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## THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In addition to the five permanent members, the following countries held seats on the Council in 1962: Ghana, Venezuela, Chile, Ireland, Roumania and the United Arab Republic. The terms of the last four countries expired at the end of the year and, at the elections in the General Assembly in October, Brazil, Norway, Morocco and the Philippines were elected to replace them.

### Cuba

In March the Council considered a Cuban complaint that the meeting of American ministers of foreign affairs at Punta del Este had adopted resolutions in violation of the United Nations Charter, and that unlawful enforcement action had subsequently been taken against Cuba without the requisite authorization of the Security Council under Article 53. The Cuban representative submitted a draft resolution requesting that the International Court of Justice, under Article 96 of the Charter and Article 65 of the Statute of the Court, give an advisory opinion on several specific legal questions related to the decisions taken at Punta del Este. Some members questioned the Cuban contention on the grounds that the Council, after having discussed the matter, was only empowered to take note of the decisions taken by the OAS at Punta del Este. If the Council took it upon itself to review the interpretation by the OAS of its own Charter, this would be a derogation from the autonomy which the OAS was entitled to enjoy. After the matter had been discussed, the Council rejected the draft resolution by two votes in favour to seven against, with one abstention and one delegation not participating.

### Kashmir

At the request of the representative of Pakistan, the Council was convened to consider further action in the dispute concerning Kashmir. Several meetings were held between April 21 and June 22. The Pakistani representative asked that the Council consider the last report of the United Nations representative, in which he, Dr. Graham, proposed that the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan should meet, under his auspices, to discuss the situation. Since that