

MR. SHARP'S VISIT TO CHINA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Mitchell Sharp, visited the People's Republic of China from August 15 to 24 at the invitation of the Foreign Minister, Chi Peng Fei.

Accompanied by Mr. Paul St. Pierre, his Parliamentary Assistant, and Mr. Bruce Howard, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, Mr. Sharp arrived in Canton, the capital city of the province from which came the families of many Canadians of Chinese origin. Next day Mr. Sharp and his party went on to Peking, where they were welcomed by Mr. Chi.

TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER

On August 19, Mr. Sharp met with Prime Minister Chou En-lai for over three hours. Their talks were conducted in the same relaxed and candid atmosphere that had characterized the meetings between the two foreign ministers during the previous few days.

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Prime Minister Chou expressed his satisfaction at the successful outcome of the discussions that were held between the two foreign ministers and he agreed that future exchanges at various levels would be to the mutual benefit of the two countries. He expressed appreciation for the initiative of the Canadian Government in establishing diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China and for Canada's support for the seating of the representative of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations.



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Mr. Sharp strolls along the Great Wall of China.