

Conclusion

Negotiations in the Ten-Nation Committee, while falling far short of the achievements expected of them, were able to some extent to close the gap between the positions of the two sides, at least on certain questions of principle. Furthermore, although Canada and like-minded countries did not succeed in bringing about a resumption of disarmament discussions, they made plain the views of many states as to the overriding importance of patient, detailed negotiations on this subject. Finally, while it must now be expected that there will be a further delay before the detailed consideration of disarmament is resumed, the wide support accorded by members of the United Nations to the substance of the Canadian proposal provides some hope for the establishment of practical machinery within the United Nations that will improve the chances of further progress on this important question during 1961.