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CANADIAN REPLY TO UNITED STATES PROPOSAL
FOR A JAPANESE PEACE CONFERENCE

RECORD OF ORAL STATEMENT

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The Canadian Government welcomes the proposal made by the United States Government on July 11th for the convening at an early date of a conference of the eleven states members of the Far Eastern Commission to discuss a peace treaty for Japan. It views with satisfaction the provision in the United States proposal for the eleven Powers primarily interested in the settlement with Japan to participate fully from the beginning in the preparation of the Japanese peace treaty, and also the suggestion that voting should be by a simple two-thirds majority. The proposal that the conference be convened at deputy and expert level may require comment later when detailed proposals have been made regarding the agenda and procedure for the conference.

As the Canadian Government has accepted an invitation from the Australian Government to attend a meeting of representatives of the Governments of the British Commonwealth of Nations in Canberra on August 26th for the purpose of exchanging views informally on the Japanese peace settlement, it would find it difficult to be represented at a conference in the United States on the suggested ^{tentative} date of August 19th. The Canadian Government therefore hopes that some other early date can be agreed upon that will not conflict with the discussions arranged to take place in Canberra.

July 22nd, 1947.