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of the House of Representatives dealt with that too in their recommendations published yesterday when they stated:

The United States and free world lack a "clear and firm policy" on Asia and should draft one quickly.

Asia today is the key continent. I have as an authority for that the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In 1950 upon his return from a trip to the Far East a report was issued the heading of which is, "Asia, not Europe, Key Continent Now: Pearson." The article continues:

Freshly returned from the trip today, Mr. Pearson said there had been a shift in the centre of gravity in international affairs from Europe to the Far East.

He went on:

Soviet imperialism, for the time being, seemed to be contained in Europe by two factors; the military alliance created by the Atlantic pact and the economic progress which had been attained. In the Far East, however, the Soviet brand of communism appeared to be making great progress, he noted. There was a danger it might overrun the whole of Asia. Its most dramatic success had been in China.

That was on February 10, 1950. Yesterday the same hon. gentleman was quoted as saying here in Ottawa in a speech on Sunday, March 28:

Mr. Pearson said that in his view there was nothing more important in the world today than the 800 million people in Asia.

The Pacific area is obviously far more dangerous than the Atlantic and has been for some years. There has been a real war going on in the Pacific for some years now.

Red China and the Soviet are together in Asia. It is not a case of just the Soviet union. You have these two great nations together. Just think of the reserves of manpower available with which to make trouble in Asia. Red China is communist. We hear a lot of talk about this being an agrarian movement in China. I have here the latest publication of the "Behind the Headlines" series of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs. In an article entitled "China under Communist Control" the author, Dr. A. Stewart Allen, who was a medical missionary with the United Church of Canada in China from 1929 until he was deported in 1951, and who should know what he is writing about, states:

A large number of people still do not realize that the present changes there are not mainly the result of an agrarian reform movement, but of Russian communism which is the basis of the present government.

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He goes on to describe how the Chinese have tried to indoctrinate prisoners and people there who are in their control. He states:

In indoctrination classes it was very plainly stated that the Chinese plan is to assist in ushering in world communism. They state they have no need to worry about their northern borders which are friendly. But on all other borders, and especially to the south, they must assist in "liberating" their "friends" from their "colonial and oppressed status". Indo-China, Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Burma, India are all in the next line of threat from China.

In Toronto a few weeks ago, the date was January 25, Lieutenant General A. C. Wedemeyer of the United States dealt with the same question and he said in part:

However, many of our leaders were influenced after world war II by communist propaganda to the effect that the Chinese reds were peaceful agrarians—democratic and friendly to the objectives of the west. We have been paying for that false judgment ever since.

He was addressing the Toronto board of trade. He pointed out that he had known Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai for some years before they came into power. He stated:

They owe everything to the Kremlin, from which they received their training and support. They are still receiving liberal assistance from the Soviet union. So long as the communist oligarchy is secure in its rule of the Soviet empire, in my judgment, the Chinese reds would not dare desert it.

Canada, our own country, is directly affected. Canada is a nation on the Pacific. Sometimes people think Canada only faces on the Atlantic, but Canada also faces on the Pacific and the Arctic and we would be wise to remember that in this house.

If Japan or Formosa or the Philippines go red then the first line of defence for this nation will be on the west coast. Make no mistake about that.

If North America is ever invaded it will be from Asia, not from Europe, and it will be by the red Chinese. Let us not forget that fact either.

Earlier today we had questions about the results of the H-bomb tests at Bikini. On our west coast a few days ago they were using geiger counters to see whether a shipload of tuna fish caught by Japanese fishermen was radioactive. Our west coast is vitally concerned as regards the Pacific ocean and it should be remembered, Mr. Speaker, that the Pacific is not yet an American lake.

These things affect Canada on the Pacific but very little has been done in that area to build a cohesive defence. The United States has a series of agreements. She has a defensive agreement with Australia and New Zealand known as the ANZUS treaty; she has another with the Philippines; and