

of domestic concern of a member country not only has grave constitutional implications for this organization, but has little practical value.

As far as we can see, far from bringing about a change in the attitude of the South African Government to its policy of apartheid, United Nations action over the past several years has tended only to harden the attitude of the South African Government and has led to no amelioration of the situation in South Africa, which has surely been the aim of these discussions. United Nations action has, as well, caused the South African Delegation to withdraw from our deliberations. In his statement yesterday, the distinguished representative of Japan reminded us that - to use his words - "The situation thus created is not only harmful to the prestige of the United Nations, but also is paralyzing the peaceful and friendly discussions and jeopardizing as well a sober solution of this particularly delicate problem." We fully endorse the view of the distinguished representative of Japan, that - and again I quote - "This is certainly not conducive to the creation of international conditions propitious for the furtherance of the principle we stand for."

The moral opinion of the world may yet have some influence on the Government of the Union of South Africa to moderate its racial policies, but it is evident to us that an organization of sovereign states, which does not respect the sovereignty of a member state, will make little impression upon a government which chooses to attend to its own affairs without need to the advice of other governments.

Mr. Chairman, we have carefully examined the draft resolution sponsored by Iran, Iraq, Haiti, Greece and Ceylon which is now before the committee, with full appreciation and sympathy for its sponsors' concern with the continuation of discriminatory policies in a multi-racial world. At the same time, however, my Delegation does not find it possible to disregard its doubts regarding the constitutional implications of the resolution before us nor its doubts regarding the usefulness of this Committee's approving such a resolution. In these circumstances, Mr. Chairman, the Canadian Delegation will be unable to support the joint draft resolution when it is put to the vote. We shall be pleased to study the Philippine resolution carefully and may express our views on it later.

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