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When the Fifth Committee discussed the budget estimates, a number of criticisms were levelled at the administration of the Secretariat. In particular, many European delegations were of the opinion that the administrative practices were wasteful, over-specialized and too rigid. The Bureau of Personnel was particularly criticized for the method in which it dealt with applications for employment. It appeared that while some of these criticisms were not without basis, many of them were directly attributable to the newness of the United Nations. The consensus was that it would be premature to criticize too severely the internal administration of the Secretariat. It was considered that Mr. Byron Price, the new Assistant Secretary-General in charge of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, who had been in office for only six months, should be given full support in developing administrative methods which would lead to greater efficiency.