

The representative of New Zealand is a man of agile intellect and ripe political wisdom, and I would hope that, having expressed a desire for that kind of amendment, he might be able to produce one. However, I should like to point out to him that the plan recommended in Sub-committee I Report is not quite as feeble in regard to enforcement as he seems to think it is. We have made some provisions for enforcing this plan, if it is adopted by the General Assembly. I do not need to go into details. I think that most of the Committee, who have studied the plan, are aware of them. I should like to point out one fact however: Quite apart from the provisions which we have agreed on for the setting up of provisional councils of government and a militia, we have also in our plan imposed on the Security Council the duty of giving guidance and general instructions to the United Nations Commission.

There is also the right of the United Nations Commission to refer matters back to the Security Council and ask for help from the Security Council. I hope that in relying on the Security Council in regard to these matters, the United Nations Commission will get more than that "desultory assistance" which the United States delegate mentioned when he referred to the cooperation that we have received in our work here from the United Kingdom. I am sure he did not mean assistance from the United Kingdom delegation, because as he knows—and he would be the first to admit—we have received, I think, every assistance possible from the United Kingdom delegation in the work of our Sub-committee. The fact that we did not receive more assistance from the United Kingdom delegation in the work of our "working group" was because we never invited the United Kingdom delegation to appear before that group.

Whatever may be the verdict of the members of the Committee in regard to the assistance which we have received from the United Kingdom Government—and maybe on one or two occasions that might without too much exaggeration be described as desultory—we have certainly received very hearty and valuable co-operation from the United Kingdom delegation.

This, however, is a digression. What I really wanted to emphasize was that we do have behind our proposed Commission, the Security Council. I, for one, would welcome a declaration from the permanent members of the Security Council that they are willing and determined to stand behind any action which the Security Council may have to take to back up the work of this Commission in Palestine, and to support any decision that the United Nations General Assembly may have to take in this matter. A declaration to that effect might be very helpful.

We all must admit that, in putting forward this plan of Sub-committee I, we are asking the General Assembly to take a calculated risk, as it has been called. But it is at least a plan, and that leads me to the consideration of the plan of Sub-committee II. I asked the members of that Sub-committee a question this afternoon; whether they felt that there was any legal authority behind their recommendations which would impose a unitary sovereign state on the people of Palestine. The representative of Pakistan answered that question to my complete satisfaction. I wish I were quite as satisfied as to the legal and constitutional validity of the plan of Sub-committee I. But in answering this legal question to my satisfaction, he convinced me that the plan of Sub-committee II does not really mean anything at all. It is a recommendation; it is only a recommendation, and