

spills, which recommended that the governments should work through IMCO to eliminate, by 1975 if possible, all intentional discharges of oil in the sea, as well as to minimize accidental spills. This could be a breakthrough in one area of maritime pollution, particularly since the undertaking involves countries representing a high proportion of the world's oil-carriers. It is an excellent example of NATO's ability to contribute in a practical way to the solution of problems of current concern to its members.

On the defence side, the decisions taken helped to place the respective roles of North America and Europe within the alliance on a more equitable basis and to ensure that in the period of negotiation ahead the alliance will be able to proceed with confidence.

Turning to my bilateral discussions with European leaders -- I was struck by their determination to make progress towards integration. I have already spoken about enlargement. Discussions are taking place about an economic and monetary union and, perhaps more remotely, a common foreign policy. These internal preoccupations have overshadowed the problems enlargement presents to third countries, and for multilateral trading arrangements.

I sensed, however, a growing recognition of the wider responsibilities that an enlarged Community must shoulder, resulting from its sheer size and wealth as the world's largest trading unit. I found, as well, an awareness of the dangerous deterioration in international trading relations which would arise from a confrontation between a protectionist United States and a Europe bent on consolidating its own economic progress.

In my discussions I expressed the positive Canadian view of the movement toward greater European unity, while stressing that EEC enlargement should not and need not be brought about at the expense of third countries like Canada. I impressed upon my European colleagues the need for a renewed dialogue between the Community and North America to avert the very real danger of trade confrontation apprehended by qualified observers on both sides of the Atlantic. In this connection I am encouraged by the fact that Signor Malfatti, President of the European Economic Community, has accepted my invitation to come to Canada next spring.

At the NATO meeting, I called attention to the impact of such a confrontation on the solidarity of the alliance and suggested that NATO governments should be thinking of how best they could contribute to the continuing dialogue needed to avert the dangers foreseen....

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