

QUESTION: This attitude of yours makes it possible for those who do not want to back such an idea to remain uncommitted?

ANSWER: Well really, I would not like to express any opinion upon what would be the wise or the wiser or the wisest course for those who are responsible for other countries to adopt. I have found in the 12 years that I have been in Ottawa that I have my hands full in trying to make as wise decisions as possible about my own country.

QUESTION: You have been pleased to make a few remarks in general terms about security. Can you give us some comments particularly on United States military aid to Pakistan and the Turko-Pakistan agreement?

ANSWER: No, I wouldn't like to make any comment about that. We have never had to consider whether it would be wise for us to attempt any other military aid than what we have committed in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

QUESTION: May I ask one further question?

(laughter)

Mr. St. Laurent I am not sure about that, you know. I have had two or three of your questions.

(laughter)

Questioner I am very optimistic.

Remark from audience Ask it in French, Larry

(laughter)

QUESTION: Would you concede, would you think it would be reasonable, desirable, understandable and expedient for India to arm herself in parity with Pakistan today?

ANSWER: I don't know. (laughter) Really I don't know. It is not that I want to evade the question, but I don't think I have the kind of information or knowledge that would make an opinion of mine justifiable.

QUESTION: During your talks with Mr. Nehru, did you form the impression that there were certain things about the West, particularly the United States, that he did not either fully understand or he mistook?

ANSWER: No, I did not form the impression that he was not fully informed.