

Emelyanov of the U.S.S.R., the president of the conference, in his closing remarks observed:

The conference has been attended by many representatives of industry. This is a very good thing. If the representatives of industry show interest in scientific research, that means that industry scents the savour of a hot meal. This is an unerring testimony to the practical value of the questions that have been discussed at the conference.

By the time of the next conference, such reassuring testimony for nuclear power should be superfluous, and the true function of the conference should be to open channels for the exchange of technical information in fields where international co-operation is beneficial even to the giant nations, particularly in the task they face in fostering technological progress in the developing countries. The scientific conferences and panel discussions organized by the International Atomic Energy Agency receive general support and may be expected to continue. The broader conferences under the auspices of United Nations General Assembly should aim to extend international co-operation beyond the confines approved for the IAEA. The science of materials is one aspect that comes to mind and there are other atomic-energy fields governments will probably recognize in the course of time as likely to yield benefits from such international co-operation.