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The Chinese scientists are very thankful to Lord Russell for having representation at the Pugwash meeting and this conference. I am particularly grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Eaton's hospitality during my visit in Canada. The Pugwash meeting last year has created a deep impression upon the Chinese public. Indeed Mr. Eaton's statements and views have been constantly published in Chinese newspapers since Pugwash. The very fact that scientists of the world with different political views can sit around the same table to discuss with earnestness present day problems of vital importance is itself a great accomplishment on the road to a better world in the future.

I came across the word "deterrent" the first time in Pugwash and I must admit frankly that it sounded very repugnant to my ears. To my mind deterrence meant to push people around and that brought back to me painful memories of the bad old days when China was used to be pushed around by other powers. Indeed in the modern age of advanced science and technology, the very concept of deterrence necessarily leads to the arms race which is a great danger to all parties concerned.

The very root of present day difficulties is the mutual distrust between East and West which is doing great harm to world relations. How can we dissipate mistrust and establish mutual confidence? We must resort to actions instead of arguments.

I am very happy to learn that the Soviet Union has announced unilateral stopping of test of nuclear weapons and I am quite sure that the Chinese scientists

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are happy about the Soviet action. The Soviet Union has set a very good example. I am of the opinion that this initial step should not only be followed by other countries armed with nuclear weapons but should also lead to agreements on the cut-off of the manufacture of nuclear weapons and on the destruction of the existing piles of atomic and hydrogen bombs and should furthermore lead to limit nuclear energy only for peaceful uses.

I am strongly for the creation of atom-free areas in Asia. It was Asia that first suffered from the consequences of A-bomb and the test of H-bomb on Pacific islands. The present partial and eventually complete withdrawal of Chinese volunteer troops from Korea will be an important step forward toward disengagement and similar steps should be taken by other nations together with their atomic weapons and missiles in Korea. Taiwan must be returned to China and the presence of the reactionary Chiang Kay-Shek group in Taiwan is a menace to world peace.

I warmly support the proposal of summit talks between the powers of the world. Indeed the Bandung conference in 1955 is an example of summit talks between the 29 Asiatic and African countries for building mutual trust, respect and equality for each other's sovereign rights. The development of wide-spread cultural exchange of scientists and students and the promotion of trade will bring mutual understanding and friendship between countries. Although there is still no diplomatic relation established between Japan and China, the frequent mutual visits sponsored by the popular organizations of the two countries are gradually healing the old wounds which were inflicted by past Japanese aggressions. For instance the visit of 20 Japanese physicists to China last year was warmly received by the Chinese physicists everywhere and a large scale trade agreement has been completed recently between Chinese and Japanese commercial organizations. All such concrete steps will contribute substantially toward the establishment of mutual respect and trust between nations.

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