

comprehensive disarmament plan. But when we start asking direct questions about whether the Soviet Union means anything like the same thing as we do by the kind of inspection which would be necessary in order to carry any of these things into practice our questions go unanswered. Certainly they were not answered yesterday. Even the questions are, it seems, an interference in their domestic affairs.

... We must endeavour during the weeks ahead to find out whether we are entering a period in which serious negotiations with the Government of the Soviet Union are possible. The Disarmament Commission is one of a number of places in which we shall have an opportunity of finding out whether this is the case. With this in mind, as the Canadian Delegation has already suggested on several occasions, the Disarmament Commission might occasionally try meeting privately in closed session. At any rate ... let us hope that by the next Session of the General Assembly we shall have more evidence from the Disarmament Commission of a readiness on the part of all members to negotiate outstanding questions than we have at the present time. The record of the Commission shows that if the Soviet Union wish to negotiate, they will be met more than half way.

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