

Canada has endorsed the view of the Secretary-General that it is in the interests of the international community to have Communist China exposed to the currents and cross-currents of international opinion. We also believe that there are problems in the realm of international peace and security which require the co-operation of Communist China for their solution. We have made it clear that we regard disarmament as one such problem and have supported Communist Chinese participation in any world disarmament conference.

It is in this spirit that Canada approached the problem of Chinese representation at the current session of the General Assembly. Nevertheless, after very careful consideration, the Canadian Government decided that it could not in present circumstances do other than vote against the resolution which was before the Assembly. In voting as it did the Canadian Government was guided by the following considerations.

First, in a press conference on September 29th the Communist Chinese Foreign Minister, Marshal Chen Yi, posed a number of new conditions which would have to be satisfied if Communist China was to agree to take its seat in the United Nations. As part of these conditions the United Nations was being asked to rescind its resolution condemning Communist China as an aggressor in Korea, where Canadian fought and died to defeat aggression. It was being asked to review and revise its Charter. And it was being asked to admit to membership all so-called independent countries and to eject from membership all those which Peking chooses to regard as "imperialist puppet states".