

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: Mr. Walker—

Mr. WALKER: I have one minute.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: No, as a matter of fact we agreed to 12 o'clock and Mr. McIntosh, Mr. Lind, Mr. Andras, Mr. Forrestall, Mr. Churchill, and Mr. Macdonald wish to ask questions. Mr. McIntosh, please.

Mr. McINTOSH: Mr. Taylor, my first question is a hypothetical one. Would you care to express an opinion about which group ultimately will be victorious, the Mao or the other group?

Mr. TAYLOR: No, sir, except to say that I do not think it will be clear-cut. In other words, Mao may be forced to make compromises. I do not think Mao himself, while he lives, can be defeated. I do not think it will be a clear-cut decision. I think it may be interpreted as a victory for one side or the other by outside commentators, but I do not think the evidence will ever be immediately clear.

Mr. McINTOSH: Well, after he dies, then?

Mr. TAYLOR: After he dies, I think he will be honoured in name, and possibly the policies followed by his successors may go against what he would really have wanted them to do.

Mr. McINTOSH: I took from what you said that his ultimate goal, as far as the Chinese people are concerned, is to change the nature of man. Do you believe that can be done in China?

Mr. TAYLOR: No, sir, I do not.

Mr. McINTOSH: With regard to Viet Nam and Korea—particularly Korea's past but for the same reason they took action in Korea—you say that they will take action in Viet Nam because of the danger to their borders?

Mr. TAYLOR: I say the possibility is there, sir. They might take action and the parallel should always be considered, because the only previous occasion on which they did massively confront the United States in a military sense was in Korea. This parallel, I think, is still a relevant one. There may be other differences but it is still politically relevant.

Mr. McINTOSH: Could you give us any reason now why they do not confront United States over the issue of Formosa? Why do they not take Formosa?

Mr. TAYLOR: Because the Seventh Fleet is in the Formosa Strait. It went in there at the beginning of the Korean war when they were all prepared to take Formosa, and they could have followed up Chiang-Kai-shek there but the Seventh Fleet came in. It is there. For them to take Formosa would be a military impossibility.

Mr. McINTOSH: Their thinking is not the same with regard to any entry into the Viet Nam war?

Mr. TAYLOR: They would enter the Viet Nam war, I feel, if they felt that the war was getting too close to their borders for them to live with, as it did in Korea. If they felt it was inevitable that the United States, as they would put it, was carrying the war into China, then they would come in, I think. There can be no certainty of this.