

"In the Canadian view no agreement can be acceptable to the West which places in jeopardy the security of West Berlin or the freedom of its citizens."

That view was expressed two and a half years ago. I continued:

"It is also the Canadian view that the NATO countries could not accept a solution which might endanger the ties between the Federal Republic of Germany and the other countries of Western Europe."

Since then from time to time representations have been made. Indeed, I might return to the words of General Pearkes when, reporting on the conference on April 8, 1959, he said this...:

"It is unnecessary for me to elaborate on what the Prime Minister has said, though I would call attention to the statement he made about the suggestion which was advanced by the Canadian Delegation that in some manner the United Nations might be able to assist in the solution of the Berlin problem."

Later he stated:

"Further study has been given to the possibility of the United Nations playing some part, and suggestions were made at the meeting as to how the United Nations might contribute something to the solution of the problem. I pointed out that we in Canada were anxious that consideration be given to ways by which the present arrangements over Berlin could be strengthened, either by supplementary or substitute arrangements. I pointed out that the Prime Minister had made his statement as of March 19, and then I went on to say that I would doubt if the United Nations could play a useful part unless a four-power agreement had first been reached. I suggested that a settlement involving the United Nations need not be weaker, and conceivably might be more stable, than the present position in which the powers are now in Berlin by right of conquest. Although the effective introduction of the United Nations into the Berlin situation could probably be accomplished only through the agreement of the four powers, it could serve to engage the interest of other governments in the freedom and independence of Berlin in a way which no agreement reached solely among the occupying powers could do. Accordingly I suggested it would be worth while for the permanent council to study the possibilities of a role for the United Nations in the application of a solution to the Berlin problem, and an assurance was given that a full study would be made by the permanent council of the suggestions which were put forward."