

“Requests the United States to designate the commander of the forces made available under the Security Council resolutions.”

The Americans do not accept the reference in paragraph 6 to the “United Nations commander” for the reasons indicated above. We could meet them on this and delete these words, as the point we are anxious to establish has, I think, been made sufficiently clear in the preceding paragraphs of the resolution.

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*Extrait d'une note du secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
pour le premier ministre¹³*

*Extract from Memorandum from Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Prime Minister¹³*

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In the afternoon of Tuesday,¹⁴ you saw Mr. Drew, Mr. [Stanley] Knowles,¹⁵ representing the CCF, and Mr. Solon Low,¹⁶ and brought them up-to-date on Korean developments. I was also present.

On Wednesday I made a statement in the House associating the Government with the Security Council resolution which had been passed the previous afternoon by a majority of 7 to 1 (later increased to 8, as India acceded). This statement received the support of the official opposition, the CCF and, later, the Social Credit party.

The developments on Thursday were as follows. Cabinet discussed the situation at its 2.00 o'clock meeting and decided nothing need be said at that time regarding participation in the carrying out of the Security Council resolution. In the afternoon, during the debate on the External Affairs estimates, I was pressed by the opposition to state what we were doing, and replied in general terms that we would do our full duty, but only as a member of the United Nations in concert with other members. I also emphasized that, as the situation was very fluid, it was impossible to say what contribution, if any, Canada could make to United Nations collective action; that we would have to consider the matter in the light of developments. Mr. Drew did not quarrel with this attitude; in fact he supported it. Likewise Mr. Knowles and Mr. Solon Low approved of it, though Mr. Diefenbaker¹⁷ and Mr.

¹³ Ce document fait suite au document 11.

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