

on the mainland. That would have to be settled before you could have a settlement in the Far East.

Question: But how could that be settled? Give us the theoretical side of it.

Mr. Pearson: I really shouldn't even attempt to answer that because that would be a statement of policy in this matter and I don't think I should try that.

Mr. McKeown: Would you interpret the United States decision to withdraw two divisions from Korea as an indication that they thought that another aggression or any breach of hostilities in Korea was unlikely?

Mr. Pearson: That is a possible interpretation but the United States authorities have been careful to explain when they announced that withdrawal that they are still determined to resist a renewal of aggression along with the United Nations countries that are in Korea now.

Question: Could you interpret this also as indicating that the United States was going back to its pre-Korea strategy in the Far East and depending upon bases around China and the mainland to protect her interests there?

Mr. Pearson: It is a possible interpretation but you must remember that there are still strong U.S. forces in Korea and the two divisions that, it was announced, would be withdrawn are the two divisions that were moved over from Japan about a year or so ago when the situation was so desperate. There is still a good deal of United Nations strength in Korea to deal with any renewal of aggression.

Mr. Lambert: While we are in the Far East, Mr. Pearson, I wonder if you would tell us how you feel about this new rift between India and the United States on the American aid programme to Pakistan. Do you think that the danger is as serious as Mr. Nehru says it is?

Mr. Pearson: I would not like to say very much, or indeed anything, about that. I do not like the use of the word "rift" in that connection and I am quite sure that this difference of opinion in regard to United States aid for Pakistan between India and the United States and Pakistan will be worked out alright.

Question: But Mr. Nehru has said that the United States offer of Military aid to Pakistan greatly increases the danger of a third World War starting in the Far East. Do you regard that as a possible or sensible statement, or as an exaggeration?

Mr. Pearson: I would not want to criticize anything that Mr. Nehru may have said in regard to matters of that kind but I would not have placed the danger so high myself.

Mr. Daniell: I am going back to the subject of a moment ago because something that Mr. Pearson said interested me very much philosophically - that is, the apparent difference in approach between Canada and Britain to the question of recognition. The British take the view that any government that is in de facto control of a country should be