

we could accept, these changes he would become co-sponsor with us.

Since by then the delegations of France, United Kingdom, United States were co-sponsors with us of the draft resolution, my Delegation naturally consulted with them on the Soviet Union's suggestions. We and our three associates gave them jointly the same careful and sympathetic study which I am sure that the Soviet Delegation had given our original proposals. Two of the four Soviet suggestions, which related respectively to the title and to paragraph 1(c), we found ourselves able to accept as they stood. The two others, relating to paragraph 1(a) and to paragraph 2, we were able to accept in part, but not in their entirety.

On October 18, Mr. Martin met Mr. Vyshinsky. He discussed the situation with him, and put forward certain compromise suggestions, designed to reconcile, as far as possible, our respective views. The Representative of the U.S.S.R. naturally wished time to study these compromise suggestions and to consult his Government.

At this point I should say that in the series of meetings and discussions which the Canadian Delegation has had with the leader of the Delegation of the Soviet Union on this matter, we have acted at the request of the representatives of France, the United Kingdom and United States as their spokesman and on their behalf as well as on behalf of Canada.

On the night of October 19, the leader of the Soviet Delegation called on Mr. Martin to give him his Government's reply. He told us that he appreciated the changes we had made to meet his point of view, and on one of the points where we could not accept his original suggestions, he was prepared to accept the compromise suggestions which we had made. One point of difference however remained; relating to the terms of reference which would be given to the Disarmament Commission. Here the Soviet Delegation put forward a still further suggestion. The gap on these procedural points, was narrowing but was not closed.

On the morning of October 20, after further consultation with our co-sponsors the Representatives of the United States, United Kingdom and France, Mr. Martin called on Mr. Vyshinsky to outline our conclusions. At the previous meetings, we had explored a number of possible alternatives in the effort to reach agreement. At this meeting, a final effort was made to bring us together on a procedure, so that provision could be made within the framework of the Disarmament Commission to get on with the substantive problem of negotiation. I am happy to inform the Committee that Mr. Vyshinsky informed me this morning that his Delegation is now prepared to join with those of the other four members of the Disarmament Commission's sub-committee in co-sponsoring the resolution with the revisions which had been jointly worked out.

I have therefore asked the Secretary of this Committee to have a revised version of our draft resolution circulated in the names of the Delegations of Canada, France, the U.S.S.R., the United Kingdom and the United States.