

I have not referred to the effects that might accrue from the extending of special rights to the W.F.T.U.—rights beyond those enjoyed by the other organizations in category (a). The possibilities of friction that this discrimination would invite are present, I am sure, in all your minds. If we extend the Charter to cover these special privileges for the W.F.T.U. what will the authors of this resolution say next year when the International Chamber of Commerce ask for similar rights; and when the following year the World Federation of Churches follows suit? You cannot have it both ways.

The basic concept underlying the organization of the United Nations and of its constituent bodies is representation on geographic and national lines. So far as Canada is concerned, we are not now prepared to change this concept and to take over from the corporative state—from fascism—the principle of representation on the basis of functional or occupational groups.

We sympathize with the desire of organized labour for close collaboration with the Economic and Social Council. We believe that effective provision for this collaboration is made especially through the I.L.O. but also through the preferred position that has already been given to the W.F.T.U.

In giving the W.F.T.U. the special recognition that is inherent in category (a) we have gone as far as we can go without violation of the Charter as it now stands.

So far as Canada is concerned we are not prepared to go further than the Charter permits. We will not be a party to any effort to amend its provisions by indirection or by a strained interpretation for which there is no justification either in law or in common sense.