

pressure in depleted oil fields. Other sources have referred to the earth-moving potential of nuclear explosions on projects similar to the construction of the Panama Canal. Although the practical potentialities of nuclear explosions for such purposes have yet to be assessed, it is apparent that there may be a case for international arrangements to supervise or even to organize nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes. It is considered that such supervisory or organizational functions would not be incompatible with the functions of the International Atomic Energy Agency as defined in its statute and that the Agency might be the appropriate body to take such explosions within its jurisdiction.

When there is a summit meeting, as I hope there will be if the U.S.S.R. through the preliminary diplomatic discussions shows that it intends to advance or to consider bona fide problems, then I would hope that the Secretary-General of the United Nations would be invited to participate as representative of the interests of the United Nations during any discussions on disarmament.

The preliminary diplomatic discussions which the three Western powers have now agreed to initiate by way of diplomatic discussions with the Russians, April 17th, should provide a test of whether or not the Soviet attitude towards a summit meeting is a genuine desire to achieve results, or is largely designed for propaganda advantage. If the discussions indicate a desire on the part of the U.S.S.R. to achieve results, then Canada is prepared and is willing to take any step short of appeasement which would be conducive to a reduction of world tension, or would in any way facilitate East-West negotiations. Canada, being the nearest neighbour of the U.S.A. and U.S.S.R., is prepared to take its full part to facilitate the preparations for an effective summit meeting, or to contribute to the success of the meeting itself. Indeed, Canada would have no objection, in fact would welcome, the holding of that summit meeting here.

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