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QUESTION OF IMPARTIAL INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES OF USE  
BY UNITED NATIONS FORCES OF BACTERIOLOGICAL WARFARE

Financial Implications of the Draft Resolution  
proposed by the First Committee (A/2384)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. Pursuant to Rule 152 of the rules of procedure, the Fifth Committee, at its 376th meeting held on 21 April 1953, considered, in the light of estimates prepared by the Secretary-General (A/2387), the financial implications of the resolution proposed by the First Committee on the "Question of impartial investigation of charges of use by United Nations Forces of bacteriological warfare" (A/2384).
2. On the basis of the assumptions set forth in his report, the Secretary-General had estimated that adoption of the resolution in question and its subsequent implementation would involve expenditure totalling approximately \$65,500 for temporary assistance, travel and subsistence of members and staff, local transportation and miscellaneous supplies and services. The Secretary-General further informed the General Assembly that he would regard such expenditure as related to the maintenance of peace and security under the provisions of paragraph (a) of General Assembly Resolution 675 (VII) relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses.
3. In the course of discussion in the Fifth Committee, regret was expressed that the circumstances under which the Committee was obliged to act precluded the referral of the Secretary-General's estimates to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for prior examination and report. It was suggested by the representative of the Union of South Africa that the Advisory Committee might review the estimates in more detail than could usefully be attempted at this juncture, with particular reference to essential staffing

requirements. He noted that an opportunity for such a review might arise before the Commission commences its work. It was pointed out by the representative of the Secretary-General that the estimates submitted were necessarily tentative and that before the provision necessary for staff, facilities and travel could be definitely decided on, the Commission itself would need to be consulted. No question of an appropriation was involved at this stage, the Fifth Committee's responsibility being simply to inform the General Assembly as to the nature and extent of expenditure that might reasonably be anticipated.

4. The representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and of Czechoslovakia stated that, for reasons which had been fully stated during the debate that had taken place in the First Committee, their delegations were obliged to oppose any recommendations involving expenditure of United Nations funds in implementation of the resolution in question.

5. Discussion having been concluded, the Committee decided by 32 votes to 5, with 4 abstentions, to inform the General Assembly:

- (i) That on the assumptions set forth in the report of the Secretary-General (A/2387), adoption of the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee would involve expenditure of the order of \$65,500;
- (ii) That such expenditure would be financed from the Working Capital Fund under the provision of paragraph (a) of General Assembly resolution 675 (VII), relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses.

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