

also on the question whether the Assembly should be permitted to take action in regard to them. Other subjects, such for example as the Soviet resolution concerning incitement to war, were so basically propagandist in character and intent that they could produce little else than a political dispute.

Similarly, in the debates on South West Africa, and on the Indian resolution concerning the treatment of Indians in South Africa, racial antagonisms and the issues between colonial powers and subject peoples became involved in the discussion and confused with the broader political divisions in the Assembly. It was not possible to avoid the controversy, even in the debates on economic and social questions. Subjects of immediate practical concern from an administrative point of view, such as the resettlement of refugees or the agenda of the proposed Conference on Freedom of Information and of the Press, raised sharp issues between the Soviet Union and the Western Powers in the Social Committee, and the Economic Committee spent many hours in discussing, from a political point of view, the effect of the Marshall Plan on the economic reconstruction of Europe.

The accomplishments of the Second Session of the General Assembly were, nevertheless, of significance. The importance of the effort to increase the influence of the Assembly has already been mentioned. The debates on Palestine and the recommendations which resulted represented a serious effort to find a solution to a major problem in world affairs. Whether or not the plan for partition with economic union, as embodied in the Assembly resolution, is ever put into effect, there can be no doubt that a settlement based on international agreement must be found for Palestine, if that part of the world is to escape catastrophe.

Elsewhere in the agenda there were other topics that were discussed with constructive results. In the field of economic and social affairs, the methods by which the Assembly might exercise a co-ordinating function in relation to the growing and complex structure of international organization were explored and developed. The Trusteeship Committee considered and passed for approval new trusteeship agreements. The Committee on Administrative and