

The Press: Mr. Sharp, will the Ministerial mission to Latin America be visiting Cuba as well as other countries?

Mr. Sharp: We have not looked at the question. We have not set out an itinerary.

The Press: In these special relationships which you mention, do you see the possible change of representation--the type of representation--between Britain and Canada, and what I am getting at is whether you see the need, perhaps, for a Canadian ambassador and possibly a British ambassador here rather than High Commissions?

Mr. Sharp: Well, I gather that the reason for this is that we have a common ground, and that it would be inappropriate for the Queen of Canada to have an ambassador to the Queen of England, and vice versa. This is why we have High Commissioners between Canada and members of the Commonwealth that have the Queen as the Head of the Commonwealth or the Head of State. That is why there is this special kind of designation. It would be a rather awkward thing, I should think, for the ambassador from the Queen of Canada to present his credentials to the Queen of England, who is one in the same person.

The Press: I was thinking perhaps in the long term...

Mr. Sharp: Well, I really do not know--I do not speculate about it.

The Press: But the matter has not come up?

Mr. Sharp: No.

The Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Sharp.