

these two Communist powers whose interests are so deeply engaged in the Vietnam question. But I am convinced that they are desirous of reaching a peaceful settlement, amongst other reasons for the beneficial effect this will have on East-West relations in general. Thus, despite very substantial differences between us, there seems to be some identity of view as to the desire to see the conflict brought to an end.

Poland and the Soviet Union were new to me. I must say that even after this brief visit I think the forces which help to shape the policies of their governments are more clearly discernible. I saw the reconstruction of the historic city of Warsaw, hideously scarred by war. I saw ancient Krakow and the horror that was Auschwitz, a silent witness to the massacre of how many millions of the Jewish people. I saw Moscow, the vibrant capital of one of the two most powerful countries on earth. I saw Leningrad, that creation of Peter the Great, which lost almost a million of its inhabitants in 900 days of wartime siege. And had it not been for bad weather, I would have seen Kiev, the historic capital of the Ukraine.

As I visited all these places and talked with their people, I further confirmed my assessment of what is taking place in Eastern Europe -- and there is certainly change afoot. My thoughts also turned instinctively to the hundreds of thousands of people in Canada of Polish descent, of Ukrainian and Russian descent. I understood their love for the countries from which they and their ancestors had come and I understood better some of the sources of the great contributions which they have brought to Canada.

I was honoured to be received in Rome by His Holiness the Pope and was again impressed by his wise and compassionate understanding of the troubles of the world as well as by his great spirit of ecumenism which has done so much to bring the Christian churches closer together. His Holiness commended the efforts of Canada to bring about peace. I told him that the leadership which he and other great religious leaders were