

In Europe the Soviet Union has clapped the shackles of the Communist system and an alien military occupation on nations with proud traditions of freedom and independence. These nations, once free, still long for the fresh air of freedom and chafe under the alien rule which has been imposed upon them.

The Soviet leaders have created a crisis in Berlin out of which they hope to complete the enslavement of Eastern Europe. They have created the crisis, with brutal contempt for the fears of mankind that nuclear war with all its horrors will break out.

Frail Hope Dashed

The problems of peace and security have been vastly intensified by Soviet actions since September 1. On that date, the Soviet leaders unilaterally repudiated the moratorium on nuclear testing which had brought to mankind a frail hope that the world would be spared for present and future generations the incalculable dangers of radioactive fallout. I do not need to speak in Japan of these things, for I know that the Japanese people have reason to share a common dread of the massive experiments now unleashed with such cynical abandon by the U.S.S.R.

Japan and Canada have joined with other nations affected by the drift of radioactive debris, in an earnest and solemn appeal to the U.S.S.R. not to proceed with their fearful plan for detonating a 50-megaton super-bomb. The resolution urging the Soviet Union to abandon its plan to explode the super-bomb was approved in the United Nations two days ago by an overwhelming majority of 75 votes (including Canada and Japan), to 10 (the countries in the Soviet orbit), with one abstention.

We believe that there must be an end to nuclear testing, for the alternative is an accelerated armaments race in which all humanity will be the victim of the madness of a few.

As a beginning an immediate stop to further explosions and the achievement of a safeguarded international agreement on nuclear testing would be an important step.

Further than that the world must have a comprehensive programme of disarmament. An effective system of general and complete disarmament should be worked out and developed by stages until the final goal is reached.

Deeds to Match Words

A new and workable set of disarmament proposals is now before the United Nations. Canada played a part in the preparation of these proposals and it is hoped that they will receive constructive consideration by all nations at the General Assembly.