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Korean Armistice Negotiations

Following from the Minister.

I believe the 8-point proposal advanced by the Communist side goes a long way to meet the objections to their previous proposals which have been put forward by the United Nations Command. Indeed, I think there is only one difference of substance between the new Communist proposal and the Indian resolution adopted by the Assembly last December. Both proposals provide for a reference of the problem of the prisoners of war who do not wish to return home to the political conference to be called under paragraph 60 of the Draft Armistice Agreement. However, the Communist proposal does not provide for further reference of this problem back to the United Nations, if the political conference is unable to settle it.

2. This, in my judgement, is the only significant difference between the two proposals. I am not too disturbed by the idea of Czechoslovakia and Poland providing guard troops in Korea, although the detailed arrangements for this will need working out. I understand the United States is prepared to accept these two countries in the proposed Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission. Indeed, it would be difficult to adopt any other position as both countries have already been agreed to as members of similar bodies, under the terms of both the Draft Armistice Agreement and the General Assembly's resolution of December 1952.