

Third, whether we like it or not, this is an important issue which, in one way or another, could affect the balance of forces in the world. It is not an issue that can be considered in isolation. It must be part of any independent policy judgment that Canada assess the total impact of the seating of Communist China on its other relationships and on the United Nations itself in the present circumstances.

It remains the hope of the Canadian Government that Communist China will itself come to recognize that it must be prepared to take a seat in the United Nations and negotiate its differences as other states have done and are bound to do under the United Nations Charter. We also hope that some means may be found by which further clarification could be obtained as to the intentions of the Government of the People's Republic of China regarding membership in the United Nations before this issue is dealt with again in the General Assembly. In the meantime it will continue to be the policy of the Canadian Government to do what it can to encourage the establishment of mutually beneficial contacts between Canada and Communist China and between Communist China and the rest of the international community.

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