

of consultations. After the recess Argentina stated that the 7 Power draft resolution would not be pressed to the vote and nothing more was heard from the Tunisian. The Committee was adjourned until Monday when it will discuss Cyprus. The Chairman announced that the Algerian item would be passed to plenary with a resolution.

10. The results of the Committee debate can be summarized as follows:

(a) The French and their supporters were very satisfied with the outcome, notwithstanding some earlier nervousness about the course which we and the Norwegians had been following. Pineau thanked Engen warmly for his efforts and stated that if in plenary the resolution, as amended, should be reintroduced with Canada, Ireland and Norway as co-sponsors (or presumably among the co-sponsors) France could go along with this outcome.

(b) African-Asians, including the delegations of Iran, India, Afghanistan, Malaya, Pakistan, Egypt, Thailand and possibly others, were irritated by the group decision to oppose the draft resolution because it had been amended. Probably the Japanese have the same attitude, although Matsudaira may be upset because his own initiative, which was begun prematurely, had been overtaken by ours. Before the vote, Fawzi had discussed with Engen the possibility of reintroducing the amended resolution by which time most of the African-Asians would be prepared to accept it.

(c) The defeat of the draft resolution in committee provided a sorry spectacle for the press and public and was therefore damaging to the UN. However, some of the members may have been given a useful lesson in what is required if the UN is to work effectively. In other words, the initiators of the African-Asian's text may have learned that concessions are required from both sides when the issue is as hotly contested as the Algerian question.

This is our preliminary reaction to what happened yesterday but we may have occasion to add to the assessment in preparing the final report on this item.

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ALGERIA

We learned this morning (December 9) that because Pineau wished to return to Paris as soon as possible, the French delegation would like to have the plenary meeting on Algeria on December 10. This would not allow the time for quiet consultations, which we suggested in our telegram 2734 would be required if a satisfactory outcome of the Assembly proceedings were to be achieved. The situation was complicated further by the fact that Fawzi was absent from New York during most of the day on a visit to Washington.