

He explained that it was practically impossible to have an Assembly chosen by the vote of the people, which could possibly have representatives who would be qualified to exercise the authority vested in Legislature as we understand it. Two-thirds of their people are illiterate, and a widely extended franchise is not possible. He explained that any plan under existing conditions in China must be looked upon as temporary. Not temporary in the sense that it would change soon, but that the work of reconstruction, the establishment of schools, the finding of teachers, that enormous masses of their people will have the benefit of education, will necessarily be a slow development.

Moreover, there is the difficulty of inter-communication, and an easy method for enforcing the authority of a Government constitutionally elected as we understand it, when access to many of the Provinces is so difficult, and the power of enforcing the authority of central Government may be equally difficult.

He states that in what they have now done in this organisation, which only became effective on October 10th (nine days ago), they have sought to lend the greatest authority possible to Government having regard to existing conditions.

There is only one Party, as we understand it, a Nationalist Party. The general Nationalist sentiment