

May I say, too, that the world does not stand still. Changes keep occurring everywhere, and certainly the question of Red China is one of the most interesting and important questions now under consideration by the External Affairs Department. Everyone knows the policy we have adopted, and if and when there is a change in that policy it will be announced in the ordinary manner. One fact Canadians should remember is that there are a great many people living on Formosa who are native Formosans. No one is anxious to have them turned over to Red China. I think this would be a disastrous move to make, yet Red China is not interested in recognition or entry into the United Nations unless her right to take over Formosa is accepted. This, of course, has been one of the very big obstacles in the way of taking steps to change the present situation. Eventually, the wishes of the people of Formosa will have to be an important factor. In considering this whole question I suggest that it would be wise for Canadians not to forget the important factor of Formosa in the whole picture.

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I think I have never made such a long speech ... in my Parliamentary career and I hope never to do it again. However, in conclusion may I say this. As Hon. Members know and as they will have found from this sketchy review of problems arising in all parts of the world, Canada is involved everywhere. In practically every part of the world Canada is involved in one way or another, to an extent and in such a manner that she can do something about every one of these problems. I suggest that this is a great challenge to the Canadian people. Whether we accept that challenge, whether we play our full part in world affairs -- the part which is there to be played by Canada -- will, of course, depend on the will of the Canadian people to participate, the idealism and optimism of the Canadian people and the sacrifices they are prepared to make.

I believe that Canada can render a service to mankind as a whole in the field of foreign affairs and, as the Minister responsible for Canada's activities abroad, it will be my objective to do just that. I ask for the support of the Members of the House, regardless of party, in bringing these facts to the attention of the Canadian people, thus helping to make it possible for the Canadian people to realize the challenge which faces them and to realize the opportunity for Canada to do something worth while in the world. If we make that attempt we shall be going a long way toward making our nation the type of nation we all think it should be.

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