

**QUESTION:** Again going to Indo-China. As you know, India enjoys great confidence in Asia. And after Korea India made another appeal regarding Indo-China. Do you think it advisable or possible that India should be heard or represented in the Geneva conference?

**ANSWER:** Well I do not know. Really this Geneva conference is something of which I know no more than has appeared in the rather short press despatches. The Berlin conference was still on when I was at Bonn and it is since that that there has come about this report that there has been agreement for a conference between those five powers that were the big powers and recognized as such at the time the United Nations charter was set up. Now I have understood that they were not going to close the door to the others who had been taking part in the United Nations forces fighting in Korea, and I was glad to know that. I would not like to be told that Canada could not be there. But whether it will be advisable for Canada and the others to be there or not still remains something to be decided. Now whether India should be there or not, I think that it is very difficult and hardly practicable to have questions that affect the whole of Asia disposed of in a satisfactory manner without the representatives of the influential Asian nations, but you must appreciate that I am the Prime Minister of a country of 15 million people and I just cannot organize these conferences, you know, in the way I might think is the best way for them to be organized.

**QUESTION:** In view of the new trend of thought that economic and military aid are more or less similar, would you try and advocate in the West that to the extent to which Pakistan gets military aid India might perhaps get added economic aid to restore a sort of balance? Do you think it possible?

**ANSWER:** I would not appreciate statements by the President of the United States or his colleagues about what we should do in Canada with the appropriations we can get from Parliament for aid to our mutual friends. And I do not think it would be proper for me to say that I think it would be wiser for the American Administration to make such and such other use of the funds that are raised by the taxation of the American people and to which I do not contribute.

**QUESTION:** When you said in your speech to Members of Parliament "It has been, and still is, our hope that India, which can bring much wisdom and experience to bear on it, will participate as fully as possible in future efforts to bring it nearer to solution" -- would you amplify that?

**ANSWER:** No, I think that is quite complete and I think that fully expresses the feeling of the people of Canada.  
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