

It is true that at present it is impossible to obtain agreement on the methods for control; the recent discussions on the Soviet proposals have shown that they are unprepared to yield on certain points which the other nations hold as essential constituents in any satisfactory plan. But it seems that the Soviet objections arise from the fact that, in the tension and mistrust of the world situation as it exists today, they evidently do not feel that they can give up, to an international body in which nations they consider unfriendly to them are bound to be in the majority, the degree of authority which the other nations are convinced is essential for security.

There are some grounds for hope, therefore, that in the future, when nations of the world may be less sharply divided and when the United Nations does in fact represent a body unified for the purposes of peace, it will be possible to convince the U.S.S.R. that the plan for the control of atomic energy put forward in the reports of the Atomic Energy Commission does in truth represent a proper basis for the elimination of atomic warfare and that it is not a plan to maintain the domination of certain nations. At that time we may hope that the Soviet will be prepared to discuss these proposals with a more open mind and that, with perhaps a few modifications, they will then accept their implications.

In addition to recording the remarkable unanimity of view of all those who have been permitted to approach this problem with open minds, I hope this report will be recognized for what it is - not the end of the intensive efforts which have been put forth but rather as a summation of results achieved to date and as a basis for continued efforts to be made in the Assembly and to be renewed in the Commission as soon as possible because it is imperative that atomic energy should be brought under effective international control in the interest of the security of all nations and all peoples.

It is in this spirit that our Third Report concludes and we have been very careful to provide that the Commission while "suspended" is nevertheless not to be disbanded. Moreover, a double method of recalling it together has been provided so that there may be no doubt that it will resume its work so soon as attendant circumstances become propitious.

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