

Sharp expressed his surprise that the Soviets didn't make use of the Protocol Consultations — signed by Mr. Trudeau and Mr. Kosygin in 1971 — to discuss with Canada the new United Nations emergency peace force before demanding that Poland be included as a Warsaw Pact counterpart of Canada.

Mr. Gromyko appeared to back down on that one. He said there had been a misunderstanding. He hadn't realized that

UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim had invited Canada to provide the logistics component.

There was no disagreement between Canada and the U.S.S.R. on the need to make the Middle East ceasefire work and the importance of a lasting settlement fair to both sides. On the other hand, there was no doubt that the Soviet Union was firmly committed to the Arab view of the affair. Since the Arabs rely on the U.S.S.R.

During the exchange of opinions on international problems the ministers expressed their conviction that the determining trend in the present development of international relations is the deepening process of relaxation of tension, consolidation of security, and peaceful co-operation between states. They expressed the intention of the Canadian and Soviet Governments to act in every possible way to promote the consolidation of this trend to secure lasting and stable peace.

The two sides agreed that the first stage of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe which took place in Helsinki had provided a good basis for the second stage of the negotiations now going on in Geneva. They attach great importance to these negotiations and think it necessary that they should be continued in a constructive spirit and business-like manner. Canada and the U.S.S.R. reaffirmed their readiness to contribute to the successful conclusion of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe as soon as possible, and expressed their wish that the conference would attain the goal of strengthening peace and security and extending co-operation and contacts between people in Europe. They believe that successful completion of the second stage of the conference should make possible the holding of its final stage at a very high level.

Both sides noted with satisfaction the opening in Vienna on October 30 of the negotiations on mutual reduction of forces and armaments and associated measures in Central Europe. They agreed that these negotiations constituted an important element in the continuing process of relaxation of tension and increasing co-operation in Europe. They believe that the indis-

pensable condition for obtaining mutually acceptable decisions in these negotiations is to observe strictly the principle of ensuring undiminished security for all participating countries

With respect to the situation in the Middle East, satisfaction was expressed over the ceasefire and cessation of military operations in this area. The ministers expressed the determination of Canada and the U.S.S.R. to promote, together with other countries, the establishment of a lasting and just peace in the Middle East on the basis of a prompt, immediate and consistent fulfilment by all sides participating in the conflict of the appropriate resolutions adopted by the Security Council of the United Nations, namely 242 of 1967, and 338, 339 and 340 of 1973.

Both sides believe that the decision by the United Nations Security Council to despatch a United Nations Emergency Force to the Middle East, under its guidance, should contribute to the normalization of the situation in this area in accordance with the Security Council decisions.

Both sides declared their resolution to promote the increased effectiveness of the United Nations on the basis of the strict observance of its Charter. Both sides believe that the main efforts of the United Nations must be directed to the maintenance of international peace and security and to the development of fruitful co-operation among states

Canada and the U.S.S.R. proceed from the fact that the development of friendly relations and co-operation between the two countries meets the interests of the Canadian and Soviet peoples and is an important contribution to the consolidation of world peace and security