

that are to attend the summit meeting. This is the basis of our stand and that stand has been agreed to by the bigger nations that are likely to be participating in the summit meeting.

- Q: NATO's a military alliance, though, sir. Is there not a fear that the atmosphere of NATO is predominantly military and that their views on a variety of subjects might better be expressed in some other atmosphere?
- A: NATO is really wider than a military alliance. It is true it is a defensive alliance but that involves political issues of many different types, and if all the Nations in NATO are not to be consulted on these political questions, then the NATO alliance is not very attractive. Certainly to Canada.
- Q: You have said that you have insisted on a greater degree of consultation. Are you going to have strong things to say when you go there in December?
- A: Well, I hope so.
- Q: And are you going to have things to say to the Disarmament Committee in February?
- A: Canada, of course, is one of the five Western nations on the Disarmament Committee. This a very responsible position in which to be, and we will certainly do our best to see that Canada makes a worth while contribution.
- Q: Sir, these six months we have been talking about. We have covered a few of the subjects in which you have made news. You have been coming to grips with situations which you have never seen before at first hand. What is your impression on Canada's role and her influence in the world as a result of your first-hand experience, sir?
- A: Canada is in an extremely fortunate and challenging position for several reasons. For example, we have our great friendships with the United Kingdom, with France and with the United States. We have the position in the Commonwealth, which is of vital importance in the world today; and then our membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, our neighbourliness with the Latin American states and the active role that Canada has always taken in the United Nations. There is perhaps no other nation in the world today in a finer position to give leadership than Canada.