

The Press: How do you assess the ferment in France? Would not a political upset in France throw the whole review out of kilter?

Mr. Sharp: Well, I regard the ferment in France as very serious and I do not think there is anyone in the world who could take any satisfaction out of the troubles that that country is going through. I am hopeful that they will be able to solve them quickly. When a great powerful nation like France is going through difficulties like this, the whole world suffers.

The Press: Mr. Sharp in your European review you say you are going to emphasize improvement of relations with France. Since General De Gaulle's contribution in Quebec last summer, can you recall anything France has done to improve relations with Canada?

Mr. Sharp: Yes, I can think of some things. Certainly, I think that there have been many instances of co-operation between Canada and France in many fields and I do not think the picture is all black at all. I hope that relations between Canada and France will be better, but there have been several useful things that have been done recently between our two governments in many fields - in scientific fields, in commercial fields and cultural fields - things that have promoted good relations between our two countries.

The Press: Mr. Sharp, with reference to the International Institute. Is that the Pearson proposal for an international development centre at Expo?

Mr. Sharp: Yes, except that it is not at Expo. We have been considering this for some time and decided that we should now announce this as a matter of Government policy. We have become more and more convinced that an institution like this would receive widespread support around the world. Moreover, it would help in applying developmental aid more effectively in many parts of the world. This would be considered as part of our External Aid programme. It would be financed out of our External Aid programme as part of it.