

democratic countries of recognizing in our own interest certain Communist and other totalitarian regimes whose domestic and foreign policies are not more to our liking than those of Peking.

I would also stress that any recognition of the Peking Government does not have to include a commitment to support the handing over of Formosa to the control of that government.

What is involved in this question of recognition is not a simple moral judgment; whether we think the Communist regime is good or bad. So far as I am concerned, I think that any totalitarian regime allied to or working with the international Communist conspiracy is bad or worse! There are, however, conflicting considerations which must be carefully calculated in order to determine what is in the best interests of Canada and of the democratic world; and, indeed, of the subjugated peoples in the Communist countries themselves, who are the first victims of this kind of rule. Up to the present, it has seemed to us that recognition, though it might have certain advantages, would encourage the aggressive tendencies of the Chinese Communists with whom - we should not forget - we have not yet made peace in Korea. Nevertheless, we cannot ignore one very important fact. When problems arise which directly concern China, we have now to deal with the government which is in effective control of the Chinese mainland. It so happens that at this time this effective government of China is the Peking Communist regime. In order to find a solution to the problem of peace in the Far East we have to accept the fact of Communist power in China, just as we accept that fact in the Soviet Union. We recognized, for instance, at Geneva that Korea could not be unified peacefully except through negotiation with the North Korean and Chinese Communist Governments. That is why a Chinese Communist delegation was officially present at that conference.

I would say therefore that if the Communist Chinese were sincerely to co-operate in the achievement of peaceful and honourable settlements to Far Eastern problems, and were to respect the agreements reached, then formal recognition, which however would not in any sense imply approval, of their Government by Canada could be looked at again. I do not think that we should go further than that in present circumstances. But equally, I do not think that we should tie ourselves down to any rigid commitments that never will we recognize any Communist Government in China.

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