

In conclusion, I should like to say that we of the Canadian delegation should like nothing more than to be able to register the agreement of this conference on the principles of settling such important points as those referred to in Mr. Molotov's resolution. We even like the idea of trying to register at this point what limited agreements we may have achieved and then settling down seriously to solve those problems which remain, and it is a considerable temptation to do so, even on Mr. Molotov's terms. We have given the most careful examination to this resolution in the hope that we could find a basis of agreement, but we are led to the inescapable conclusion that to do so at the present time would be dishonest. It would mean deliberate misrepresentation to the public of the world and could lead only to charges of bad faith at a later stage. Insofar as there are in the resolution some fundamental principles on which we are said by Mr. Molotov to agree, such as the establishment of a united independent Korea and the ultimate withdrawal of foreign forces, these were agreed upon before this conference began and can hardly be said, therefore, to represent an advance. Mr. Molotov wants us to talk about broad principles which sound easy and attractive and to leave the difficult details till later. This, however, is a method of approach which could have disastrous results. I am sure that if Mr. Vyshinsky were here he could supply a good Russian proverb explaining what happens to carts when they are put before horses. However attractive it might be to reach agreement at this point - and no one is more anxious to reach genuine agreement than we are - nevertheless, we believe that in the long-run it will be better if we squarely face the facts of our disagreement and acknowledge them than to delude ourselves with false hopes and lead the people of the world to believe that there is agreement when there is no agreement.

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