

initiative; it might well be worth pursuing. Anything is worth pursuing that brings the prospect of a settlement within the stated goals of this resolution.

When he spoke this morning, the Permanent Representative of the USSR made much of the benefactions bestowed upon the people of Afghanistan by Karmal of Kabul. "The campaign against illiteracy is being waged with success," he said. "After the victory of the revolution," he added, "over one million Afghans have learned to read and write."

After the victory of the revolution, over one million other Afghans have been slaughtered. In the choice between literacy and life, they would, as all the rest of us, have chosen life. But why must they make the choice? Why can they not have both? That is the question the Soviet Union refuses to answer.