely, if only because Russian troops are now in Czechoslovakia and on the borders of members of the Alliance. Other than that I know of no other developments, but that as I've said is a matter of very grave concern because Russian troops have not been there until the invasion of Czechoslovakia.