

internal processes of that country, be they the working out of political balances within the country, or the functioning of its ordinary affairs, or the conduct of its elections.

That is why Canada will be attending this Conference. Canada, I need hardly say, has no direct national interests to promote either in Viet-Nam or at this Conference. The only reason for our being there at all is that we are, for the initial period of sixty days, members of the International Commission in Viet-Nam. The course of the Conference, indeed, will help to decide whether or not we will be in Viet-Nam for more than sixty days. And when we end our presence in Viet-Nam, our association with this Conference and with its decisions and undertakings will end as well.

I go to Paris, then, with a clear and immediate purpose, and I would like all Canadians to understand it equally clearly. We are not going to Paris to sit in judgment on the political and military settlements in Viet-Nam; we are not going to Paris to weigh the merits of the Agreements which were signed there last month, or to guarantee them or their implementation. We are going to Paris to do our part in ensuring that those Agreements have reasonable prospects of working, insofar as we are involved in them and for as long as we will be involved in them. Our involvement in the Conference arises directly from our involvement in the Commission, and our concern in Paris will be to ensure that our involvement in the Commission can be effective.

As I have said repeatedly, out of concern for the effectiveness of our task in the Commission, we consider that there is a crucial missing element in the present arrangements. We lack, the Commission