

... Externally this mellowing springs from a realization that 'normal' relations with other states and a more civil approach are likely to contribute to, and succeed in, a period of détente. The removal of our fear would seem to be one of their main objectives now. ..."

Mr. Pearson continued:

"Then there is another conclusion ... that heavy industry will continue to get priority over consumer goods, to enable the Soviet Union to catch up with the West industrially. ... Peaceful co-existence between states of differing social systems will continue to be the theme of Soviet foreign policy: carrying this out, the Soviet Union will concentrate its attention on the neutral and uncommitted nations, particularly by economic means. At the same time ... they will try to enter into bi-lateral negotiations with Western democracies in an attempt to weaken their unity, to play one off against the other and especially to play all of us off against the United States.

"But in spite of this talk of peaceful co-existence ... there is every indication that the Soviet Union intends to maintain and even to strengthen its own military capabilities and alliances. ... The implications of thermonuclear warfare are now recognized by the Soviet leaders. And as a consequence the inevitability of war between the Communist and the non-Communist world is rejected because of the supposed deterrent effect of Soviet thermonuclear warfare capabilities and Soviet economic strength.

"In a sense they have turned against us our own doctrine of atomic deterrents. However, while they reject the inevitability of war, and insist on the desirability of co-existence between states of differing social systems, they are quite emphatic in stating that there can be no co-existence between ideologies. ...

"This is the final conclusion which I draw from the party congress: that a conscious effort is being and will be made to recognize and placate different forms of socialism. It is probably an effort on the part of the Soviet leaders to work up the idea in various countries of a popular front. They emphasize now that different forms of socialism can be recognized and that not all countries would achieve a Communist objective on the pattern of the Soviet Union. ..."

In concluding this portion of his statement, Mr. Pearson said: