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Canada to Support Interim Committee: Canada will support the United States proposal regarding the interim Committee of the Assembly, but likely will suggest a few changes, a spokesman for Canada told press representatives at Lake Success Thursday.

Undoubtedly, he said, frustration in the Security Council has been the cause of the United States proposal for this Committee but in addition to functions it could perform in the general field of peace and security, other valuable tasks might be turned over to it. In the administrative field it might prepare agenda, deal with certain minor items and clear away much of the business that now makes long sessions necessary. It might also act as a follow-up body, see how Assembly proposals are being implemented, etc. In this way, it might save considerable time for the Assembly so that the annual meeting could be brief and could concentrate on only major issues facing the United Nations. Without some such scheme, he said, it is conceivable that each year Assembly sessions will grow longer and last upwards of four or five months.

If set up, the spokesman continued, the interim Committee will have less than a year to function before the next session of the Assembly. It is possible that no major questions of peace and security will be submitted to it during that time by the Security Council. If the Committee had no other continuing functions, its position might thus be somewhat ridiculous. Therefore Canada thinks its terms of reference should include some precise jobs as mentioned above.

On the Palestine question, he referred to the suggestion made in the Canadian speech that a second sub-Committee be set up. The Delegation now feels that one sub-Committee might be able to do both jobs: work out details of the partition plan (U.S. proposal) and deal with implementation of whatever plan is adopted during the transition period. Canada has circulated an amendment to the United States proposal to this effect. He felt that big powers should be on this sub-Committee.

Strike Settlement Hopes: New hope for early settlement of the Dominion-wide strike of some 14,000 packinghouse workers was voiced in Toronto Thursday night amid a variety of developments in several major cities.

Wilfred J. Henderson, public relations officer for Swift Canadian Company, said he saw no reason why agreement should not be signed with the United Packinghouse Workers of America (C.I.O.)

This statement followed by several hours a temporary breakdown in negotiations between Swift and the union. Canada Packers, Limited, and Burns and Company, the others of the packing industry's "big three" have agreed with the U.P.W.A. on a settlement procedure.

The strike-ending formula was rejected last week-end by Swift Canadian and by its parent company, Swift and Company, in Chicago. (CP)

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