

associated with police or protective organizations. The personnel required for the proposed force should be provided by police forces rather than by military forces.

19. *It was agreed*, after further consideration:

(a) that the personnel for both the permanent establishment and the reserve should be drawn from sources other than the military forces;

(b) that the organization recommended by the Secretary-General was acceptable;

(c) that only the nucleus permanent establishment should be formed initially;

(d) that national reserves for the United Nations Guard Force should not be recruited until the permanent force organization was in existence; and

(e) that the national reserve personnel for the United Nations Guard Force should be enlisted and trained through a permanent existing organization of the country concerned.

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*Permanent Delegation to United Nations
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United Nations Guard.

The ad hoc (Political) Committee took up consideration of this item on October 24th. The item on the agenda was the report of the Special Committee which contained two draft resolutions (see PS/10 Appendix A of the commentary).

The general debate on the report of the Special Committee revealed that the proposal for a field service received considerable support, while the proposal for a panel of field observers met with some opposition.

You will recall that the method of establishing the panel as described in the report of the Special Committee is as follows:

(a) The various Governments will furnish a list of names of men recruited both within and outside the Government services which they will recommend as observers to the Secretary-General;

(b) The Secretariat of the United Nations will then select field observers from these names having regard both to their professional competence and geographical distribution;

(c) The Secretariat would finally be responsible to keep this list up to date.

The delegations of the United Kingdom and New Zealand were of the opinion that it was impractical from an administrative point of view for the United Nations Secretariat to keep this list current in such a way that it will be useful when an emergency occurs as the names appearing on the list may not be available when called up to serve.