

what it could to enlist our assistance in the Advisory Group. I said that Tremblay was discussing the whole problem of United Nations responsibility and the Co-ordinating staff with the Secretary-General and that before sending any instructions we would probably wish to take account of the Secretary-General's own comments.

3. I then talked with Tremblay, who had just returned from his meeting with U Thant, and who was able to confirm that there would be no meeting tomorrow. He said all signs indicated that the Secretary-General was swinging to the African-Asian point of view; or at least towards a decision in which this point of view would be the determining factor. (A delegation of six or seven Permanent Representatives from the African-Asian group was waiting to go in when Tremblay left. Yost of the Americans was also to see him later in the day.)

4. U Thant told Tremblay that the USSR had already made it clear to him that they would not accept any scheme along the lines proposed without a special mandate from the Security Council. The three Governments in the African-Asian group involved in the proposed additions to the Co-ordinating Staff had been approached, and had refused to have any part in the exercise. From his conversation with the Secretary-General Tremblay was convinced that the real stumbling block so far as the African-Asians (and U Thant himself) are concerned is the major role of the Belgians in the programme. This raises a political issue which is probably not susceptible, from the Secretary-General's point of view, to any solution based on the degree of authority or nature of the functions of a co-ordinating staff.

5. In the circumstances Tremblay is more and more convinced that on political grounds the Secretary-General will feel himself forced to wash his hands of the present training programme. Tremblay doubts, however, that U Thant will make his final decision known at next week's meeting.¹¹

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P.S. Tremblay will be in Toronto Friday and doesn't expect any comments or instructions before beginning of next week. R.E. C[ollins]

¹¹ Note marginale :/Marginal note:

I told Tremblay by phone 27/3

(1) We could live with outcome foreseen by Sec[retary]-Gen[eral], but could not be seen to be favouring it now.

(2) over-riding consideration should be

(a) to keep in step with USA

(b) not to take pro-Belgian [line in?] Advisory Com[mitt]ee

([3?]) U Thant probably

(a) unduly influenced by opposition of USSR (hence sudden change of position)

(b) underestimating USA influence on Belgians & Congo Gov[ernment] to bring about UN Co-ord[inating] Group

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