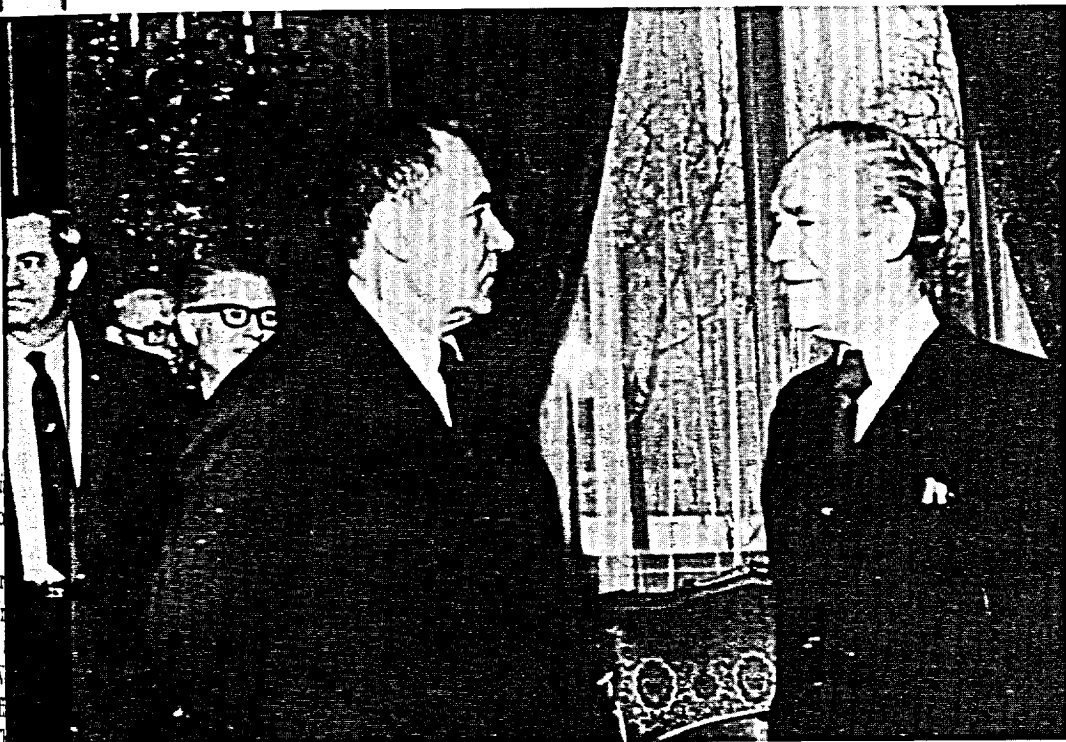


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discussions with Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin. At left: two of the Canadian officials participating in the talks — J. G. H. Halstead, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and E. P. Black, Director-General of the department's Bureau of European Affairs.

Mr. Sharp was quick to express his appreciation for the progress made since Mr. Trudeau submitted the first list of 291 cases, covering 646 persons, in 1971. Mr. Sharp submitted an updated list with 266 cases, including about 50 spouses who had been separated for as long as 25 years.

In response, Mr. Gromyko assured him that the only barriers were administrative ones and promised to do what he could to expedite visas. Since the start of 1971, some 621 Soviet citizens emigrated to Canada, 332 of whom were on the lists.

Mr. Gromyko prefers to talk about visitors rather than immigrants and comes up with a figure in excess of 2,000. That is still pretty small when placed in Western terms of tourism.

Mr. Sharp was ready for the reaction when he went beyond the bilateral reunification of families into the Soviet treatment of Jews, Ukrainians and dissidents. He was not surprised when Mr. Gromyko told him that the Soviet Union didn't need Canadians to tell them how to run their country. He had predicted that very reaction in a news conference in Copenhagen en route to the Soviet Union.

He said then that legal arguments about human rights don't carry much

Gromyko reaction on dissidents was regarded as predictable