

Mr. St. Laurent: Well, I think we would be very much concerned if there was an exchange of military aid between India and any country that we look upon as a potential aggressor. We do not look upon India as a potential aggressor of our community of nations and we do unfortunately look upon Russia as a potential aggressor. I do not think that I shall live to see aggression, and I expect to live on for some years. But nevertheless there was this shadow of totalitarianism over Europe and we have found from our experience that when trouble breaks out in Europe, we in North America just cannot keep out -- we are necessarily drawn into it.

QUESTION: In that case who would you blame if this development took place?

Mr. St. Laurent: If what development took place?

Questioner: If India asked Russia for military aid?

ANSWER: I do not know that I would blame anyone, but I would be sorry to feel that this great nation of India was considering that there might be a situation where India and Russia would be fighting some other part of the world together. Well that is why we would be concerned because we would consider that it is something that we cannot anticipate as possible.

QUESTION: If that is the case, then they should have....

ANSWER: You are free to criticize the United States Government. I am not going to do so.

(laughter)

QUESTION: Yesterday in your speech you said the countries of Asia should have a greater say in the affairs of Asia. In view of that statement would you advocate wider representation for Asia at the Geneva conference and would you also say that China should be admitted to the U.N.?

ANSWER: China is already a member of the United Nations. The difficulty is to determine who is China as the proper representative of the Chinese people. There, China is a permanent member of the Security Council.

QUESTION: (None of the stenographers was able to hear this question except for the word "Formosa", nor was it picked up at all on the tape recorder).

ANSWER: Well that is a problem that the United Nations will have to face up to, but probably will not wish to consider while the United Nations and China are merely in a cease-fire situation of actual warfare.