

This draft resolution is a very mild condemnation indeed compared to that which has been hurled at the United Nations in general and the United States in particular in respect of its action in Korea. Denouncing us as aggressors in Korea has not prevented the Peking Government from expecting those of us who have been so denounced to sit with it and negotiate; nor has it prevented that Government itself from agreeing to participate in such negotiations. If the passing of this resolution ends, in the eyes of the Peking Government, all hope of peaceful discussion and settlement, then this can only strengthen the view, which I do not necessarily share, of those who have felt that that Chinese Government was not sincere at any time in agreeing to negotiations.

I hope, therefore, that whatever happens to this resolution, the door will remain open for negotiation and peaceful settlement.