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LBJ Advisers Criticized by Sen. Aiken

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Sen. George D. Aiken (R-Vt.) told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday that President Johnson "could well do with some new advisers."

Aiken accused the State Department and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency of submitting meaningless, "panty-waisted and luke warm reports on a planning for peace" resolution sponsored by Sen. Joseph S. Clark (D-Pa.) and 25 other Senators.

The resolution, which drew favorable testimony from a stream of witnesses, would call on the President to formulate specific and detailed proposals to establish an international authority to keep the peace "under conditions of general and complete disarmament effectively guaranteed by adequate inspections and controls."

It would request Mr. Johnson to consider urging a permanent world police force and new tribunals to settle international disputes, as well as a method for financing peacekeeping machinery.

Aiken questioned whether Congress could "make a declaration for peace and enforce it," but centered his fire on reports by State and Arms Control Agency officials, calling these agencies "so weak as to be almost impotent."

He did not name any officials, but accused them of being weak when they talk to the President.

"They are afraid they'll be breathing out when he's breathing in," Aiken declared.