

The *Syrian* delegate proposed that the words "as soon as the improvement in the international atmosphere permits" in paragraph 5 be replaced by "as soon as possible," while the delegate of *Australia* moved that the words "in order to obtain concrete results as soon as the improvement in the international atmosphere permits" be deleted. The delegate of *Belgium* replied that while paragraph 5 referred to *reduction*, paragraph 6 referred to *regulation* of armaments. There was thus no contradiction nor any intention that the work of the Commission should be suspended.

The delegates of *Syria* and *Australia* criticized, and the delegate of *France* proposed the deletion of, the statement in paragraph 6 that the control organ should be "endowed with universally accepted powers," which appeared to mean that the treaty by which it would be established would require the ratifications of all the members of the United Nations to bring it into force.

The three resolutions and the amendments to the Belgian resolution were then put to the vote. The resolution of the *Soviet Union* was rejected by 6 votes in favour, 35 (N.Z.) against, with 7 abstentions.

The *Australian* amendment to paragraph 5 of the *Belgian* resolution was rejected by 14 votes in favour, 21 (N.Z.) against, with 12 abstentions.

The *Syrian* amendment to paragraph 5 was adopted by 20 votes in favour, 7 (N.Z.) against, with 12 abstentions. The *French* amendment to paragraph 6 was adopted by 33 (N.Z.) to 6, with 8 abstentions. Thus when the Belgian resolution came to be voted on as a whole, the preamble remained as in the text recommended by the sub-committee, and the operative part read as follows:—

"Recommends the Security Council to pursue the study of the regulation and reduction of conventional armaments and armed forces through the agency of the Commission for Conventional Armaments in order to obtain concrete results as soon as possible.

"Trusts that the Commission for Conventional Armaments, in carrying out its plan of work, will devote its first attention to formulating proposals for the receipt, checking and publication, by an international organ of control within the framework of the Security Council, of full information to be supplied by Member States with regard to their effectives and their conventional armaments ;

"Invites the Security Council to report to it no later than its next regular session on the effect given to the present recommendation with a view to enabling it to continue its activity with regard to the regulation of armaments in accordance with the purposes and principles defined by the Charter ;

"Invites all nations in the Commission for Conventional Armaments to co-operate to the utmost of their power in the attainment of the above-mentioned objectives."