

the less-developed countries, and to take an interest in the solution of these problems for their own sake, and not purely as part of current international strife.

The Congress also contributed proposals of specific interest to be followed up and given immediate study. The idea of an international development fund remains to be clarified, and the division of opinion in the Congress further investigated in order to get the best-informed opinion on the provision of development funds to less-developed countries. A committee of the Congress will also begin intensive work on the organization and the financing of an Atlantic Institute to do research and seminar work on Atlantic Community problems. The Atlantic Congress warned that the free world was in danger of splitting into three economic groups and therefore the idea of an organization for Atlantic economic co-operation should stimulate new thought on these problems. Moreover, the Congress put forward many suggestions regarding the further development of NATO as a political organization, and these presumably will remain under active consideration by the NATO Parliamentarians Conference.

There seemed little doubt at the Atlantic Congress that a vigorous Atlantic Community existed and would continue to exist. There was a healthy and frank variety of opinion on the best means of making this Community express itself in international affairs. It seems fair to say that the effects of the Congress will therefore be long-term and based on the continuing work of its participants in support of NATO, rather than purely on the discussions and resolutions of their five memorable days in London.