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3. Conduct of meetings

Early meetings largely devoted to matters in which Canadian interest more indirect (e.g. South-West Pacific);

Canadian government fully informed of matters discussed at earlier meetings;

Subjects of greatest interest to Canada discussed after Canadian participation began on May 20th;

Emphasise informal, exploratory and general nature of consultations;

Purpose of meetings: not to solve problems so much as to understand them;

Matters requiring decisions call rather for direct negotiation between Commonwealth governments concerned;

In this connection stress anew the adequacy and efficiency of methods of Commonwealth communication - the continuing conference of the Cabinets of the Commonwealth.

4. Commonwealth Consultations

Read communique into record and compare with speech to two Houses of British Parliament in May, 1944: also with earlier statement in Canadian Parliament.

The communique of Thursday, May 23, 1946 is a complete vindication of the time honoured Canadian