

in no way affects the importance which my Delegation attaches to the forthcoming discussion of disarmament in the UN. General Assembly. This discussion in the UN. General Assembly however, will not constitute negotiation, as the Representative of Ecuador has admitted himself this afternoon in his statement. But negotiations are what I firmly believe the present situation calls for. Accordingly, when the Commission comes to vote on the six-power revised draft resolution, I intend to move that the order of Operative Paragraphs 1 and 2 be reversed; and I would plead with the sponsors of the draft resolution now before the Commission to give further consideration this afternoon to this suggestion.

Surely, if the emphasis is put on the paragraph reading "Considers it necessary and recommends that in view of the urgency of the problem continued efforts be made for the earliest possible continuation of international negotiations to achieve a constructive solution of the question of general and complete disarmament under effective international control", then we, by so doing, place the strongest possible stress on the need for action. And remember -- this Commission is the only body in the world that can advocate action promptly at the present time to meet this terrible threat. The debate in the UN General Assembly will not be completed for weeks, perhaps for months; but, in the meantime, as I said this morning, the arms race goes on day after day and accelerates every week. This disarmament commission is the one body that can make a strong recommendation at the present time that negotiations be resumed. As I have said, we alone can advocate that this action be taken now. In that way we can do something about the time element, which is so important in this whole situation.

I do not intend to trespass any further on the time of this Commission, but I do suggest with the greatest possible friendliness to the co-sponsors -- with each one of whom the Canadian Delegation has worked in a most friendly manner for many sessions of the UN and each one of whom we consider among our very closest -- that they give further consideration to this suggestion that the order of those paragraphs be reversed and that the vital paragraph which embodies the business of this Commission be put in the first place.

I really do not know why there should be any objection to the making of that change. It seems completely wrong to me and makes no sense that this Commission should refuse to put the emphasis where the emphasis belongs and where we all know in our hearts that the emphasis belongs.

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