

to be held, but it is thought that this preliminary exchange of views will be helpful to all the Governments concerned."

- (7) In a sense the object of all discussion is to reach agreement. A large measure of agreement is to be expected and hoped for amongst countries who were brothers in arms in the struggle against a common enemy. This agreement, however, should stem from common objectives for the establishment of peace and security; it should not take the form of a Commonwealth plan of action for the general peace conference, negotiated or drawn up here in Canberra. The right of any Commonwealth Government to disagree with its fellows now and in the general conference must at all times be recognized.
- (8) It is the hope of the Canadian Government and this delegation that in the ensuing discussion each delegation will be able to test its ideas on the Japanese settlement in the Commonwealth forum, and that as a result of this exchange of views our governments will be the better prepared to join in the great work of establishing peace and security in the Pacific area and conditions which will foster the growth of a democratic Japan.