

DOCUMENT A/RESOLUTION/247

[Resolution 906 (IX)]

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its 509th plenary meeting on 10 December 1954

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item proposed by the United States of America as the Unified Command regarding eleven members of the United States armed forces under the United Nations Command captured by Chinese forces when undertaking a mission on 12 January 1953, at the direction of the United Nations Command,

Recalling the provisions of article III of the Korean Armistice Agreement (S/3079) regarding the repatriation of prisoners of war.

1. Declares that the detention and imprisonment of the eleven American airmen, members of the United Nations Command, referred to in document A/2830, and the detention of all other captured personnel of the United

Nations Command desiring repatriation is a violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement;

2. Condemns, as contrary to the Korean Armistice Agreement, the trial and conviction of prisoners of war illegally detained after 25 September 1953;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in the name of the United Nations, to seek the release, in accordance with the Korean Armistice Agreement, of these eleven United Nations Command personnel, and all other captured personnel of the United Nations Command still detained;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to make, by the means most appropriate in his judgment, continuing and unremitting efforts to this end and to report progress to all Members on or before 31 December 1954.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

At its 509th plenary meeting, on 10 December 1954, the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution submitted by Australia, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, Thailand, Turkey, the Union of South Africa, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America (A/L.182). For the final text, see document A/RESOLUTION/247, above.

DOCUMENT A/2891

Interim report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 906 (IX)

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[30 December 1954]

1. The General Assembly at its 509th plenary meeting, on 10 December 1954, adopted resolution 906 (IX) under which the Secretary-General was requested, in the name of the United Nations, to seek the release, in accordance with the Korean Armistice Agreement, of eleven United Nations Command personnel, and all other captured personnel of the United Nations Command still detained.

2. Under paragraph 4 of the operative part of the resolution the Secretary-General was requested to make, by the means most appropriate in his judgment, continuing and unremitting efforts to this end and to report progress to all Members on or before 31 December 1954. The Secretary-General immediately addressed a cablegram, dated 10 December 1954, to the Prime Minister of the State Council and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China (A/2888) expressing the desire to meet with him in Peking for direct talks.

3. The Prime Minister of the State Council and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, in a cablegram dated 17 December 1954 addressed to the Secretary-General (A/2888), replied that he would

be prepared to receive the Secretary-General in Peking to discuss pertinent questions with him.

4. In a cablegram dated 17 December 1954 addressed to the Prime Minister of the State Council and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China (A/2888), the Secretary-General said that in view of the necessary practical arrangements he was not yet in a position to set a date for his arrival but that he would take the opportunity, while in Stockholm, of discussing such arrangements with the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China.

5. On 19 December 1954, the Secretary-General met in Stockholm with General Keng Piao, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, and discussed with him various practical matters relating to the Secretary-General's forthcoming visit to Peking. This discussion served to clarify some of the pertinent arrangements.

6. The Secretary-General is leaving today, 30 December, for his visit to Peking, his departure having been somewhat delayed as the preparatory arrangements have been more time-consuming than at first anticipated.