

Although the new group is being created by the four powers, it will have the advantage of the services of the United Nations Secretariat and will report to the United Nations Disarmament Commission, and through it to the General Assembly and the Security Council.

In the very near future the four major powers will inform the other members of the existing 82-member Disarmament Commission of this conclusions in this regard, and will indicate their intentions of conducting through the new group further discussions on the problems of disarmament.

It is worthy of note that the Soviet Union, after refusing for many months to participate in disarmament discussions has now agreed to join with a representative group of interested nations in tackling the tremendous problem of reducing the armaments burden.

The extensive review which Premier Khrushchev made available to "Foreign Affairs" magazine in its last issue regarding the Communist position on recent international development is of interest. As seen through the prism of Marxist ideology the present situation assures that Communism will ultimately triumph in its competition with the Western way of life. The West does not accept or share his opinion. We place our faith in the strength and resilience of freedom as practised in the Western democracies, who will never resort to war as a means of achieving their objectives.

In his review, Mr. Khrushchev argues that war is not necessary and that the two systems must learn to live side by side. Mr. Khrushchev's words would have carried more conviction if they had been accompanied by new proposals for settlement of outstanding issues. Nevertheless, it is to be hoped that the subdued tone of his views can be taken as a sign that he intends to approach his discussions with President Eisenhower in an open-minded and receptive spirit.

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