

"Taiwan is an inalienable part of Chinese territory. We are determined to liberate Taiwan, . . . All U.S. armed forces in the Taiwan area must be withdrawn. The Chinese people absolutely will not tolerate any plot to carve up Chinese territory and create two Chinas. In accordance with this principle, any country that desires to establish diplomatic relations with our country must sever so-called diplomatic relations with the Chiang Kai-shek clique..."

I have said that the Canadian Government is not prepared to take any step that would facilitate the Communist occupation of Formosa. The reasons for this are fairly simple. There has been evidence that Peking is willing to use its growing military power against its neighbours in Asia in what it evidently considers to be its national interests. The occupation of Formosa by Communist China would be an important victory in that country's attempt to achieve a dominant military position in Asia.

Finally I turn for a moment to another subject in which this group has played a prominent part -- Canada's role in World Refugee Year. As you know, the Government agreed, as a special contribution to World Refugee Year, to waive certain immigration requirements in order to admit 100 tuberculous refugees and their families for treatment and rehabilitation in Canada - and to pay the costs of transporting these people to Canada, as well as the cost of establishing the families in suitable accommodation and of maintaining them until they were able to support themselves. The Government also undertook to pay for hospitalization costs of the tuberculous cases if these were not borne by provincial governments. As it turned out, most provinces volunteered to accept treatment costs.

#### Refugee Year Programme

This project will cost the Federal Government several hundred thousand dollars and represents one of the major contributions by governments to the World Refugee Year programme. Aside from the substantial cost involved, it represents an important contribution toward the solution of one of the most tragic aspects of the refugee problem, the rehabilitation of the so-called "hard core" cases. The Canadian project has been hailed by the High Commissioner for Refugees as a humanitarian programme unique in the annals of post-war refugee migration. It represented the first time that tuberculous refugees from the European camps had been admitted by any country outside Western Europe, with full financial responsibility being accepted by the Government. On February 9, to mark the completion of the Canadian programme, I received a telegram from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees which read as follows: