

collect, collate and publish the information on this continuously developing subject, which will be necessary when discussions are resumed. This staff must also give preliminary study to the topics which the Commission has already decided must be taken up in detail. This is a sensible, a positive, a constructive proposal. In the long run it will get us further in our journey than immediate attempts to hold meetings when there is no common ground for discussion. Let us not be fooled, Mr. Chairman, by propaganda assertions from the USSR, which has never contributed to any of the progress made thus far in the Atomic Energy Commission, that we are closing doors; to the contrary, we are leaving them open. I cannot assert too firmly the willingness of the Canadian Government to go forward with its commitment the moment there is any possibility that the obligations which must be accepted by all if the control of atomic energy and the prohibition of atomic weapons are to be accomplished, have some chance of general and equal acceptance.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, what will be the result of the adoption of the majority resolution? It may not bring into effect tomorrow or the next day the control and prohibition which we all so greatly desire. But it will make clear to the world the agreement which has been reached on the principles which must underlie further progress. It will make clear to the world also the basis upon which the knowledge, the skill, the raw materials and equipment of mankind in the field of atomic energy can be co-ordinated and made available for the good of all. No one is under any illusions about the danger which hangs over the world, and the majority resolution holds out no false hopes, however plausible, that safety can be found today or tomorrow in some form of words. It does, however, hold out a real hope that, by putting their minds and wills together on the basis of these principles the nations of the world may yet banish atomic war and co-operate in the development of a great new physical resource, atomic energy.

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