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UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF UNITED STATES "ATOMS FOR PEACE" PLAN

The Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly gave unanimous approval to the United States "atoms for peace" plan on November 23. A partial view of the conference room is shown above, with Mr. David M. Johnson, the Permanent Canadian Delegate voting for Canada.

The Soviet Representative, Mr. Vyshinsky, denied that the Soviet Union had refused to co-operate and associated his delegation in the unanimous support for the inclusion of the item on the agenda.

On November 4 Mr. Lodge opened detailed discussion by reporting further on the efforts of the United States to explore and to develop the vast possibilities for the peaceful use of atomic energy. He said that these efforts had been and would continue to be directed toward the early creation of an international agency; the calling of an international scientific conference to meet in 1955 under the auspices of the United Nations; and the establishment of training facilities in the United States where students from abroad might learn the working principles of atomic energy with specific regard to its peacetime uses.

Mr. Paul Martin speaking for Canada in the debate, said:

International co-operation in this field without the Soviet Union would be a second best solution. But I do not see how the Soviet Union or anyone else can expect those of us who are now ready to co-operate internationally under the aegis of the United Nations to delay doing so indefinitely . . . It seems to my Government that the most immediate need is for information and training to spread the technology required for the application of atomic energy for peaceful purposes on a wide scale . . . In this connection, I may say that Canada would be a potential source not only of information but of raw material and fissile material.

Our aim, in short, is to see established a specialized agency of the United Nations which would initially promote the various objectives I have enumerated, which would help to meet the first requirements of more information and more