

Treaty. For instance, your letter presents the matter in such a way as to imply that the actions of the Soviet Government against peace-endangering flights of American aircraft with atomic and hydrogen bombs to the borders of the Soviet Union somehow reduce the meaningfulness of its decision to stop the testing of all types of nuclear weapons from the spring of 1958.

Ignoring for the moment the fact that such argumentation admits a great deal of artificiality, since it treats as similar actions which are utterly different in nature, such as the cessation of nuclear weapon tests and the clearly provocative practice of American strategic aviation, the very appraisal of the conduct of the USA Government in this matter is extremely one-sided.

You must admit that such flights by American bombers cannot be justified in any way, as there are absolutely no actions on the part of the Soviet Union which could be considered by anybody as threatening to the security of the United States of America or of any other state.

Has the Soviet Union sent its air force to the borders of the USA or Canada or of any other country with a load of atomic and hydrogen bombs, as is done by the USA, or has it even threatened to take such action? Or perhaps the Soviet Union threatens someone with its navy following the example of certain other powers? You are well aware that there neither has been nor is anything like this. Such actions are alien to us and to our policy.

On the other hand, how can it fail to be seen that the provocative actions of the USA, which are inadmissible in time of peace, directly affect the security of the USSR and can at any moment unleash a nuclear-rocket war even by accident or miscalculation, to which I have already drawn the attention of Mr. Eisenhower, President of the USA?

Would the reaction of the Canadian Government and people be different if the Soviet Union took steps similar to those which the American military command permits itself, and began to carry out flights of its bombers with atomic and nuclear bombs to the frontiers of Canada? It would hardly be different.

It would seem that the leading statesmen of Canada, over the territory of whom American bombers are making flights with atomic and hydrogen bombs, and on which bases and facilities for the servicing of these aircraft are situated, should not be indifferent to these flights which also constitute, if the facts are to be faced, a grave danger for Canada itself. If in the past there were quite a few occasions when countries were drawn into wars contrary to their wishes and intentions, this danger has increased a hundred times in our times. It is possible that you will deny the truthfulness of this statement, indeed you will probably deny this, referring to the good intentions of your people and of your Government. I am not going to question the sincerity of your arguments. But, Mr. Prime Minister, the logic of things can prove to be stronger than human logic, even if the latter is backed by the best motives.

When the destiny and security of one country or another is actually made dependent upon those forces which