

The first five or six weeks of this Assembly were a prolonged debauch of unorganized discussion. During the first three-quarters of this second part of the first session, we accomplished only about one-quarter of our work. That made it necessary for us to try to get through the remaining three-quarters of our work in the quarter of the time which remained to us before the *Queen Elizabeth* sailed.

It has been suggested in the General Committee that it would be sufficient if the Secretariat were to draft proposals for reforms in the practices and rules of procedure of the Assembly and to present these proposals to the next session of the Assembly. The problem, however, of persuading the next session of the Assembly to adopt improvements in its practices and rules, falls into two parts: the drafting of the necessary reforms and the acceptance of those reforms by the Assembly. The chances of the Assembly, next September, accepting the necessary reforms, will be much better if the proposals come not from the Secretariat but from a committee of the members of the Assembly, and that is not intended as a reflection on our very efficient Secretariat.

I am confident that the committee on procedures and organization which we are appointing to-day, will present to the Assembly next September most valuable recommendations for reform. I hope that the Assembly next September will be willing to adopt its recommendations unanimously and without debate, on the opening day of the next session to apply provisionally throughout that second session. The Canadian delegation has set forth at length in its memorandum of November 29, its specific suggestions for reforms in the practices and rules of procedure of the Assembly.

The Canadian delegation hopes that all Members of the United Nations will respond to the invitation contained in the resolution now before us, and will forthwith forward to the Secretary-General their suggestions for economizing the time of the Assembly and for revising the provisional rules of procedure. The streamlining of this Assembly is a question of common concern to all Members of the United Nations. All of us wish to see the General Assembly of the United Nations operate with dignity as well as with despatch.

And now, Mr. President, let me thank you in the name of my delegation for the very efficient and great way in which you have acted as President of this meeting, and as a result have enhanced very considerably the prestige of this Assembly.

C. Resolution of the Assembly, December 15, 1946

MEASURES TO ECONOMIZE THE TIME OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the agenda of future sessions will likely entail a heavy volume of work and that the experience acquired during the first session reveals that decisions could be reached more expeditiously through improvements in the rules of procedure and internal organization;