

4. Treaty between Canada and China regarding extra-territoriality, press statement of October 10, 1942.

The Prime Minister announced today that Canada is prepared to negotiate a treaty with China, by which Canada would relinquish the extraterritorial and related rights which Canadians have enjoyed under the terms of existing agreements between China and Great Britain.

Discussions have already been initiated with the Chinese Minister in Ottawa.

Similar treaties with China are being negotiated by the United Kingdom and the United States.

The relinquishment of extraterritorial rights will not in any way adversely affect existing land ownership by Canadians in China or facilities for travel, residence and trade in that country.

The result of the negotiation of the proposed treaty should be a further strengthening of the existing ties of friendship between the two countries.

On October 22, 1942, the Prime Minister announced that a reply had been received from the Chinese Government to the Canadian proposal to negotiate a treaty with China relinquishing Canada's extraterritorial and related rights in that country. In a letter dated October the 20th, 1942, the Chinese Minister to Canada, Dr. Liu Shih, stated that he had received instructions to convey to the Prime Minister, in the name of his Government, China's "sincere thanks for the generous offer the Canadian Government has made". Dr. Liu Shih also said that the Chinese Government gladly accepts the proposal and will enter into negotiations as soon as the Canadian Government is prepared to do so. Dr. Liu concluded his communication by stating his belief that "the conclusion of the treaty under contemplation will usher in a new era of auspicious relations between China and Canada".

5. Letters to Enemy and Enemy-Occupied Territories, press statement of October 17, 1942.

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