

all setbacks, the Canadian Government has not ceased to advocate the continuance of a policy of negotiation with a view to creating mutual confidence in the relations between the Soviet and Western worlds.

Balancing Concessions

In their efforts to bring about serious negotiations in the 10-Nation Committee, Canadian spokesmen have used the phrase "balanced concessions". To us, this is a significant phrase for several reasons. For one thing, balanced concessions are, of course, the essence of a true negotiation. For another, the conception of balanced concessions has particular significance in the field of disarmament.

It seems to me that we must contemplate a process whereby the final goal of disarmament will be arrived at through stages, balanced so that at no point will any one nation or group of nations be in a position to pose a threat to the security of another. The idea of achieving disarmament through balanced concessions has therefore been central to Canadian thinking about the negotiations in the 10-Nation Committee.

Can we say that there are any signs of progress through balanced concessions in the 10-Nation Committee? I think we can. In several important aspects, the two sides in the negotiations have moved closer to each other's position. When we compare the proposals put forward by the Soviet Union on June 2, 1960, with those put forward by the United States on June 27, we find that there is a common approach on a number of points.

Rival Proposals

The extent of this movement towards agreement becomes even more striking when we recall that each side has now put forward two complete sets of proposals in the course of these negotiations. Both the Soviet proposals and the United States proposals which were presented to the 10-Nation Committee in June contained advances on the earlier proposals which had formed the basis for the first six weeks of the negotiations.

I should add that the Western proposals of June 27, while placed in the records of the 10-Nation Committee by the United States delegation, were produced as a result of close consultation among the five Western members of the Committee. These proposals embody advances which I intend to mention later.