

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: Oh, yes. That same attitude has been taken by communist newspapers in other countries, notably the *Daily Worker* in London. This editorial in London and Moscow and in other places—the editorials were substantially the same—referred to a resolution introduced into the Senate of the United States by, I think, Senator Edwin Johnson of Colorado proposing the ending of the conflict on substantially that basis. It is not usual for communist newspapers to print suggestions of that kind without official inspiration.

Mr. FRASER: It is said in the American papers yesterday, Mr. Chairman, that newspapers in the States which are communistically inclined were advocating that the war in Korea would be over on the 25th of June and that all troops would be out of Korea by the end of December.

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: Yes, I have seen those reports. You may have seen references from official quarters in Washington to the fact that the cease fire arrangement drawn up last December by the cease fire group did propose a withdrawal of troops behind a line which would be, roughly, the line of the 38th parallel, with a 20-mile neutral zone in between; and that this withdrawal should then be followed by steps which would lead to the complete withdrawal of all non-Korean forces from Korea.

Mr. FRASER: On that point, is that zone to be 10 miles on each side of the parallel or 20 miles on one side?

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: The proposal was, by the way, accepted by the United States at the time. It is receiving a certain amount of new publicity at present.

I find I have not got the actual text of the proposal before me, but it stated that there should be a 20-mile neutral zone approximately along the 38th parallel, and we had in our minds that it would be from the 38th parallel north.

Mr. FRASER: That is what I wanted to find out—whether it was 10 miles on this side of the parallel and 10 on the other or 20 miles north.

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: We did not actually draw a line, and I do not want to say that it would be a line 20 miles north of the parallel straight across because that would not have been a feasible line—but most of it would have been north of the parallel.

Mr. COTE: Was that 20 miles crossed by the United Nations army?

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: That neutral zone would be policed by the United Nations forces.

Mr. COTE: No, I meant up to now has the United Nations army gone beyond that?

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: They have gone much further than that in their operations.

Mr. JUTRAS: I would like to change the subject but time is running out, and, Mr. Decore has priority.

Mr. DECORE: Mr. Chairman, in our discussions at the last meeting, reference was made to the C.B.C. international service and I think the minister intimated that he would be prepared to make a statement, that is without too much embarrassment to him, with regard to the purpose and nature of the broadcasts, especially to countries in Europe.

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: I did say at the last meeting that I would be glad to do that at the next meeting or a subsequent meeting but, if it would be agreeable, I would like to hold that off until the next meeting, because we are making a pretty careful study of the scripts of previous broadcasts. I want to come prepared with a statement. That would be easier for me than if I tried to speak without accurate briefing. If you do not mind then, Mr. Decore, I will have that ready for the next meeting.