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The Canadian parliamentarians also had discussions with Mr. J. V. Peive, Chairman of the Council of Nationalities of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, and with members of the Commission on Foreign Affairs. The delegation was acquainted with the structure and work of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, the Supreme Soviets of the Union Republics and local Soviets of working peoples deputies. In the course of these meetings and discussions, held in an atmosphere of sincerity and mutual understanding, the Soviet leaders acquainted the Canadian guests with the main principles of Soviet foreign policy and expressed the views of the Soviet Government and Soviet Parliament regarding means of solving outstanding international problems. For their part the members of the delegation outlined the views on these issues of the five political parties represented in the Canadian Parliament. The exchange of views on international questions promoted an understanding of the positions taken by both sides.

In discussions during these meetings the Canadian visitors and their Soviet hosts agreed that the visit had been highly successful and had above all been useful in terms of promoting the development of better relations between the two countries. Both sides agreed on the desirability of continued cooperation in the fields of mutual interest to Canada and the USSR. The parliamentarians of both countries pointed out with satisfaction that in recent years Soviet-Canadian ties and contacts in the fields of trade and cultural and scientific exchange have been considerably strengthened and widened.

The Canadian delegation expressed great satisfaction at the Soviet decision to participate on an impressive scale in the