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The President of the United Nations General Assembly, Mr. L.B. Pearson, and the Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, met today in Ottawa to discuss arrangements for the convening of the Assembly if an armistice is concluded in Korea. It will be recalled that the Assembly is required to meet under the terms of the Resolution adopted on April 18 last, which reads in part as follows:

"Decides to recess the present session upon completion of the current agenda items and requests the President of the General Assembly to reconvene the present session to resume consideration of the Korean question (a) upon notification by the Unified Command to the Security Council of the signing of an armistice agreement in Korea; or (b) when in the view of a majority of members other developments in Korea require consideration of this question."

Preliminary consideration was also given to the arrangements required and the procedure that might most usefully be followed at any United Nations meeting called to discuss the peace settlement in Korea which is to follow an armistice.

Views were also exchanged as to how and when the Assembly might be reconvened if the present situation regarding an armistice in Korea were prolonged in a way which would appear to the members of the Assembly to require a meeting.
