

climate of *détente* in which such difficult problems as those presented by the situation in Berlin, the partition of Germany in Eastern and Western regions, could continue to be the subject of further discussions among the Big Four Powers. He was hopeful that some agreement might be reached on the reciprocal control of missiles and of strategic aircraft capable of carrying atomic weapons. Such an agreement might include an undertaking by each side to ban the use of missiles and planes as vehicles for nuclear devices and authority to each side to inspect the activities of the other.

"The opportunity was taken to re-affirm the Canadian Government's opposition to the further testing of nuclear weapons. The President was also hopeful that some form of agreement could be reached on East-West co-operation on assistance to under-developed countries. On the whole, the President gave the impression that patience and perseverance were preferable to haste in the approach to the problems dividing the East and the West. A *détente* between the two would greatly facilitate the eventual solution of individual problems."

The following are excerpts from statements made by President de Gaulle, the Governor-General and the Prime Minister during the French leader's visit to Ottawa:

Arrival Ceremony, April 18

Governor-General Vanier:

It is with the greatest pleasure, *Monsieur le Président*, that I welcome you and Madame de Gaulle to Canada. You will recall that, when you visited this country in 1944, I had the honour of accompanying you from Algiers. Today I am happy to receive you as President of a restored and re-united France. On your earlier visit you were, I think, encouraged in your efforts to lead France to final victory by the warmth of affection extended to you by the Canadian people. I can assure you that our active sympathy is no less with you in your present role. For in these days of unquiet peace the traditional bonds of friendship and of kinship joining our two countries have been further strengthened by over ten years of close association in the North Atlantic alliance.

Just a few days ago, *Monsieur le Président*, you paid a triumphant visit to Her Majesty the Queen in London. As her Majesty's representative in Canada, I welcome you to Ottawa, confident that your visit here will arouse equal enthusiasm and affection.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker:

It is a joy and high privilege for me to join in the welcome to you, the illustrious leader of one of our mother countries, who has become a legend of his nation while still alive.

Your presence here again serves to emphasize the importance that we both attach to the preservation and strengthening of those bonds. Your visit gives expression to the close relationship which has developed between the members of the North Atlantic community, and to the never-ending need for continued