

I referred once again at that stage to the negative aspect of the other resolution which had been tabled by the U.S.S.R. I stated on behalf of Canada that our resolution could serve as a point of departure to reconcile some of the conflicting interests, and expressed the hope that it would serve as a basis for discussion. It must be remembered that we had been negotiating for nearly a week and nothing positive had been put before the Assembly in terms of a resolution. There was nothing of that kind on which to centre the attention of the General Assembly other than the unsatisfactory and negative Soviet resolution.

There was a general and intense will-we could sense it-in the meeting of the General Assembly to study anything which seemed to carry with it a plan for the future and not just a consideration past events. This resolution gave a new focal point on Tuesday afternoon for the attention of the representatives of the nations who were in that hall on that occasion. In my statement in support of the resolution I frankly admitted-and I say this for the third time in words other than those I have already used-the shortcomings of the text which was presented in the resolution, but I say without any conceit and without any lack of modesty that I have reason to believe that these observations by Canada's Delegation gave some hope for a common point of view coming of the Arab ranks.

#### Arab Resolution

While the debate on the Canadian-Norwegian resolution was taking place on Wednesday there occurred what was indeed a dramatic and sudden reappraisal from the Arab ranks as a whole, though I would say it was not entirely a surprise to some of us. This led to the submission of a new draft resolution to the Assembly by all ten Arab states, and this new development altered the whole basis on which the Assembly's discussion had been proceeding and led rapidly, on Thursday evening, to a unanimous vote in favour of the Arab resolution.

Canada, and indeed all the sponsors, and the United States, the United Kingdom, France and other great powers immediately expressed their willingness and happiness to join with us, the co-sponsors of the Canadian-Norwegian resolution, in this new development. Therefore it was particularly fitting in the light of the article in the Charter regarding the regional settlement of disputes, that it should have been the Arabs themselves who came up with this formula and provided a starting point for working out a solution to the issues which have wracked the Arab world and on more than one occasion have threatened the peace of the whole world. I am satisfied that the resolution meets most of the main objectives which the co-sponsors of the seven-power resolution had in mind and, in fact, it draws heavily on the letter and the spirit of the seven-power resolution which we had co-sponsored.