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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the following Joint Communiqué was issued in Moscow on Wednesday, October 12, on the conclusion of the visit to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L. B. Pearson:

From October 5 to 12 as a guest of the Soviet Government, the Canadian Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Lester B. Pearson visited the U.S.S.R.

During his stay in Moscow, Mr. Pearson met leading statements of the Soviet State and had discussions with the Foreign Minister of the U.S.S.R., Mr. V. M. Molotov; the Minister of Foreign Trade, Mr. I. G. Kabanov; and with the acting Minister for Culture of the U.S.S.R., Mr. S. V. Kaftanov.

In discussions during these meetings there took part on the Canadian side the following persons accompanying Mr. Pearson: the Associate Deputy Minister for Trade and Commerce, Mr. M. W. Sharp; the Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. J. W. Holmes; as well as Mr. J. B. C. Watkins, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Canada in the U.S.S.R.

On the Soviet side there took part in discussions the Deputy Foreign Minister of the U.S.S.R., Mr. V. A. Zorin; the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the U.S.S.R. in Canada, Mr. D. S. Chuvakhin; and the Chief of the Second European Department of the Foreign Ministry of the U.S.S.R., Mr. V. Y. Yerofeyev.

These meetings and discussions took place in a cordial atmosphere and ranged over a wide variety of subjects, including matters of major international significance. The exchange has resulted in a clearer understanding of each other's point of view which should assist in promotion of good relations between the two countries.

It was recognized that there were no problems between nations or group of nations which were incapable of solution by peaceful means if goodwill and a sincere desire for strengthening peace and friendly relations between nations were present. Mr. Molotov and Mr. Pearson expressed their satisfaction at the fact that the points of view in the United Nations sub-Committee on disarmament of which the U.S.S.R. and Canada are members had come closer together and it was established that both sides had common views with regard to the necessity to facilitate early solution of the disarmament problem. It was agreed that for such an achievement the development of confidence and trust between nations and growth of a sense of security was vitally important. This end should be served by measures directed at further relaxation in international tensions. It was noted with satisfaction that the decisions of the conference of Heads of Governments of the Four Powers in Geneva in July last had facilitated relaxation of tension in international relations although many problems still remained to be solved.

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