

I agree, too, with what has been said about the need to proceed as far as possible on the basis of consensus in this Committee, so as to ensure that the report we submit to the Assembly and our recommendations carry maximum weight. This is particularly important as the success of United Nations action on South West Africa depends on the support of as many members of this Organization as possible, including those who hold the major share of the world's economic and military power.

We believe that our final recommendations will receive this kind of support if we can show the United Nations General Assembly that we have examined, in some depth, alternative ways in which the task entrusted to the Committee could be carried out.

This requires close analysis of the problem of how South West Africa should be administered, taking into account the decision of the General Assembly already made that this Territory comes under the direct responsibility of the United Nations.

How should we go about making such an analysis? I suggest that we might ask the Bureau or the Secretariat to collate all proposals which various delegations may have suggested or will suggest. Already there have been proposals to create a United Nations machinery for administration of South West Africa, to declare independence followed by the setting up of administration by South West Africans, to study the possibility of an embryonic administration in the Territory. There is also the possibility of establishing an interim administration composed of a condominium or combination of states. In addition to the various forms which the actual administration might take there are alternative ways in which the United Nations might exercise its supervisory authority. It is possible for example that this responsibility might be given to an existing United Nations body.

I should hope that until an adequate analysis of the alternatives is completed, the Committee will not become frozen in its advocacy of any one solution. In examining all these options, we may find it desirable to take into account the present de facto administration in the Territory and how the powers of this Administration are to be transferred to any new administration.

A useful analysis of the practical means by which South West Africa should be administered would have to relate not only to the alternatives which I have mentioned, but also to the practical considerations which arise out of political,