

fact that there are now two communities in Vietnam and we also run the risk of misjudging the possibility of one community gaining a complete ascendancy over the other by military means or by subversion, or by any other means not based on the clearly expressed choice of the people concerned. In the case of two communities that have developed for more than a decade along different lines, and towards which such massive outside engagements have already been made, it seems difficult to believe that one would now be allowed simply to extinguish the other.

In my view, we should not preclude the possibility of the reunification of Vietnam which, unquestionably, corresponds with the aspirations of the Vietnamese people, and it would be my hope -- and I am sure of all Honourable Members -- that, when the fighting has ended and peace is restored, the two communities could proceed quickly towards establishing the basis of confidence which would bring about such reunification.

...I cannot help but add that every indication is against Communist China participating in any United Nations intervention.

... Naturally, I think we would all like to see the United Nations involved in this matter as soon as possible if there were any possibility of progress in that way, just as in the Rhodesian conflict we at Lagos agreed that, if economic sanctions, financial sanctions and oil sanctions did not work, and if any member of the Commonwealth thought they were not working, then, having set up the Sanctions Committee, that member of the Commonwealth could appeal to the Sanctions Committee for a reconvening of the Commonwealth Conference or could go to the United Nations and, in the Security Council of the United Nations, introduce a sanctions resolution under Chapter 7 of the Charter which would be obligatory on all members of the United Nations. This could be possible and successful in the case of Rhodesia, but I think it would be quite unrealistic to think UN involvement would be effective in any way in the Vietnamese conflict, unless somehow Communist China could be brought into association with it, and both governments of Vietnam showed a desire to go to the United Nations.

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