

Other Items

The First and Special Political Committees also dealt with the reports of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees. Accounts of the activities of these bodies are contained in the relevant chapters.

Second Committee

Industrial Development

To contribute more effectively to the attack on underdevelopment,¹ the General Assembly in 1965 took a number of decisions to reorganize and add to its machinery in the economic development field. Perhaps the most notable of these was the unanimous resolution establishing the United Nations Organization for Industrial Development (UNOID). For some years the developing countries have urged the establishment of a Specialized Agency for industrial development. The major industrialized countries have taken the view that, since a number of United Nations organizations are engaged in work in special fields of industrialization, a Specialized Agency attempting to deal with all aspects of industrial development would not contribute significantly more towards advancing development in this area. Moreover, the Centre for Industrial Development was set up in 1961 to disseminate information and co-ordinate United Nations activities in this field, and it was thought that increases in its staff and budget would meet all requirements. However, at the twentieth session, a shift in the position of some of these countries took place, and it was agreed to establish UNOID as an "autonomous organization for the promotion of industrial development". Its administrative costs are to be paid from the regular budget of the United Nations, while its operational programmes are to be financed from voluntary contributions. An Industrial Development Board will replace the present Committee for Industrial Development and an *ad hoc* committee is to prepare the necessary operating procedures for UNOID for consideration by the twenty-first session. In a related resolution, the Second Committee also asked that more attention be devoted to the training of technical personnel for the industrialization of the developing countries.

¹See also Page 7.