

lem this presented was to find an adequate means of expressing its own "non-position" on Taiwan. The semantic difficulties inherent in this situation are obvious and, in the end, the Canadian Government decided that the most satisfactory way of dealing with the problem was simply to "take note of" the Chinese position and then make its own unilateral clarifying statement, in which the Canadian position could be fully expressed and without the necessity of negotiating mutually-acceptable terminology. Accordingly, the Canadian negotiators in Stockholm informed their Chinese counterparts of the Canadian Government's intention and communicated to them the text of the unilateral statement Mr. Sharp would make when presenting the joint communiqué to the Canadian public. This clarifying statement, being an exclusively Canadian statement, did not call for any comment on the part of the Chinese authorities.

At the meeting on August 1, 1970, the first and last paragraphs of the communiqué (as it ultimately appeared) were agreed to by the negotiators and further formulae dealing with the matter of Taiwan were discussed. At the next meeting, on September 18, the Canadian clarifying statement was communicated to the Chinese side and further suggestions were made by both sides for the solution of the difficulty over Taiwan. At the meeting on October 3, the parties agreed on the substance of the communiqué as a whole, subject to approval by the home authorities, and discussion began on the final arrangements — times and dates of announcement and the form in which the agreement would be attested. These were finally agreed to and, on October 10, at the twenty-first meeting, Miss Margaret Meagher, Canadian Ambassador to Sweden, and Mr. Wang Tung, Chinese Ambassador to Sweden, signified their approval as representative of their respective governments.

*(For the texts of the joint communiqué and of Mr. Sharp's remarks in the House of Commons on October 13, when he announced the establishment of relations with Peking, see the November 1970 issue of External Affairs, Page 378.)*