

Well, against all those units of measurement Canada has gone up, Germany has gone up, Japan has gone up, and a number of countries, including some South American countries, have also gone up, and it seems reasonable that there should be a general realignment, shall we say, of the quotas at this time of the general increase. Does that answer your question?

Senator LAMBERT: I should like to ask if the assessment of contributions levied on members of the United Nations have varied. I know we were supposed to be contributing about 3.25 per cent at one time toward the total cost of running the United Nations, while the share of the United States was about a third of the total, and I think Russia's was below us. That of course is in relation to the United Nations organization, but I think the same principle applies here.

Mr. PLUMPTRE: I believe I am right, and Mr. Grey may be able to correct me if I am wrong, that year by year, or at any rate at frequent intervals, the contributions of member governments to the United Nations and to most of the specialized agencies are reviewed to bring them up to date in relation to current economic circumstances.

Senator LAMBERT: Am I right in saying that the basis of contribution is pretty largely on a per capita basis in relation to our gross national production?

Mr. PLUMPTRE: The basic approach is on the basis of national income, but it is modified in relation to the wealth per capita, yes, sir.

Senator HORNER: Might I ask, Mr. Chairman, what would be the consequences if this additional money were refused?

Mr. PLUMPTRE: Well, this is a Government bill and if Parliament fails to approve it there would be certain important repercussions at home as well as abroad.

The CHAIRMAN: Honourable senators, are there any more questions or are we now ready to consider the sections of the bill?

Senator LAMBERT: Mr. Chairman, I move that the bill be adopted.

The CHAIRMAN: What is your pleasure, honourable senators?

Carried.

The CHAIRMAN: On behalf of all the senators who are here, and myself, I want to express our very great thanks to all of you gentlemen for being with us and dealing with this matter as thoroughly as you have done.

The committee adjourned.