

I have read since that time that because of this American appointment the Russians have insisted that the executive committee of the organization should have functions of a type which will make it very difficult in the future for the agency to operate satisfactorily because the Russians on that committee would be sort of a watch dog and exercise vetoes over the activities of the secretary general or director general, or whatever he is called.

Mr. SMITH (*Hastings-Frontenac*): I had not heard that. I had heard, in the corridors of the United Nations, that there might be some anxiety, but everyone who knows this Mr. Cole, who is evidently a very gifted person, hoped that after a short while he would be able to build it up into a team.

Mr. PEARSON: He is, I believe, an extremely able man; but he is an American. I wondered how the Russians would actively cooperate in an organization which had an American as director general.

Mr. SMITH (*Hastings-Frontenac*): I believe this is one case in which they thought in terms of the person. This is another body under the auspices of the United Nations, and they have had one organizational meeting and will have another conference in 1958 I believe. This organization came into existence on July 29 and our representative is Mr. Wershof; he is our permanent delegate to the European office of the United Nations in Geneva. I heard an Indian scientist speaking and he was confident that this is one agency which will be highly successful.

If I may speak to my colleague—Mr. Leger, do they have anything to do with inspection into the use of uranium or nuclear material for peaceful uses?

Mr. LEGER: Yes, indeed. The purpose of the agency is as follows: to make uranium available through the agency to any of its members. Second, to make arrangements for the provision of technical information. Third, to provide assistance within the limits of its resources in the fields of technical assistance and training. This is one of the difficulties which the agency has already experienced; that the technical experts in that field do not come by the dozen. Even before the agency is set up they are already looking around in an attempt to find more experts in that field.

Mr. SMITH (*Hastings-Frontenac*): The government intends that Canada should play an active and constructive part in the work of this agency. It has already undertaken to make uranium available to members of the agency, through the agency, on the condition and subject to control that such material would be used only for peaceful purposes.

In time, as I see it Mr. Chairman, this could become an agency for economic development of underdeveloped countries if this nuclear power is further developed for civilian uses and exploited. But there is the question of training men. I understand there are at the present time some in Canada who are being prepared in connection with this nuclear reactor which has been established under the Colombo plan in India.

Mr. KNOWLES (*Winnipeg North Centre*): Perhaps we could leave the other questions over to another meeting.