

on the one hand and on the other a continued readiness to retain existing contacts with the Soviet world and extend those contacts on the basis of mutual agreement whenever the opportunity arises.

Future Policies of NATO

The Prime Minister informed the House of Commons that he had suggested to the President that recent international events had increased the urgency of undertaking the study of long-range planning for the 1960's proposed at the Ministerial Meeting of NATO in December 1959 by the United States Secretary of State, and that NATO Governments should "give early and serious attention to the holding of a meeting at heads-of-governments level, in order that those who have the responsibilities of leadership may join in a collective effort to establish and sketch new lines of endeavour for NATO in the years ahead."

The Prime Minister noted further that he had informed President Eisenhower that, if it were agreed that such a meeting should take place, he "would be prepared to extend invitations to the NATO leaders to hold that meeting in Canada."

Open-Skies Proposal

The Prime Minister also indicated that he had discussed with the President the latter's "open-skies" proposal for a system of aerial inspection as a means of removing the threat of surprise attack and had stated that, if the proposal were advanced in the United Nations, Canada would co-sponsor an appropriate resolution.

Bilateral Relations

The Prime Minister reported that he had discussed with President Eisenhower various aspects of policies affecting the two countries jointly, including continental defence and problems in the trade and economic fields. "We spoke frankly", the Prime Minister continued "about the concern that Canadians feel over recent United States wheat-surplus disposal policies which could damage Canadian wheat export markets, particularly in Latin America and Africa."

The Prime Minister concluded his report by calling attention to the last paragraph of the communiqué. This paragraph, he said, summed up the general feeling and attitude shown during his discussions with the President. The Prime Minister also reiterated his appreciation for everything that was done to demonstrate the feelings of the United States towards Canada.