

It was a very good example of Moscow pulling the rug out from underneath their own negotiator. The person involved here was Mr. Zorin, who had the rug pulled out from under him just a few weeks ago in New York.

Outer Space

In so far as this question of collateral measures is concerned, there are three which are in line for consideration. One is a measure to prohibit the launching of weapons of mass destruction from outer space. This was a Canadian idea. Last March, nearly a year ago, when this Collateral Measures Committee was first set up, we walked in with a declaration to the effect that weapons of mass destruction were not to be used in outer space, that they could not be launched from outer space. Well, that threw everybody into a tizzy. I mean there was a good deal of discussion, and it was not accepted with any degree of enthusiasm by some of the bigger countries. The Russians finally said: "We do not want to talk about that; we will leave that for negotiation in connection with the treaty." In any event, this is one question we hope will be considered by this Collateral Measures Committee.

Another suggestion was a measure to reduce the risk of war by accident, miscalculation or failure of communication. Proposals have been made to reduce the risk of accidental war through improved communication between governments, advance notification of military manoeuvres, the establishment of observation posts and the exchange of military missions between East and West.

Another subject which is to be considered in that Committee is measures to prevent the wider dissemination of nuclear weapons. In the main negotiations on a disarmament treaty the Americans have put in a draft treaty and so have the Russians, and a lot of time has been spent trying to piece them together. Canada has aimed at picking out points where there was almost agreement and in stressing those points, trying to bring about agreement on those things in the belief that, once the two sides agreed on a paragraph of that kind, it would be easier to go on and agree on something a little more difficult.

We went back to the General Assembly last fall, and one thing that everyone was agreed on in New York was that the Disarmament Committee could carry on its work negotiating a treaty. There was no difference of opinion about that.

A Canadian Initiative

There was trouble about nuclear-test banning. The Soviet side wanted one resolution; the Americans wanted another resolution. In fact there was a lot of difficulty in working out a resolution dealing with the question of a nuclear-test ban. Canada moved in on that, and in my judgment this was our main accomplishment in the last session. We were able to bring about agreement on a resolution on the question of negotiating for a nuclear-test ban.