

they called on Mr. Wilson and they insisted upon calling on the Acting-Head of the Canadian Government. The Soviet Ambassador simply stated that their troops and those of their allies had entered Czechoslovakia at the invitation of the Czechoslovak authorities.

Q. Did he say how long troops would remain in Czechoslovakia?

Mr. Sharp: No.

Mr. Scott: Have you been in touch with the Prime Minister at all, or has he been in touch with you?

Mr. Sharp: Yes, I was in touch with the Prime Minister this morning and discussed with him the question of issuing a statement. I can tell you that the Prime Minister is on his way home as soon as transportation can be arranged and the quickest possible transportation.

Q. Why is he coming home?

Mr. Sharp: He is coming home because he feels that there will be important decisions to be taken with respect to our position in the Security Council and so on in which his presence is very desirable.

Q. Exactly where is he right now? Where is he?

Mr. Sharp: He's coming from his holiday resort. You seem to know all about it.

Mr. Van Dusen: Does this affect in any way, Mr. Sharp, the decisions that will be taken, do you think, in our reassessment of our role in NATO?

Mr. Sharp: Yes, I can't help but think that this is a very significant development. One of the main purposes of NATO for some time has been to bring about a détente between East and West and as I said in my opening statement, this is without any question