

position in this matter.

(In this connection also refer to Evatt's statement of May 23, 1946).

5. Value of direct consultations between Commonwealth Prime Ministers.

In view of the general agreement as to the excellence of existing methods of consultation, it may be asked what purpose is served by direct consultations face-to-face.

The answer is that immediate personal consultations are desirable not to concert policy or to settle definite issues, but to explore one another's minds on matters of general interest: to form personal friendships which contribute so greatly to a proper understanding and appreciation of written communications.

First meeting of Prime Ministers since present U.K. Government came into office. Particularly valuable to establish direct contacts with new Ministers.

6. No "British bloc"

Here repeat what was said in London speech of 1944 -

No thought of "ganging up" on other nations; or of seeking to form competing power blocs.