

"Now that we have agreed by a large majority to establish this Committee for the purpose of endeavouring to apply procedures of conciliation to the explosive situation which exists on the northern borders of Greece, and to supervise and facilitate the implementation of the resolution of the General Assembly, we must not be diverted from our purpose.

"It was suggested yesterday in this Committee that our purpose might best be served by the exclusion of all permanent members of the Security Council from the Special Committee.

"In this connection, a parallel was drawn between this Special Committee and the Committee which was sent by the General Assembly to Palestine to investigate and recommend solutions of the Palestine problem.

"Surely we have now reached a point in the Greek case in which it is not further investigation that is required, but action--urgent action, to conciliate and bring about adjustment in the relations between Greece and her northern neighbors.

"In the present situation, which involves the maintenance of international peace and security, the permanent members of the Security Council bear a primary and special responsibility in trying to find a solution.

"The representative of the United States said that 'the United States was motivated by the desire to press as far as possible for conciliation among the permanent members'.

"The significant statement in our view is sufficient ground for asking that all the permanent members that are willing to serve should be members of this Special Committee and that the door should be left open to that permanent member which has expressed its intention not to cooperate in this effort, to serve as a member of the Committee as well.

"Another important factor which must be taken into account is that if this Special Committee is to be effective, it must have real prestige and authority and its composition must be such as to assure that this is the case. One cannot read paragraphs five and six of the resolution without realizing how desirable it is that the Great Powers be represented on this Committee.

"Under paragraph five, Greece and her northern neighbors are called upon to carry out certain specific measures of cooperation in the settlement of their disputes and under paragraph six, the Special Committee is set up not wholly and not mainly to observe and report whether they do or not, but mainly to assist them in doing so. The Committee will have grave and high responsibilities. It may even recommend that a special session of the United Nations be convoked to deal with the situation, should it further deteriorate.

"I would therefore urge that this Committee, after reflection, might accept as a basis for the composition of the Committee the view expressed by the United States.

"Specifically my proposal is that the Special Committee shall consist of representatives of Australia, Brazil, China, France, Mexico, the Netherlands, Pakistan, the United Kingdom and the United States, seats being held open for Poland and the U.S.S.R."