

ment was not repeat not timed to attract the attention of the Assembly, but was a response to recent nationalist aggression in this area.

5. In explaining Cambodia's intention to oppose the USA resolution, Prince Sihanouk expressed his belief that communist China could be accepted as a sister nation in the Far East without this leading to communist subversion of other areas. He appealed for the neutralization of the off-shore islands. In explaining Iceland's intention to abstain on all votes, Thors recalled that as long ago as 1953 Iceland had said it was ill-advised to keep mainland China out of the UN. Now, with the dangers of a shooting war in the Formosa Straits, preparations for a change in the UN attitude should be begun: these should be gradual rather than abrupt. Therefore, while it could not repeat not vote for the Indian resolution, Iceland would abstain as a warning that a change in attitude was required.

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CYPRUS IN THE U.N. ASSEMBLY

During our discussions last week with Mr. Beeley of the U.K. Mission to the United Nations, we ran over most of the principal subjects at the forthcoming Assembly. When we came to the subject mentioned above, I expressed the strictly personal opinion that the U.K. would find itself this year in a more satisfactory position vis-à-vis the Assembly than it had previously because it had put forward proposals<sup>20</sup> which should gain a good deal of sympathy in the Assembly. It seemed to me that the concessions made in these proposals in the direction of self-government should appeal to the more responsible Asian and African countries. The Indians, for instance, had never taken a strict anti-colonial line on Cyprus and Krishna Menon had in fact been helpful with compromises. It seemed to me that some of these countries might be even more disposed to support the British position now as it did seem to most people that it was only through some compromise of this kind that any progress could be made in Cyprus. I asked Mr. Beeley if he thought a resolution in the Assembly which gave general support to the U.K. initiative would help them in persuading the Greeks and the Turks to cooperate. He said he thought that it would.

2. It seems to me that the most constructive thing that the Assembly might do this year, and one on which it might be not too difficult to get a two-thirds majority, would be a resolution which gave general blessing to a solution along the lines the British are propos-

<sup>20</sup> Pour un compte rendu des efforts déployés par le Royaume-Uni afin de régler le problème de Chypre dans le cadre de l'Organisation du Traité de l'Atlantique Nord, voir le chapitre II, 7<sup>e</sup> partie.

For an account of United Kingdom efforts to solve the Cyprus issue within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, see Chapter II, Part 7.