

CANADA AND THE UNITED NATIONS

Interim Committee

The Third Session of the Interim Committee of the General Assembly opened at United Nations headquarters, Lake Success, on January 16. The Canadian Delegation accredited to this Session is: representative, Mr. L. B. Pearson; alternate representatives, Mr. L. Mayrand, Mr. J. W. Holmes, Mr. R. G. Riddell and Mr. A. C. Smith; adviser, Mr. H. H. Carter.

At its first meeting the Committee elected Carlos Muniz, of Brazil, as Chairman; Colonel Abdur Rahime Khan, of Pakistan, as Vice-Chairman; and Joseph Nisot, of Brazil, as Rapporteur. Sub-committees were established to continue the systematic study of the promotion of international co-operation in the political field, and to examine the Interim Committee's rules of procedure. Canada did not stand for election on either sub-committee.

The Committee will convene again on February 7. At the next meeting, the procedure to be followed in considering the three other items on the agenda will be discussed. These items are:

(a) study of the procedure to delimit the boundaries of the former Italian colonies not already fixed by international agreement;

(b) threats to the political independence and territorial integrity of China and to the peace of the Far East, resulting from Soviet violations of the Sino-Soviet Treaty of Friendship and Alliance of August 14, 1945, and from Soviet violations of the Charter of the United Nations;

(c) consideration of the Report of the Commission for Eritrea (to be submitted not later than June 15, 1950).

Trusteeship

Working in an atmosphere of accomplishment during the first week of its Sixth Session, the Trusteeship Council completed examination of the draft Trusteeship Agreement between Italy and the United Nations for the administration of the former Italian colony of Somaliland, a task entrusted to it by the Fourth General Assembly. The Council will consider next a report prepared by its President, Mr. Roger Garreau, of France, concerning the implementation of an International Regime for the City of Jerusalem and the Protection of the Holy Places.

The Sixth Session of the Trusteeship Council convened in the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on January 19, but adjourned almost immediately out of respect for the Ethiopian observer who died the previous evening. The representative of the U.S.S.R. did not appear and the Soviet has not since indicated its intention in this respect. Mr. N. F. H. Berlis, Deputy Permanent Delegate of Canada to the European Office of the United Nations, is attending the Session as an observer.

The draft Trusteeship Agreement for Somaliland, formulated by a committee of the Council, evoked very little controversy, and the discussion revealed