

peoples that compose its membership demand the recognition of equality, and I believe the final communiqué made it clear that the recognition of these principles has been achieved in spirit.

As I return I am convinced of one thing. While there were those who were critical of the stand which was being taken, I think in the light of what has occurred the course followed was one that has assured the maintenance of the basic principles, and also made possible in the future the achievement of equality and the denial of discrimination. The ominous danger of Commonwealth fission was prevented without the sacrifice of any vital principles by the Prime Ministers and representatives of the various countries. The course of reason, restraint and diplomacy was followed rather than that of judicial action. The various Prime Ministers who felt most strongly against fanatical racialism maintained a self control and a dignity in the presentation of their arguments which had its effect. I think it may be fairly said that an advance was made in the interracial and multiracial relationships of the many peoples of the Commonwealth; and while collective action was asked by some before we met, it was asked by none by the time we separated.

Final Communiqué

The meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers ended today. Pakistan was represented by its President. The United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, Ghana, the Federation of Malaya and the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland were represented by their Prime Ministers. South Africa was represented by the Minister of External Affairs, and Ceylon by the Minister of Justice.

2. This was the tenth of these meetings to have been held since the war. It has taken place at a time of great significance to the Commonwealth and to the world.

3. The continuing growth of the membership of the Commonwealth was marked by the attendance at this meeting of the Prime Minister of the Federation of Malaya, which achieved independence in August 1957. The representatives of the other Commonwealth countries welcomed the presence of the Federation at the Conference.

4. The Commonwealth is an association of independent sovereign states, each responsible for its own policies; but the primary objective of all is world peace and security. It is their declared purpose to do everything in their power to achieve that objective, and to continue to co-operate to that end with all the peace-loving nations of the world.

5. In this spirit the Commonwealth Ministers have reviewed the major international problems of the day, on the eve of the impending summit con-