

Government of Cyprus and to which the other two governments have agreed. If the arrangements are carried out successfully, then the chances for peace on the island will be greatly improved.

Vietnam — Proposed Discussion in Security Council

On December 14 the Prime Minister made the following statement in response to a question in the House of Commons as to whether Canada had participated in any discussions at the United Nations or elsewhere concerning the possibility of bringing before the Security Council the question of the Vietnam war and the search for solutions to it :

Mr. Speaker, discussions are still going on among members of the Security Council as to the desirability of inscribing this item on the agenda of the Security Council for an early session. No decision has been taken on that matter as yet. I understand that if it is a matter for discussion at the Security Council there will be no difficulty in having representatives from North Vietnam and the Viet Cong take part as observers and participants in that discussion. There will be no difficulty about their reaching New York.

I think there are great difficulties in the way of any discussion of this matter at the Security Council which will lead to any constructive results. We are exchanging views with other members of the Security Council to see whether they feel, in fact, there might be good results from such a discussion.