

worsening the political climate.

That is the general perspective in which we in Canada see the Belgrade Conference. It will not be an easy conference. It will be closely followed by our public opinion. It would be a mistake to see it simply as a review conference, because it raises issues that are central to the evolution of the international system. None of us, I believe, see any merit in dealing with those issues in a spirit of polemic or confrontation. It would be idle to look for miracles. The best we can anticipate in present circumstances is probably a renewed commitment to the purposes of the Final Act, with results that, we hope, will benefit not only the East-West relation but ordinary people on both sides of the great divide.

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