

ANSWER: That is a problem. There is lots of room for people in Canada but they cannot live outdoors and we have been taking in for the past four or five years just as many as can be provided for in our pretty active home-building programme that has been in operation. We have built hundreds of thousands of housing units since the end of the war but there is still a backlog. If you were thinking particularly of Japan there are several thousand people in Japan at the present time who have Canadian citizenship and who are fully entitled to return just as soon as transportation arrangements can be made.

QUESTION: In your talks with the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan was any specific issue discussed? As, for example, the American aid to Pakistan and Kashmir.

ANSWER: My talks with the two Prime Ministers were of a confidential nature and I don't think it would be proper for me to publicize anything about them here. We have been friends for quite a long time. I have confidence in them - I think they have confidence in me - so we discussed very frankly anything that can be regarded by any one of us as of mutual interest and concern. But we do it on the basis of one friend discussing a matter confidentially with another.

QUESTION: Could you give us some idea of some of the specific points you covered with Prime Minister Yoshida yesterday in your talk with him?

ANSWER: I would have to make the same answer. We discussed in a general way all the matters that appeared to us to be of mutual concern.

QUESTION: Does the Canadian Government plan to do anything about the claims of Japanese residents in Canada?

ANSWER: There was a Commission established years ago to deal with all those claims and I think they have been pretty satisfactorily disposed of. We have tried not to forget what took place during the war but to consider the war a thing of the past and to do and behave in a way that all inhabitants of Canada would feel that they were getting a fair deal from the Canadian nation.

QUESTION: Have you any specific ideas to increase the amount of trade between Canada and Japan?

ANSWER: Well, the things that are being done are on both sides and are to increase the knowledge of each other about the availability of supplies that can be absorbed in both our economies without too disturbing effect and I think that we are convinced that there are Japanese commodities that can be sold in Canada without upsetting our economy and we feel quite sure that we have supplies that can be absorbed by Japan without disturbing its economy or disturbing its arrangements with other countries.

QUESTION: Are you going to encourage or open your gates to Asia as you have done in certain aspects of Europe?