

Assembly in developing international peace and co-operation. The Austrian delegate stated, however, that he was not quite certain that the time and energy expended on the Committee were entirely justified in view of the refusal of the Eastern European group of states to participate. The representative of the Dominican Republic pointed out also that the absence of these states had deprived the Interim Committee of much of its usefulness. The Indian delegation proposed that the Interim Committee be replaced by one or more specially constituted sub-committees of the General Assembly assigned to handle items referred to them. There was little support for this proposal, however. The U.S.S.R. and other Eastern European states claimed that the Interim Committee could not be justified by the Charter, that its formation represented an attempt to circumvent the Security Council and the unanimity rule and that the reports produced by the Interim Committee were of no value. In the voting, forty-four nations supported the continuation of the Committee, the six Eastern European states opposed it and India abstained. The matter will now be finally dealt with by the General Assembly itself.

Canadian Attitude

Speaking in the ad hoc Committee on November 17, Mr. Pearson, chairman of the Canadian delegation, said careful examination of the Interim Committee's Report showed that the Committee had proceeded cautiously and had not yet exercised several of the functions, some rather important functions, assigned to it by the Assembly.

"But I suggest," Mr. Pearson continued, "that this is not a bad thing. The Interim Committee has, in fact, proceeded slowly and has been very careful indeed not to impinge on the activities of the Security Council. It has therefore not justified the violent and exaggerated criticism of its opponents who last year kept on repeating *ad nauseam*—and they seem to be

doing it again this year—in spite of the evidence, that the Interim Committee was designed to circumvent the Security Council. In confess that I detected a slight note of sadness in the statement of the representative of Poland when he admitted that the Interim Committee had not yet interfered with the Security Council. In point of fact, the work of the Interim Committee so far has, I suggest, knocked the props from under the arguments of the boycotters of the Committee. The repetition, consequently, of those arguments this year is not likely to impress anyone any more than it impressed us last year.

Legal Aspect

"Insofar as the legal aspect of the question is concerned, the argument that the Interim Committee is unconstitutional had no validity last year, has no validity this year, and will have no validity next year. As I see it, Article 22, is quite conclusive in this respect:

'The General Assembly may establish such subsidiary organs as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.'

The repetition of the old arguments on this matter remind me of the Russian parable that Mr. Vishinsky is so fond of repeating to us about the priest who took a piece of meat, called it fish and ate it on Friday. The Soviet delegation insists on reversing the process—it takes an innocent Committee of the Assembly, curses it, and thereby makes it criminally unconstitutional not to be consumed at any time on pain of excommunication.

"The question of expenditure has been mentioned. I need only refer in this connection to the Korean consultation whereby the Interim Committee actually saved the United Nations a great deal of time and expense by obviating the necessity of summoning a special session of the General Assembly. I repeat that the Interim Committee has saved and in all probability will continue to save the United Nations money rather than