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Transcript of an interview in New York with the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, which was televised by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation on its programme INQUIRY on November 14, 1961. The programme was introduced by Mr. Davidson Dunton, President of Carleton University, Ottawa. Members of the panel were: Mr. James Wechsler, editor of the New York Post; Mr. Simon Mali, U.N. correspondent of Radio Tunis; and Mr. Clark Davey, Cable Editor of the Toronto Globe and Mail. The chairman was Mr. Knowlton Nash, CBC Washington correspondent.

Mr. Dunton: Look at him and you seem to see a man wearing an air of detached melancholy, perhaps what one would expect from our Minister of External Affairs in these days of the "Doomsday Bomb". But listen to him and you hear the voice of an eternal optimist, for one thing that characterizes Howard Charles Green is determined optimism in the face of persistent adversity. His is the frustrating task of striving for international agreement on disarmament when the obstacles are so enormous and while even some of his own cabinet colleagues don't seem to agree entirely on some of the issues involved for Canada. In this world of tension and brinkmanship Howard Green may be remarkable for his calm, but this doesn't prevent our unflapable Minister of External Affairs from following an extremely busy work schedule.

During the week that just passed, for instance, politician Green travelled far enough afield to see friends and acquaintances in British Columbia and to address the University of Toronto Progressive Conservative Association, while diplomat Green, among other things, had talks in Ottawa with the ambassadors of France and Guatemala before going on to New York and the deliberations of the United Nations. In New York City, the Honourable Howard Green now faces an international panel of Inquiry journalists: James Wechsler, editor of the New York Post; Simon Mali, U.N. correspondent of Radio Tunis; and Clark Davey, cable editor of the Toronto Globe and Mail. The chairman is Knowlton Nash.

Mr. Davey: Mr. Green, what are we trying to achieve with our Canadian foreign policy?