

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): The view of the Canadian Government, of course, as stated last November, was that if Mainland China was in the United Nations this would give us a more direct opportunity of discussing all sorts of problems directly, face to face, with the so-called Chinese People's Republic. Among those questions would be Vietnam.

Mr. KLEIN: Do you think that the presence of American troops in quite large numbers in South Vietnam is having a stabilizing effect on the internal conditions in Red China?

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): I would doubt that it had that relationship.

Mr. KLEIN: May I ask you about the question brought up about giving aid to the civilians in North Vietnam? I presume that Canada would consider that in the context of Canada's relationship in the sphere of neutrality so as to serve as a mediator in the possibility of any negotiations rather than in taking sides with one or the other.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): Certainly that would be a consideration.

Mr. KLEIN: May I ask you whether you consider, in view of the attitude seemingly taken by the western nations now, particularly with Vice President Humphrey's visit and the reporting in the press of the bad reception he received, that this is contributing to the intransigence of North Vietnam to sit down and talk in the hope that this kind of thing would build up to the point where the United States, because of public opinion, would have to withdraw its forces from South Vietnam?

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): First of all, I would like to say that the reports I have of the visit of Vice President Humphrey is that it was a very successful visit.

Mr. KLEIN: Not according to the press.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): Well, it was a very successful visit, from reports that I have had. That there have been dissident elements who have strongly expressed their views about American policy on the occasion of this visit is an obvious fact. But this does not in any way alter the fact that the talks he had with the governments concerned were, I think, useful. Undoubtedly, the demonstrations of disagreement are effective and would be taken into account by the other side.

Mr. KLEIN: May I ask you whether you would think it would be useful, as a suggestion, that both sides in Vietnam be ready to accept unconditionally standby UN peace troops which may or may never be used, as a first step in the good faith on both sides wanting to reach an agreement.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): I want to get what your question is. Are you asking me that as a condition to peace there should be an agreement by both sides?

Mr. KLEIN: No, not as a condition of peace but as an unconditional arrangement, without any pre-conditions set forth, both sides accept UN peace troops as a standby peace corps in the event that negotiations can be entered into.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): I want to be sure. I do not quite understand the question.