

that came up, Mr. Chairman, and if you want me to deal with them now I am ready to do so. I was not here at the last meeting on Monday but I understand Mr. Coldwell had some questions.

Mr. COLDWELL: Mainly a clarification.

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: Of what?

Mr. COLDWELL: In view of the conflicting reports we are getting from the United States and the interpretation that might be placed upon your own remarks on Saturday I wonder if you could clarify Canada's position in regard to these points: Where do we stand now regarding the proposals that were made in January?

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: So far as we are concerned we stand by the Statement of Principles of the United Nations which visualize a settlement of the Korean question and other Far Eastern questions in accordance with the principles that we laid down in that settlement. We have not changed our position in that regard. As I said last Saturday night on that broadcast—possibly I might quote my words:

We must hope that the day will come when they will realize that it is not China, but Russia, which is being served by the aggression in Korea in which they have participated. Then, they may be ready to enter into discussions leading to a settlement of Korean and other Far Eastern issues, on terms that the United Nations can accept.

That means that we will be willing as a member of the United Nations to discuss questions within the resolutions of the United Nations, with the Chinese communists provided there is a cease fire in Korea, followed by a political settlement in Korea and other Far Eastern questions.

Mr. COLDWELL: That will include Formosa?

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: The Statement of Principles definitely made mention of Formosa but we would not be willing to sit down with the Chinese communists and discuss any political settlement in Korea, or Formosa, or any other political settlement while they are fighting our men in Korea.

Mr. COLDWELL: A cease fire must be the first step.

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: Yes, a cease fire must be the first step.

Mr. COLDWELL: But beyond that, the situation as far as Canada is concerned, remains as it was in January?

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: That is correct.

Mr. COLDWELL: That is the understanding?

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: Yes.

Mr. MACINNIS: If a cease fire should take place and negotiations for a Korean settlement begin, would that imply recognition by Canada of the Peiping government?

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: No, it would not necessarily imply that because the discussion of this question with the Chinese communist government would be nothing more than a discussion with a government which we have not yet recognized but with which we are willing to talk under certain circumstances.

For instance, we were quite willing to talk with the representative of the Chinese communist government at Lake Success last January regarding a cease-fire. I personally was waiting to talk with him, but I would not have considered that if he had been willing to talk to me that I was thereby recognizing the government which he was representing.

Mr. GRAYDON: You would not talk his language.

Mr. MCKINNON: Well, perhaps there is no more logic in External Affairs than in any other matter, but it would not be logical to discuss agreement with the Peiping government without that ultimately leading to recognition?