

## 'NATO Might Disappear'

# Must Try to Deal With Russia: Pearson

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Minneapolis, Nov. 3. — Lester

B. Pearson, winner of the 1957 Nobel Peace Prize, urged the West today to seize every opportunity to negotiate a peaceful coexistence with Russia.

He said it should be done without sacrifice of principle and from a position of non-aggressive strength.

The alternative, he declared, is a peace "balanced precariously on the knife-edge of terror," followed by nuclear war and total annihilation.

The Canadian MP, in his first major speech since he won the peace prize three weeks ago, warned that the Soviet was forging swiftly forward in the science of destruction.

He called the Russian "conquest of outer space" a "stupendous leap forward." He foresaw the possibility of "the outer spaces cluttered with satellites shot there by rockets which could as easily be used to carry nuclear warheads designed not to stay up with the stars but to descend on us."

"We had better awaken from our illusion of easy technical and material superiority which we have been cherishing because we have a car in every garage, frozen food in every electric refrigerator and kissproof on every lip," he said.

He credited Russia with "a dynamic impulse for national creation" that has put scientists and engineers "on a level of prestige and privilege which in our society is reserved for heroes of sport or entertainment."

He said Russia had been building power with ruthless determination and the west could not match it with "merely the well-worn cliches of the

The Canadian secretary of state for external affairs until the Liberal Party lost control of the government to the Conservatives last summer, said he saw no prospect of easing cold war tensions if the West insisted on a "rigid, unconditional-surrender type of diplomacy." A popular attitude, he admitted, has been "inflexible hostility to Soviet Russia and determined opposition to every move she makes."

superiority of freedom and democracy."

Instead he said, "We should go on seeking, patiently and persistently, a basis for negotiation and agreement."

"When Russia has a legitimate interest in some area or development," he said, "We should be foolish to act as if that interest can either be ignored or attacked.

"There are situations in the world today which do not admit of any permanent solution without Russian participation, we might as well admit that hard fact."

He said the formula for peaceful east-west relations was step-by-step accommodations brought about "on a basis of mutual tolerance and self-interest."

Pearson, former president of the United Nations General Assembly, initiated the plan for expeditionary forces that halted the Suez conflict last fall.

In his address, one of a lecture series sponsored by the University of Minnesota, he told 4,500 listeners that the "continual and implacable struggle for power" in the Kremlin augured well for peace in the long run.

He said the discord meant that forces of reason existing among the Russian people might eventually gain control.

There is a "ferment of freedom" at work in Russia, he asserted, that gives reason for hope of east-west settlements of stronger foundations than are possible now.

"We must maintain the means for our defense while taking every possible step to remove any doubt in others that our force will ever be used for any aggressive or unworthy purpose."

He expressed the opinion that the United States should share up the North Atlantic Treaty Organization by sharing all its tactical atomic weapons with the European members.

"If NATO cannot continue on the widest possible basis of pooling and partnership," he said, "it is not likely to continue at all, at least as an effective organization."

He said the alliance would wither if its members had to look to the United States alone to retaliate "massively" against aggression by Moscow.

If NATO dies, he declared, "The primary aim of Russian foreign policy will be achieved—the splitting off of Western Europe from North America."