

QUESTION: How did the Canadian people feel about the re-armament of Japan?

ANSWER: Well, the Canadian people generally are now very well-informed, you know, about the details of that and they leave the responsibility for such decisions as might be required on behalf of Canada to the Canadian Government. The Canadian Government is the government of a nation of 14 or 15 million people with, of course, large territory but it is not a very important percentage of the world population and we don't attempt to be too firm in our appreciation of the views of those whose opinions are apt to have very much more weight and to be very much more effective than such views as we might express. The people of Canada you know, would be quite happy if nobody had to arm or re-arm and it is only because of their feeling that under present conditions it is necessary that there be a bloc that wouldn't look easy to overcome that they have accepted the rearmament burdens that we are carrying during these years.

QUESTION: As to the new look policy of Mr. Dulles, we understand that you are giving full support to that policy.

ANSWER: I am not sure that I understand that question.

QUESTION: Repeated.

ANSWER: I don't know really just what is implied in your question. The (pause), well the last time I heard "new Look" applied to something concrete was to the length of women's skirts. Here I think that we are all, from time to time, slightly modifying our opinions as to what may be best to do or attempt to do in the interests of world peace and I think that the State Department is quite as much concerned about practical achievements as any of the rest of us can be, and we have confidence not only in their good faith but in their wisdom. Of course we do not always see eye to eye upon specific points but in a general way we think that they are doing their best and that it is a pretty good best.

QUESTION: In other words, the new look policy contains the massive retaliation policy (inaudible on tape recorder)

ANSWER: I hope that that is just a concept that will never have to be translated into concrete action. That is not the purpose but it is one of the effects of building up the strength of the North Atlantic Treaty Nations. They do not want war and they want to be in a position where war will be unlikely but that position must mean that, if in spite of their hopes war does come, they will be able to strike back and to strike back pretty effectively.

QUESTION: Don't you believe that policy will lead to a third world war?

ANSWER: I hope not and I don't think it will. This old maxim of the Romans "If you want peace, prepare for war" has not been disproved though it has been used for many centuries. I do not know, but I am naive enough to believe that had the Kaiser known in advance what was going to be lined up against him in the First World War, he might have hesitated and Hitler and Mussolini might have hesitated had they known in '38 and '39 what strength would be lined up against them. Well this time we're saying before anything