

I have certainly said that before inside and outside this House. Indeed, on May 7, 1951, in the external affairs debate in this House, I said this--and I quote from my statement at that time as reported at page 2756 of Hansard:

"The same, I think, applies to recognition of that régime in Peking. There can be no question even of considering it while the Chinese defy the United Nations in Korea and fight against our forces there."

So far as membership in the United Nations is concerned I have said the same thing, to the effect that the Chinese Communists cannot shoot their way into the United Nations.

The third point to which exception was taken as stating new policy outside the House is found in the following words:

"...on the other hand, --"

This is from my New York statement.

"--as we ourselves did not intervene in Korea, or, indeed, in Formosa in order to overthrow by force the government in Peking. I think also that we should make it clear that while Formosa cannot be allowed to fall into Chinese Communist hands while aggressive war is going on in Korea, we do not intend to use our own forces to restore to China the régime which is now in Formosa after being driven off the mainland."

It was suggested by the Leader of the Opposition that in those words I gave the impression that we were now engaged in the defence of Formosa, something which he said he was unaware of. In reply to that I would only say that the United States Government has stated more than once that, arising out of United Nations operations in Korea and for the safety and success of those operations, the United States navy will prevent Chinese Communists from attacking Formosa. There is nothing new in our association with that policy, because we have accepted it. I have said previously in the House, and no exception was taken to it, that we should neutralize Formosa while the fighting was going on in Korea.

The fourth point which is supposed to embody new policy is in the following words:

"...we should make it clear, --"

I said in New York.

"--that we do not intend to use our own forces to restore to China the régime which is now in Formosa after being driven off the mainland."

According to the Leader of the Opposition, that means that if aggression should stop in Korea, then this policy of keeping the Chinese Communists by force off Formosa would change. In fact, I said exactly the same thing on May 7, 1951, in this House when I made quite a long statement on Formosa, and during which I included these words, as reported at Page 2756 of Hansard: