

remains with the individual signatories of the pact, as does the formal right or duty to declare war.

*Article 5. Paragraph 2 (Definition of Area)—*

(2) The provisions of the foregoing paragraph shall be applicable in the event of any armed attack directed against the territory, the population or the armed forces of any of the parties in:

*Alternative A*

- (a) Europe or North America;
- (b) The sea and air space of the North Atlantic area north of the Tropic of Cancer.

*Alternative B*

- (a) Europe or North America; Africa north of latitude 30° north and west of longitude 12° east;
- (b) The sea and air space of the North Atlantic area north of the Tropic of Cancer; and
- (c) The sea and air space of the Western Mediterranean, west of longitude 12° east [or if Italy comes in, longitude 20° east].

This is a most important article as it defines the geographical area which is to be covered by the guarantee of the pact. I think that our objective in this article should be to make it quite clear that the far northern area and the islands in the Atlantic are included beyond doubt in the security zone and that, on the other hand, the Mediterranean area, including North Africa, should be excluded. It would, I think, be desirable to have a map attached to the treaty identifying the area covered by the agreement. It is rather amusing to note that the guarantee would, either in alternative A or alternative B, cover an attack by Guatemala on British Honduras as this colony would be a "territory" in "North America". It should also be noted that the guarantee is applicable in the event of an attack on the armed forces of any of the parties in Europe or North America. This would cover an attack on United States forces in Germany, or indeed in Trieste.

*Article 6. (United Nations)—*

1. This Treaty does not prejudice in any way the obligations of the parties under the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations. It shall not be interpreted as affecting in any way the authority and responsibility of the Security Council under the Charter to take at any time such action as it deems necessary to maintain or restore international peace and security.

2. Any fact or situation constituting a threat to or breach of the peace and deemed to require consultation under article 4, or any armed attack requiring action under article 5, shall be immediately reported to the Security Council.

3. All measures taken as a result of article 5 shall be immediately reported to the Security Council. They shall be terminated as soon as the Security Council has taken the measures necessary to restore international peace and security.

This article seems to be satisfactory, though it would be improved if the first lines of paragraph 1 were changed to read, "This Treaty does not affect in any way the obligations...or the authority or responsibility of the Security Council, etc."