

On another occasion, the head of the Government in Peking, Chou En-Lai, said - and again I quote - "This question is relatively simple. If the so-called 'Taiwan clique' is to appear in the United Nations, under whatever form and in whatever name - be it the Chiang Kai-shek clique or some other clique - we will definitely refuse to take part in the United Nations and sit together with them."

So far as the delegation of Canada is concerned, that is an unacceptable condition. Believing that the people of Formosa have a clear and inalienable right to decide their own future, we cannot for a moment agree that there is any justice or reason in the claim made by the Government at Peking that they can impose, as a condition of their own representation, denial of the representation of the people of Formosa. I would remind delegations that the population of Formosa is greater than that of about two-thirds of the members of this Organization.

Mr. President, the only conditions which apply to membership in the United Nations, and consequently to representation in it, are the conditions set out in the Charter.

There are important provisions of the United Nations Charter which my delegation believes deserve special attention when considering the question of the representation of China. Members are required to be peace-loving and to refrain from the threat or use of force in their international relations. We have no desire to exacerbate differences, Mr. President, but we feel bound to emphasize that the record must give cause for grave doubts about the acceptance of that principle in Peking.

Canada believes that, as far as possible, representation in the United Nations should be comprehensive, embracing all nations without distinction as to the form of Government