

work out systems of taxation and other national measures for the common benefit of the whole. The progress necessarily will be slow. The art of government will develop in the act of exercising it.

It was pointed out to Dr Wu that foreign communities interested in China, for the most part were sympathetic with their National aspirations, but that they were concerned in the unsettled conditions in the country, the absence of authority in Government for the protection of life and property, and to ensure the fulfilment of obligations undertaken by the Government. They have feared that some other uprising under some ambitious leader or leaders might follow, and that property and rights which had been surrendered to the Nationalist Government as constituted, would not be recognized by their successor who through force of arms had assumed control of the country, and might exploit it for the benefit of himself and his immediate associates.

Dr Wu said - 'It is hoped that the authority of Government as now constituted, may not be challenged by armed forces; that the lines of differences which may come will be differences of view as to the character of Government, in which case the safety will lie in changes which are made to meet new or developing conditions.'