

to be the acceptance of Communist domination of the whole country. Both governments, however, are reluctant to take the initiative in recognizing the Bao Dai regime until the March agreements, referred to in the French Note, have been ratified and until after recognition has been extended to the new government by some of the Asian States. Nor do they favour an application by Viet Nam for membership in the United Nations being put forward at this time.

4. Consequently, bearing in mind our interpretation of the Note, I consider that a simple non-committal acknowledgement would be sufficient to fulfil the requirements of diplomatic courtesy. I think, however, that in conjunction with the presentation of a Note of acknowledgement some indication, of a less formal nature, should be given, pointing out our interest in the establishment of the new state and expressing our hope that stable conditions will return to Indo-China. This might usefully and properly take the form of an oral statement. Accordingly, the outline of a proposed oral communication has been drafted. This draft has been brought to the attention of our Ambassador in Paris, who has informed us that it appears to cover the situation very well and that he had no comments or suggestions to make.

5. I am, therefore, submitting for your consideration a Note to the French Ambassador† and the text of a proposed oral statement to accompany the presentation of the Note. If this course of action meets with your approval, would you sign the Note and signify your concurrence in the text of the proposed oral communication, and return both to us.²⁸

A.D.P. H[EENEY]

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PROPOSED ORAL STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NOTE TO BE HANDED TO THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR

Canada, as a Pacific power, is interested in the re-establishment of peaceful conditions in the whole Pacific Basin. We have been concerned about the long continuation of the disturbances in Indo-China. We regard the settlement of these differences as important to the restoration of stability in the whole area. A settlement would

- (a) help prevent possible Communist domination of all East Asia,
- (b) ultimately promote conditions in which mutually beneficial commercial intercourse could be resumed,
- (c) facilitate the activities of Canadian missionaries in Indo-China, and
- (d) lessen the present drain on the resources of metropolitan France.

²⁸ La note marginale suivante est inscrite sur la pièce jointe:

There is a marginal note on the enclosure as follows:

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