

Mr. Green: Well at this particular time I think the main role for a country like Canada is to do what she can to reduce tension and to promote understanding, and to give what leadership a middle power can give. Mind you, we try to decide what policies we think are the most appropriate to meet conditions, and then we go out and advocate those and try to get support for them.

Mr. Davey: Could I just deal with a specific on one of those policies? I think you personally and the Canadian delegation took a great deal of satisfaction from the fact that the United Nations supported a call on Russia not to set off its 50 megaton blast. Why didn't Canada take the initiative and follow up that resolution with a resolution condemning the Russians or censuring the Russians at the United Nations for setting off the blast?

Mr. Green: You have to do what can be done practically. We were very lucky to get a resolution through the United Nations with 87 countries supporting us. The only ones opposed were the Communist countries plus Cuba and Outer Mongolia. Because that resolution went through with such an overwhelming majority it constituted a very clear focusing of world opinion on the Soviet Union for their plan to set off this test. Now after the test had been set off, if a resolution had been brought in I think it would have not got anything near so much support. That would have weakened the whole situation. That would have partially destroyed the effect which was gained by getting this overwhelming vote against the Russians in the first place.

Mr. Davey: Shouldn't we as a country take a stand on principle, though, not necessarily on whether a resolution is going to pass at the United Nations or not? After all, we appear to be the country most in the way of fall-out.

Mr. Green: Mind you, we're in a temperate zone, and as such subject to fall-out, but we have to do things that are practical and that will get some results. There's no use starting something in the United Nations which won't be adopted. That would have done no good whatever. It would have weakened our position.

Mr. Wechsler: I should like to ask you with respect to your relations with the United States whether it is your feeling that Canada would be moving on any different lines if it were not for the nature of American policy. Specifically I would ask you if you are satisfied with what we are doing about the problem of Red China, and then I'd like to get to Germany later, but I don't want to do too much at once.

Mr. Green: On most issues we agree with the United States and with the United Kingdom. This is because our backgrounds are similar and we have a great deal in common.

Mr. Wechsler: But on China you'd have some difficulty being with both of us.