

In my Government's opinion, the only way that the Government of Hungary could possibly satisfy sympathetic observers who do not wish to remain forever suspicious of the Government of Hungary is to permit some type of enquiry, whether by the United Nations or by any other acceptable agency.

Our insistence on due acceptance by the Government of Hungary of those resolutions of the Assembly that have regularly since 1956 invited the co-operation of Hungary in such enquiries does not preclude the possibility of other devices being employed if they could elicit impartial information that would satisfy those of us who are not deeply distressed by these charges. Surely the Government of Hungary is concerned with its own good name in the world and in the United Nations. Surely it would want to set at rest the rising volume of distressed concern that now permeates the attitude of many member states toward it, with particular reference to these new charges concerning the trials and possible executions of young people. Would it not be possible for the Government of Hungary to invite the International Red Cross or some similar non-governmental religious or charitable organization to make appropriate enquiries and report back to the press of the world in such a way as to put to rest once and for all the suspicions and allegations arising from the charges so frequently made in recent weeks? The Canadian Government appeals sincerely to the Government of Hungary: Do you wish to make a contribution to the emerging relaxation of tensions and to the progress toward the Summit, that is the hope of all international politics at the moment, or do you wish to embitter relations and make that emerging rapprochement, however limited or extensive its character may be, difficult and perhaps impossible? Finally, I would ask what the Government of Hungary has to lose by such an enquiry, either by the Special Representative or any other agency designated by the Assembly or by some private organization. There surely can be no question of a challenge to its sovereignty or its independence. Its membership in this organization is testament to its status, and enquiries of the kind we suggest would not detract one whit from that status. But the continued refusal to permit enquiries will detract profoundly from that other status it no doubt wishes to maintain, that is, the status of a member of the family of nations whose good name in its treatment of its own people in the protection of their human rights is now under a very dark cloud.

My Delegation, as a co-sponsor of the resolution on Hungary, will therefore support any reasonable measures to encourage the Government of Hungary to co-operate in these efforts to avoid interference with the spirit of this new phase of international relations affecting all states today. We sincerely hope that the alleged events, harmful to the good name of the Government of Hungary in its treatment of young offenders,