

countries to increase their own industrial potential, — a desire which would be frustrated by the restoration of a powerful industrial Japan.

9. Mr. Kim spoke of conversations in Washington between the Korean Delegation and Mr. Hoffman, the Economic Cooperation Administrator. While Mr. Hoffman had not specified any sum which would be made available for the economic recovery of Korea, he did give the Mission reason to be optimistic about the sufficiency of the amount which would be forthcoming. Mr. Kim also discussed in Washington the wish of his Government to participate in the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. The time was not yet ripe for these matters to proceed beyond the discussion stage, although he had been given a sympathetic hearing.

10. Mr. Kim further told of the United States mission which would be conducting an economic survey of South Korea. This survey would be very complete and would form the necessary basis for the determination of the apportionment of United States financial aid. Among the projects which would be studied would be the possibility of developing hydro electric resources.

*Conclusions:*

The impression was received that the Head of the Mission intended to use this meeting more as a forum to advocate from a new angle the recognition of his Government by the Canadian Government, than as a means of fostering trade between the two countries. Dr. Chough took advantage of every opportunity to relate to recognition the value of Korean trade to Canada. He also emphasized the strength of the friendship between his Government and the Governments of China, The Philippines and the United States. The inference was that South Korea was not travelling alone. On matters such as the restoration of the Japanese economy where there have been differences between China and the United States, he emphasized his Government's unity of opinion with China. It would seem apparent that the foreign policies of these two Governments have a close affinity of purpose.

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(Notes on interview between Dr. P.O. Chough, Head of Mission, Mr. W.P. Kim, Economic Advisor, Mr. I.H. Chyung, Counsellor and Mr. D.M. Johnson and Mr. A.R. Menzies of the Department of External Affairs on October 12, 1948.)

Dr. Chough stated that he had been instructed by President Syngman Rhee to come to Canada to express the gratitude of the Korean people for the part which