

I have not had a discussion with any Canadian about events in Portugal, so I can give no judgment about this particular aspect. I find that our philosophical understanding of the level of the approach to the problems of the Western World, I do not find any substantial difference between the United States Administration and the Canadian Government.

The Minister: I have just one comment on that, and I refer to the statement to which Dr. Kissinger referred made by the Prime Minister at the Summit, at the recent Summit in Brussels, in which he repeated our commitment to the Alliance in terms which were, I believe, quite satisfactory, and which indicated that the Canadian effort would be continued in a character that would be regarded as satisfactory by the other members of the Alliance, and I believe that was certainly a very solid and fundamental commitment by the Head of the Government of Canada.

I would regard these comments to which you have referred as offensive.

Mr. Ellison: They were not made, Mr. MacEachen, by me.

The Minister: To which you have referred.

Mr. Hargreaves: Doug Fisher.

Q. Douglas Fisher, Toronto Sun, CJOH-TV: Mr. Secretary, should there be a positive response in the United States and Canada to the appeal by the Russian citizen, Nobel Prize winner, for a campaign in the West for more civil rights in the U.S.S.R.?

A. The Secretary: The United States has repeatedly stated its concern on this subject in the European Security Conference and in certain bilateral discussions with the Soviet Union. We have, on the whole, believed that we could be more effective by making our appeal in a non-dramatic way, but this is a question of method, not a question of principle.

Q. Mr. Fisher: Have you any advice for other than governmental organizations on how they could respond to that appeal?

A. The Secretary: I don't think it would be appropriate for me to give that advice.

Mr. Hargreaves: Lubor Zink.

Q. Lubor Zink, Toronto Sun: Two questions, Mr. Secretary. You are one of the chief architects of Detente. In his talks with Giscard d'Estaing, Mr. Brezhnev has just reaffirmed the Soviet position that there is no such thing as ideology for Detente; that it is out of the question.

Do you think any other form of Detente has any value and has any meaning without ideological Detente?

The second question: Was there a trade-off between Eastern Europe and the Middle East in Helsinki?

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