

9. ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE UNITED NATIONS

During 1947 the Security Council was charged with the re-examination of applications for admission to the United Nations submitted by Albania, Eire, the Mongolian Peoples' Republic, Transjordan and Portugal, all of which were referred to the Security Council by the General Assembly in a resolution of November 19, 1946. In addition to these applications, which had been previously submitted, the Security Council had before it during 1947 new applications from the following states: ¹

Hungary, Italy, Austria, Roumania, Yemen, Bulgaria and the Dominion of Pakistan.

The five previously rejected applications, together with those from Yemen and Pakistan, were considered by the Security Council on August 18, 1947. The other five applications were considered on August 21. The results of the voting in the Security Council were as follows:

- (1) Yemen and Pakistan were unanimously recommended for membership in the United Nations by the Council.
- (2) The voting for Albania was 3 in favour (Poland, Syria, and the U.S.S.R.); 4 against (Australia, Belgium, the United Kingdom and the United States); and 4 abstentions (China, Colombia, Brazil and France). The application was accordingly rejected as not having received the required 7 affirmative votes.
- (3) Mongolian Peoples' Republic: 3 votes in favour (Poland, Syria and the U.S.S.R.); 3 against (China, the United Kingdom and the United States); and 5 abstentions. The application was therefore rejected.
- (4) Transjordan: 9 votes in favour; 1 against (the Soviet Union) and 1 abstention (Poland). The application was accordingly rejected because of the negative vote of a permanent member of the Security Council (the U.S.S.R.).
- (5) The vote for Eire was the same as for Transjordan. Application rejected.
- (6) The vote for Portugal was the same as for Transjordan, except that Poland voted against instead of abstaining. Application rejected.

¹ The background of discussion on the admission of new members to the United Nations is given in *The United Nations 1946*, Conference Series No. 3, 1946, Department of External Affairs, pp. 46 to 50.