

They show no signs of a constructive attitude and while I do not think, for what it is worth, that they wish to precipitate an all-out war there or possibly any other place, nevertheless I see no signs that they would like to bring about a constructive political settlement to remove all the danger of conflict in the area.

Mr. Lynch: This African-Asian bloc about which we hear so much here, is it really as solid as some people seem to think it is?

Mr. Pearson: It is certainly not solid insofar as voting is concerned, as you must have noticed. They have been split on several very important votes and they do not vote as a unit. They discuss things together and they try to agree on decisions, just as we do in the Commonwealth.

Mr. Lynch: What about the Commonwealth? How has that been affected by this?

Mr. Pearson: We have had different points of view on this issue, as you know -- at least three different points of view, but we are meeting regularly as a Commonwealth and we are trying to iron out our differences and getting closer together. And I think we are closer together than we were when the Assembly opened.

Mr. Lynch: What about Canada's relations with the United Kingdom and the United States?

Mr. Pearson: Our relations with the United Kingdom have been close and friendly during this Assembly and our relations with the United States are, of course, equally close and equally friendly.

Mr. Lynch: Has that been the case throughout this crisis would you say?

Mr. Pearson: So far as the Canadian Delegation is concerned, that is true. But there hasn't been the same close and intimate relations between certain other friendly delegations as we would like to have seen.

Mr. Lynch: Thank you very much Mr. Pearson.