

As a long term objective the Subcommittee recommends that arrangements be made between the Security Council and countries providing the military units to ensure that, wherever possible, these units would be available to the Security Council for a minimum of one year's service in whatever capacity the Security Council and its executive agent, the Secretary-General might direct.

UN Members not in a position to provide military units would supply bases and other facilities, including overflight privileges and prearranged rights of passage.

Certain member states would provide officer personnel on an individual basis for UN fact-finding and observation, and for the nucleus of elite cadres which would be of particular help in situations requiring fast UN reaction.

A larger UN force would require a larger number of "support personnel" for staff, communications and security functions.

The Permanent Members of the Security Council should undertake to maintain in a state of readiness logistic support for specified types of situations. One way would be to designate a specified number of types of aircraft, ships, etc. to be available on short notice if required—but not permanently tying up specific items of equipment.

The objective of a standby force which renounces a considerable degree of national sovereignty, may be impossible to implement at this time, but the Subcommittee urges that it be adopted as an ultimate goal.

In the meantime the Subcommittee hopes that forces from Soviet bloc countries will be included in future peacekeeping operations.

6—THE MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

The Subcommittee believes that the Military Staff Committee, described in Article 47, could play an important part in the design and establishment of such a force.

The UN Charter provides for the establishment of this Military Staff Committee "to advise and assist the Security Council on all questions relating to the Security Council's military requirements for the maintenance of international peace and security, the employment and command of forces placed at its disposal, the regulation of armaments, and possible disarmament". It has not yet proven possible to implement this role.

The Subcommittee believes there can be an important role for the Military Staff Committee to advise the Security Council in peacekeeping operations. Article 47 is ambiguous as to the role of the Military Staff Committee in the management of United Nations forces once they have been activated under the Council's authority, although sub-paragraph 3 of the Article suggests that the Military Staff Committee shall be responsible "under the Security Council for the strategic direction of any armed forces placed at the disposal of the Security Council". It then goes on, however, to say that "questions relating to the command of such forces shall be worked out subsequently".

It is obvious that no Committee composed of the Chiefs of Staff of the five Permanent Members of the Security Council (or a larger group if the recent Soviet suggestion for enlarging the Committee were to be accepted)