International Court

Judge John E. Read of Canada was re-elected to the International Court of Justice at The Hague. Judge Read now sits on the International Court for a further term of nine years. Five vacancies were created by the retirement of judges elected originally for a term of three years only. All five retiring judges, including Judge Read, were re-elected.

Elections

The Assembly elected Cuba, Egypt and Norway to replace Colombia, Syria and Belgium as non-permanent members of the Security Council, for a term of two years. China, France, India, Peru, Belgium and Chile were elected to the Economic and Social Council. Canada's term on the Security Council does not expire till the end of 1949. Its term on the Economic and Social Council expired at the end of 1948.

Unfinished Business

Business still on the agenda when the General Assembly adjourned included: the problem of the veto; former Italian Colonies; Franco Spain; treatment of Indians in South Africa; measures for pacific settlement of disputes; requests to the Soviet Union to withdraw regulations forbidding Russian women married to foreigners to follow their husbands abroad; the establishment of United Nations guard force; conventions on freedom of information; problem of refugees and displaced persons; the advisability of creating an Ad Hoc Committee to study the methods and procedures to speed up the work of the General Assembly; proposals to make Russian and Chinese working languages of the General Assembly. Many of these questions had already been considered in Committee and required only final action in plenary session for completion.