

make use of existing procedures. It was also said that by enumerating various means of peaceful settlements we were prejudging the results of our inquiry. Even if it be agreed that no new machinery is required, and for our part we are not prepared to come to this conclusion yet, would it not still be helpful to give further joint study to those means for peaceful settlement which member states have found most useful or which they would like to see further developed? In the process, some states will no doubt wish to refer to United Nations experience and to United Nations machinery. We are not asking, nor do we expect, that agreement will be reached on whether some means are more appropriate than others. What we wish to do is to review the subject in the light of experience in order to see whether improvements can be made in our methods.

It will be a sad day for the United Nations, Mr. Chairman, if this Committee decides that the peaceful settlement of disputes is not a subject which requires our attention. I sincerely urge all members of the Committee to accept, in good faith, the motives of those of us who wish to make some advance in this neglected but vitally significant field of our activities.