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The news statement of the U.S. delegation to the U.N. got mild attention in the east coast papers yesterday and this morning. Most of the press association leads stated that the U.S. will "push" Pacific tests.

In my memorandum transmitting the text of the statement, I reported that State Department men had said that the U.K. delegation had submitted a resolution on the Marshallese petition. This turns out to be in error. The U.K. delegation intends to submit a resolution (which was inspired by the U.S. delegation). This morning I was called to a meeting at State to go over the text of this resolution. Attached is a copy as revised at the meeting. Presumably it will be submitted today.

The State Department men reported that it was expected that this resolution will be supported by three of the six members of the Petitions Committee - U.K., France and Belgium; and that the USSR resolution (of which no one yet has a text here) would be supported by the other three members - India, USSR and Syria.

The prediction is that when both resolutions come before the Trusteeship Council later this month these three, and perhaps Haiti, will support the USSR resolution while the remaining 8 (and perhaps Haiti if the missionary work now going on succeeds) will support the U.K. resolution. The other 8 members of the Trusteeship Council are the six nations administering trusteeships, namely U.K., France, Belgium, U.S., Australia and New Zealand; China and Salvador.

Attachment
press statement

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THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT

Having examined the petition from the Marshallese people concerning the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands under UN administration in consultation with the UN as the administering authority on August 10/58, 1/08.10/58, 2/58.10/58,

Having in mind the terms of the trusteeship agreement for this territory, and in particular that in Article 1 of the agreement, the territory is designated as a strategic area, that according to Article 13 the administering authority may specify any areas in the territory as closed for security reasons, and that according to Article 5 the territory shall play its part in the maintenance of world peace and security:

1. Expresses its deep regret that a number of inhabitants of two atolls in the Marshall Islands suffered ill-effects as a consequence of the recent series of nuclear tests conducted by the administering authority in the territory, that these two atolls suffered some damage, and that the inhabitants of one of them will be unable to return to their homes for about a year;
2. Notes the measures taken by the administering authority to provide the necessary medical attention and care for the affected inhabitants;
3. Notes with satisfaction that the good health of those affected is now reported to be completely restored, that the inhabitants of Ujae the larger of the two atolls, have been returned to their homes where new housing and other facilities have been provided them, and that provision has been made for the payment of any justified claims that may be submitted by the two atolls affected;
4. Notes the assurance of the administering authority that the best medical advice indicates that there will be no (repeat no) permanent deleterious after effects on the general health of the inhabitants affected;
5. Notes also the concern of the petitioners that additional Marshallese may be removed from their home atolls;
6. Welcomes the assurance of the administering authority that there will be no permanent displacement of the inhabitants.
7. Urges the administering authority to return the inhabitants of Rongelap to their homes as soon as the condition of the atoll permits and to provide them all possible assistance;
8. Recommends that all affected inhabitants be given periodical medical examination to insure that no unexpected or delayed after-effects are overlooked;
9. Urges that prompt and sympathetic attention be given to all justified claims for damages submitted by the affected inhabitants;
10. Recommends that if the administering authority considers it necessary in the interests of world peace and security to conduct further nuclear experiments in the territory, it take such precautions as will ensure that no inhabitants of the territory are again endangered, including those precautionary measures requested by the petitioners.