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Meanwhile the first job, as always, is to stop the fighting.

The second, as I see it, is to avoid provocation on the one hand and weakness and disunity on the other. But, I repeat it would be unutterable folly to allow these Chinese islands which are a hundred miles from Formosa to become the scene or the occasion of a major conflict. I am confident that this is the view of those who are directing policy in Washington under the leadership of a President who is patient, peace-loving and wise. I wish that I had as much knowledge of and confidence in the views of those who rule in Peking.

This question, so difficult, so complicated, so vitally important, will be among many to be discussed at the Conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers beginning in London on Monday next - and which will include, let us not forget, representatives from free Asian countries. The Commonwealth is in very truth a family of nations of every creed, colour and race, dedicated to peace and co-operation between States. In the past it has served its own peoples and all peoples well. All of us in Canada earnestly and prayerfully hope that once again a Commonwealth meeting will serve the cause of peace, in its search for a solution to some of these problems which are today filling men's minds and hearts with anxiety and doubt and fear.

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