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"CHINESE REPRESENTATION"

The General Assembly has again considered the issue of Chinese representation. Once again it has voted not to seat representatives of the Government of Communist China in the United Nations at the price of expelling the representatives of the Government of the Republic of China. Canada would have welcomed the opportunity to see Communist China take a seat in the world organization had Peking made this possible. If that has not yet happened, it is because Peking itself has set a price on participation which is unacceptable. In the view of the Canadian Government it is not for the United Nations to accommodate itself to the views of a single nation, however powerful or populous. It is for Communist China to make that accommodation. Much to the regret of the Canadian Government there is no present evidence that she is ready to do so.

This year's vote was taken against a background of growing disquiet over the purposes and policies of the Government of Communist China. There is concern in many countries of Africa and Asia about the circumstances in which Communist China forced the postponement of an Afro-Asian Conference which it concluded it could not dominate. There is concern over the attitude of Communist China towards the recent unsettling events in Indonesia. There