

ject of recognition of the Red government of China between the Canadian government on the one hand and the government of any other country on the other hand?

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: I do not recall there have been any communications on this subject for quite a long time, but I would have to look that up. I cannot say it is not, as has been said, an immediate issue and not one requiring consultation now with anybody.

Mr. COLDWELL: What do you call a long time, Mr. Pearson.

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: Oh, a matter of months, I would say, but we are making a note of all these points and I will try to get more accurate and up-to-date information when I come next.

Mr. COLDWELL: Since December 1949?

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: I think I had better not try to specify. I will try to find out.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Pearkes.

Mr. PEARKES: Has the French government ever indicated they considered the Indo-China war as a domestic affair in somewhat the same way they indicated they considered the question of their north African rebellions as a domestic affair?

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: They have given indications of their policy by not bringing it before the United Nations. It is in a sense an affair of the French union. It is not quite the same as a domestic affair. They have given indications to that effect.

Mr. FLEMING: I ask Mr. Pearson just to put it on the record. It is not a question for today.

The CHAIRMAN: If it is a new problem I do not want to bring it up at the end of the meeting.

Mr. FLEMING: It is important that we should have in the record the full text of the document which sets forth the agenda for the Geneva Conference.

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: I shall be glad to do that.

Mr. FLEMING: It is in the invitation?

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: It is in the invitation and I will put the text of the invitation on the record.

The CHAIRMAN: With your permission we will excuse Mr. Pearson for today. He is on call and is willing to come to us on Friday morning.

An Hon. MEMBER: Thursday might be better than Friday.

The CHAIRMAN: Then Thursday morning or Thursday afternoon. Do we agree on Thursday afternoon?

Mr. COLDWELL: Provided that the budget debate is not called on Thursday?

Mr. FLEMING: Is Mr. Pearson not in some difficulty on Friday morning?

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: There is a meeting of the Treasury Board, but Friday afternoon would be all right.

Mr. Low: Let us make it Friday afternoon so it will not conflict with the banking committee.

Mr. COLDWELL: Provided that the budget speech is not called for Friday.

The CHAIRMAN: Let us leave it and I will consult with members of each party and we will decide later on. Thank you very much, gentlemen. Just a moment. I wonder if Mr. Coldwell still insists on hearing the recording? We were due to sit until 1.00 o'clock and we might sit until 12.30 if Mr. Coldwell wants to hear the recording.

Mr. STICK: Sure. Let us hear it.

Mr. COLDWELL: Let us see how it works.