

The Arab resolution contains three main elements. First, it reaffirms pledges already given by the Arab states that they will respect the systems of government established in the Arab states, and it calls on all members of the United Nations to conform with the principles of mutual respect for each other's integrity and non-interference in each other's affairs. This passage corresponds very closely in meaning to a similar passage of the seven-power resolution, but it expresses itself in terms which are more precise and which have a more particular relevance to the Arab and Asian world.

Second, the Arab resolution requests the Secretary-General to make such practical arrangements as would adequately help in upholding the purposes of the Charter in relation to Lebanon and Jordan in the present circumstances. These are the exact words of the seven-power resolution. But the Arab resolution, unlike the Norwegian-Canadian formula on withdrawal, refers expressly and exclusively to withdrawal in the text of the resolution in the words "and thereby facilitate the early withdrawal of foreign troops from the two countries". This is a more direct formula for dealing with the crucial question of troop withdrawals than had been attempted in the seven-power draft, and I would remind those who might wish to scrutinize too carefully the wording of this section-"and thereby facilitate the early withdrawal of foreign troops from the two countries"-that this formula was accepted willingly by the United States and by the United Kingdom.

May I quote to the committee the words of the Secretary of State of the United States when he said they would heartily endorse the Arab resolution. These are his words:

"The United States rejoices at the prospective assumption by the United Nations of the responsibility which we reluctantly assumed in an emergency and are eager to lay down."

He was followed immediately by the Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom who stated in effect, that the quicker the practical arrangements contemplated in the resolution could be made on a realistic basis, and here I quote, "the sooner it will be possible for us to withdraw our troops". The Lebanese and the Jordanians accepted this Arab resolution voluntarily, and the United Arab Republic pledged its earnest support for the fulfilment of the engagements which were set out in the resolution relating to this matter. I shall return to this point in a moment.

The third element in the resolution consists of a repetition of the provision in the seven-power resolution inviting the Secretary-General to continue his study with a view to possible assistance regarding an Arab development institution in the economic field, and to provide for this under amicable political arrangements.