

Powers were said to be continuing the old colonial system which obstructed all progress. The representative of *Poland* considered that in the "sad and melancholy picture" presented by the report one of the few bright spots was the comparatively satisfactory development in Western Samoa.

It may be observed that several delegates praised the work of the New Zealand Government in Western Samoa; for example, the *Indian* representative stated that he had been impressed by the "helpful and liberal attitude" of the Government in implementing many of the recommendations made by the Western Samoan Visiting Mission, while the representative of *Cuba* considered that this action provided a "wonderful example of the type of mutual co-operation and assistance that was vitally necessary in the operation of the trusteeship system."

Speaking for *New Zealand*, Mr Reid expressed appreciation of the remarks commending the progress achieved in Western Samoa. The results of the special mission showed the benefits of close co-operation between the Trusteeship Council and the administering authorities, and, even more important, impressed upon the inhabitants of trust territories that the administering authorities were helping them towards full development and self-government.

Only by the despatch of visiting missions could Council members obtain a first-hand knowledge of conditions in the trust territories. Indeed, so important was it to have complete information before making final judgment on the policies of administering authorities that it would have been wiser for the Council to have deferred definite decisions on many aspects of the administration of Tanganyika and Ruanda Urundi until the report of the mission which had just returned from East Africa had been considered. Some of the recommendations made by the Council had been arrived at without full knowledge and could be helpful neither to the inhabitants nor to the administering authorities. Mr Reid expressed grave concern at the tendency towards a split in the Council between non-administering and administering Powers and pledged New Zealand's support in all endeavours to restore the spirit of real co-operation which had been so evident earlier.

After the close of the general discussion the Committee considered various proposals which had been placed before it.

1. General Proposal

A joint resolution submitted by *Brazil, India, Norway, Pakistan*, and the *United States* "took note" of the report of the Council and recommended the Council to consider the comments and suggestions made during the discussion in the General Assembly. *Cuba* proposed an amendment directing the Council to report its conclusions to the next session of the Assembly. This amendment was opposed by *New Zealand* and many other delegations on the grounds that to consider and report on every comment made in the Fourth Committee would be impossible,