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CSCE must not ignore violation of Helsinki Final Act in Poland

The Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) must face the situation in Poland squarely to retain its credibility and prevent further damage to *détente* and the CSCE process, Secretary of State for External Affairs Mark MacGuigan said in an address to the resumed session of the Madrid follow-up meeting of the CSCE on February 9. Excerpts from the speech, which focused on developments in Poland, follow:

...In reviewing our respective implementation of the provisions of the Final Act, it was also my unhappy duty, and that of my delegation, to draw attention to the manifold violations of human rights which have taken place in the Soviet Union and in certain other participating states. In particular, my country is distressed by the continuing suppression of members of the Helsinki monitoring groups, by state-supported anti-Semitism, by the denial in some participating states of the fundamental human right to leave one's country and harassment for attempting to do so, and by the persistent denial of fundamental religious freedoms....

I cannot say that my government was overly sanguine when the results were in from our initial review of implementation at this Madrid meeting. But as an act of faith, if you will, and appreciating the

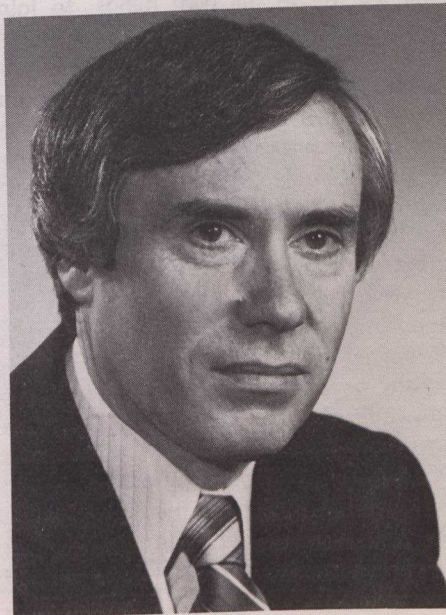
importance of revitalizing *détente*, we were prepared to proceed, to try to reach agreements which would develop further the Helsinki Final Act and contribute to the strengthening of security and co-operation in Europe.

Agreement sought

Fifteen months of the most difficult, arduous negotiations are now behind us. We have worked assiduously with others to achieve a precisely defined mandate for a conference on disarmament in Europe. We have tried to reach agreement on provisions which would afford protection for Helsinki monitors, and for the basic right of citizens of our respective countries to know and act upon their rights. As is well known, my delegation has sought the agreement of others to hold an experts meeting which might bring us closer together in our understanding of human rights and fundamental freedoms and thus help to remove a serious impediment to better relations between East and West.

After fifteen months, we can say that we have made some very modest advances. Agreement on the important issues has eluded us, although the draft final document which has been tabled by eight participating states might yet serve as a basis for negotiating the balanced and constructive results we must have. But now events have come to pass which point up how woefully inadequate our efforts have been and suggest that when we again turn to the business of negotiation, stronger provisions, particularly on human rights, will be required.

A new situation has arisen, which is clearly eroding the prospects for the strengthening of security and co-operation in Europe. The imposition of martial law



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