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3. Marshall Islands Problem

AEC advised that it was sending a medical team to the Marshall Islands to follow up on the care and recovery of the Marshallese afflicted by the recent test series. AEC also advised that through the good offices of Commissioner Murray, the Catholic Bishop for the Marshall Islands had been given 26 motion picture prints on various subjects dealing with peaceful applications of nuclear energy which would be exhibited in various Island parishes during the next six months.



4. "Ban the A-Bomb Except to Resist Aggression"

State advised that the policy basis for this theme stems from Department instructions, concurred in by Defense, to the UN Subcommittee on Disarmament during its recent London sessions and as aide memoire to the U.K. May 21, 1954. ~~It was reported that the Special Committee of the NSC (Secretaries of State, Defense, Chairman AEC, and Director CIA)~~ discussed the possibility of utilizing this theme in the forthcoming Presidential speech at Shipping Port, Va., September 2. State advised that 100,000 copies of a speech by Moorehead Fatterson, principal member of the UN Disarmament Committee, would be distributed here, to be followed by a UNA report on disarmament now in preparation. After discussion, the group desired to record its view that certain serious reservations still existed concerning the wisdom of utilizing this theme at this time.

5. Draft No. 4 "The U.S. in the Nuclear Age"

The group agreed to await revised draft No. 4 "The U.S. in the Nuclear Age" and to examine its applicability in the light of current problems, including legislative action on the amendments to the Atomic Energy Act, 1946. It was agreed that this would be discussed with the Chairman at an early meeting.

6. Announcement of Soviet Tests

The group agreed that from the standpoint of world opinion, it would be advisable to consider reintroducing the fact of Soviet weapon testing into public awareness. This might consist of a summary announcement of various Soviet tests conducted thus far and their global effects. It was agreed that consideration should be given to devising a means for having such announcement made by other nations as well as the U.S. It was agreed that this problem would be discussed with the Chairman at the next meeting.

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7. "Defense Against Soviet Aggression"

The group agreed to explore further the USIA suggestion that all official U.S. speeches weave in some reference to "Defense Against Soviet Aggression" as justification for various U.S. military and atomic defense programs. It was agreed that constant repetition would be necessary in order to achieve any degree of world impact.

USIA agreed to brief Mr. Streibert on this problem and it will be raised with the appropriate personnel at the next meeting.

8. Check List of Actions to Reduce World Antagonisms and Nuclear Weapons Tests

Paper on the above subject prepared by the USIA staff representative, was circulated to the group for consideration and discussion at the subsequent meeting.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the end of the quarter.

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