

"We have been fortunate in having the benefit of your keen intelligence, your profound understanding of the international scene, and your pragmatic approach to all problems. You have been a veritable bridge connecting different political minds which have been trying to attain the common objective of establishing peace in Indo-China.

"The role that India has been playing in promoting international understanding and lessening of tensions has been well exemplified in your person and in paying tribute to your work we are also paying tribute to your great country.

"This is the first time that I have had the privilege of coming in contact with the realities of Asia and your help in my study of the problems of the right aspirations of the Asian people has been a very valuable one for me.

"I think that I cannot be wrong saying that your next diplomatic posting will, no doubt, be in an area where your abilities are best utilised in furthering the cause of better international co-operation and world peace.

"Mr. Chairman, I wish you "Bon Voyage" and safe return to your country and I end by expressing once again our gratitude to you for the co-operation extended to all of us. Speaking for the Polish Delegation and myself I wish you all the best in your future career."

6. Chairman's reply:

The Chairman replied as follows:

"Ambassador Smith, Ambassador Wolniak, and Members of the International Commission:

"I am very grateful to my colleagues, the Commissioners for Canada and Poland, for the generous terms in which they have commended the work which we all have been able to get through by our joint effort. In fact, such success as has been achieved, is as much theirs as mine. The sentiments expressed by my two colleagues are, therefore, more indicative of their kindness and generosity than of any particular achievement on my part.

"This is the last meeting of the Commission over which I shall have the honour of presiding. The thought of having to part with my colleagues with whom it has been my privilege and pleasure to have worked, inevitably fills me with sadness. However, I am happy in the thought that I am able to carry back with me pleasant memories of friendships formed with my colleagues from Canada and Poland. The spirit of co-operation and harmony with which Mr. Smith and Mr. Wolniak have attempted to further the cause of international peace and the affection with which they have always treated me, personally, have made a profound impression on me; the more so, because they must have found me at times; —and I hope only at times —difficult to understand,