

Colonial Problem

Another development which I think is very far-reaching has been the steady reduction in the number of colonies. This colonialism question has been a difficult and nasty one in the United Nations and all over the world. Most of the former dependent countries now have their independence. There are a few more to come, and I am confident that they will gain independence in due course. However, quite a large segment of that problem has been settled. There is one which remains to be dealt with and in which our own nation of Canada took the lead, namely the question of Soviet imperialism or what happens inside the present Soviet Union. These Soviet representatives have been very quick and very bold about attacking Great Britain and France in the United Nations for what they have been doing about colonies. However, there has not been in the Soviet Union one little move to give the people within their boundaries any right at all to decide whether or not they wish to have their independence back again. Hence this issue is one which will still have to be dealt with.

Sino-Indian Conflict

Another far-reaching development has been the attack by Red China on India. That was an amazing action, which it is hard for any Canadian to understand. Here was India, one of the leaders of the unaligned countries, which was certainly giving no offence to the Red Chinese and doing nothing to justify aggression of that kind, yet Red China struck. It does not require much imagination to realize that this action will have a far-reaching effect in all the unaligned countries. I am confident that they are watching that action and that they will have made some decisions which certainly will not be against the interests of Western nations such as Canada.

Then there has been the disagreement between the Soviet Union and Red China. For many months now we have heard rumours about arguments going on in the Communist camp. I do not think it is ever wise to put too much credence in reports of that type, for should anything develop leading to really serious trouble I have no doubt they would get together again very quickly. However, the argument has gone on, it has grown louder and it has come out into the open ... As I say, this development may have very far-reaching effects.

Then another development with far-reaching implications has been the recognition by every leader in every nation of the world of impending doom -- and I repeat the words "of impending doom" -- if there is a nuclear war or if no method of living together can be devised. Across this world today there is a will for peace such as there never has been previously. One needed only to go to the United Nations at the last session and be there while the Cuban crisis was under way in order to realize that mankind, as represented there by the delegates from 110 countries, was determined that something had to be done, and quickly, in order to