

QUESTION: You said that you believe in gradualism regarding colonial countries. Do you advocate any progress towards self-administration in colonial countries or are you satisfied with the present position?

ANSWER: Well, to say whether I am satisfied or not is not a question I can answer. If I were living in a country that did not have self-government I would not be satisfied with the situation. But I am now happily living in a country which has self-government for which efforts were continuously made with progressive results from the establishment of our first Parliament in 1791 up to the present time.

QUESTION: Would you be impatient if the people of other colonies tried to attain the same status you have?

ANSWER: I think that human nature is much the same in all those countries, and I would not be at all scandalized at people residing in a country that did not have a fully responsible government of its own having the same feelings about the desirability of self-government as we had in Canada until such time as it had been fully achieved.

QUESTION: You said that in the N.A.T.O. each member is obliged to go to the support of the others if attacked. Does this include the colonial possessions of the powers concerned?

ANSWER: No.

QUESTION: I have in mind the Portuguese settlements in India.

ANSWER: No. No, it certainly does not include the Portuguese colonies in India.

QUESTION: Are there any secret clauses in the pact - there was a report that this is a secret clause?

ANSWER: There are no secret clauses, or at least if there are they are secret from me.

(laughter)

QUESTION: As between your loyalty to the Commonwealth and your obvious friendship towards your immediate neighbour, the United States -- to people in India it is some sort of miracle how you steer a clear course. I should like to know how you function.

(laughter)