

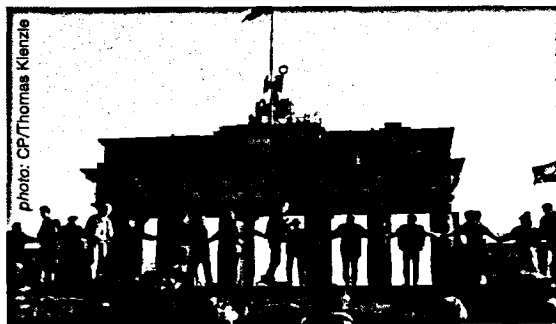
Lester Pearson is interviewed by the CBC's René Lévesque in 1955.



Army patrols follow the King assassination in 1968.



Pierre Trudeau visits Havana in 1976.



Revelry prevails with the fall of the Wall in 1989.

Andrews has advised strongly against this, on the ground that if I accept the hospitality of wives in that manner neither Ambassadors nor Ministers will think of me as primarily a representative of my Government but rather as a person who likes to drop in for a social chat with their wives."

Bonn, October 15, 1955

A report by Secretary of State for External Affairs Lester B. Pearson on a memorable conversation in Moscow with Soviet First Secretary Nikita Khrushchev:

"Khrushchev, who is as blunt and volatile as only a Ukrainian peasant, turned one of the most powerful political figures in the world, can be, came straight to the point before we even sat down. With a CBC microphone pushed in front of him...he asked me why Canada does not leave NATO, which he described as an aggressive alliance and a direct threat to Russia and to peace. I replied that I had talked myself hoarse (I had indeed almost lost my voice at the time) trying to convince people in Moscow that NATO was purely defensive and had no aggressive intent whatever."

Washington, April 8, 1968

A report by A.E. Ritchie, Canada's Ambassador to Washington:

"This was cherry blossom weekend in Washington. But because it was also the weekend of the murder of Martin Luther King, there were no parades, no smiling princesses, no throngs of picture-snapping tourists. The great gleaming monuments this republic has erected to its past political heroes, Lincoln, Jefferson and George Washington, went largely unattended. The marines were at station on Capitol Hill, and a riot fence encircled the White House."

Havana, May 11, 1976

James Hyndman, Canada's Ambassador to Havana, writes about a visit from Fidel Castro, then prime minister of Cuba, bearing gifts:

"Prime Minister Castro came in alone...He greeted me warmly and settled down in patio with a Canadian rye on the rocks (his selection) and we had relaxed, informal conversation for over hour. Prime Minister began by explaining he had come personally to deliver presents for Prime Minister and Mrs. Trudeau as mementos of their January visit to Cuba. Prime Minister Trudeau's gift in large crate (brought in by attendants) was stuffed fish he had speared during scuba-diving session off coast of Matanzas. For Mrs. Trudeau he had large box which contained *inter alia* small cigars she had liked."

West Berlin, November 11, 1989

A report from the Canadian Embassy in Bonn following the fall of the Berlin Wall:

"Festive air which prevailed for most of day on Friday in Berlin continued late into the night with Kurfuerstendamm, Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie having become totally impassable. City has never been as alive and vibrant as yesterday, with kind of overflow of emotions seen only on occasion of momentous events."