

3. This last observation brings me to the third and final observation which I wish to make before turning to the resolution itself, and the amendments relating to it. Now that we have developed a programme of concerted practical action, with an established and accepted set of principles and priorities, and with a new and constructive decision by the Economic and Social Council, (to concentrate on certain particular techniques and methods for assisting governments in carrying out their social programmes,) -- now that we have done all that, I trust that governments generally, the Canadian Government included, will now be ready for a reasonable period, at least, to give this programme a chance to evolve and develop along the lines laid down for it. We should not yield to the temptation to tinker or tamper too much with one particular aspect of the programme in which we happen to be particularly interested. Let us give the programme as a whole a reasonable time to work, undisturbed by changes in the rules, criteria, principles, priorities, and methods that we are now agreeing to. Let us not divert the attention of the Secretary-General, and the Specialized Agencies, from the concerted programme of practical action that we are now prescribing for them, by passing subsequently too many resolutions which would ask for special priority for this or that project which happens to be particularly dear to us. Only by exercising self-restraint ourselves in regard to changes and alterations in this programme, can we hope to achieve results that are truly practical from the concerted programme which we have now established. (IVX) 502 noisufeser

I turn now to the text of the resolution proposed by the Delegations of Ecuador, the Philippines, the United States of America and Yugoslavia; and to the amendments proposed by the Delegations of Egypt and of Saudi Arabia, and that of France.

In view of what I have already said in approval of the efforts of the Secretary-General, and the Economic and Social Council, surely no one will suggest that the Canadian Delegation is lacking in gratitude to the Council. For its part, the Canadian Delegation wholeheartedly appreciates and approves of the programme of action which has been developed by the Secretary-General in collaboration with the Directors General of the Specialized agencies, for the consideration of the Social Commission and the Economic and Social Council.

Despite this gratitude, however, despite this appreciation and approval, the Canadian Delegation has a good deal of sympathy with the point of view expressed in such moderate terms yesterday by the Egyptian representative, namely, that the paragraph in which we are asked to express our thanks to the Council might better be dropped from the resolution. The same applies in our view to the words "with appreciation" which appear in the second paragraph of the Four Powers resolution. We shall, therefore, support the first two amendments proposed by the Delegations of Egypt and Saudi Arabia, not because of any reluctance on our part to place our thanks and appreciation on the record, but because we believe that experience over the years has shown that it is preferable to take simple note of the Reports which come before our attention without selecting this or that Report for special praise or blame.