

As regards security, the report makes several points which we feel are of deep significance. The authors observe that it is possible for a country to possess both prestige and security without being a military power, and similarly, that the possession of nuclear weapons does not necessarily prevent decline in political influence. Furthermore, even nuclear powers have not been able to exercise political and economic influence in consistently effective fashion. Nor have states without nuclear weapons been deterred from battle with nuclear powers. In these instances, mere possession of nuclear weapons has not contributed to the achievement of national objectives by nuclear powers.

As a country with well-developed nuclear industry, oriented strictly towards peaceful uses, we believe with the authors that the solution of the problem of ensuring security cannot be found in further spread or elaboration of nuclear weapons. The world now has a choice between two courses; either a continuation of the arms race which in turn enhances insecurity in a continuous spiral; or to begin a process of arms control and disarmament through measures which will enhance international security and effectiveness of this Organization. It is our belief that this process of arms control and disarmament must start now, with a non-proliferation treaty which must be followed by further measures of arms control or disarmament.

I should also like to mention another very useful initiative taken by the Secretary-General in connection with disarmament negotiations. This is the compilation and publication of the book "The United Nations and Disarmament 1945-1965." This is a concise history of the disarmament negotiations through those years; and in fact, in spite of the title, the record goes on to 1967. It contains the most important documents of the negotiations, and is altogether a most useful compendium for anyone engaged in discussion of disarmament. I commend it to the attention of all members of this Committee who may not yet have studied it and, on behalf of the Canadian authorities, I should like to thank the Secretary-General for having the book produced.

As the interim report of the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Committee informed you, not very much time was devoted during our long sessions this year, to the subjects of GCD, Cessation of Nuclear Tests and the Elimination of Foreign Bases--all of which we had been requested in resolutions of the XXIst UNGA to take under urgent consideration. But the elaboration of a treaty to prevent the further spread of nuclear weapons, had the priority--and rightly so, in the opinion of the Canadian delegation. So in speaking on the subjects mentioned, none of the delegations of States members of the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Committee will have much to say to you--if anything--other than has been said before. However, it seems to the