

the Charter and that the Committee might make a study of the methods to be adopted to give effect to Articles 11 (1) and 13 (1) (a) of the Charter, rather than to study the principles of these Articles.

The sub-committee came to the conclusion that the Interim Committee might recommend the calling of a special session of the General Assembly to deal with matters under discussion by the Committee itself and that the Committee could by a majority of two-thirds arrange for investigations to be made on the condition that any investigation outside of the headquarters of the United Nations should not be conducted without the consent of the State or States in whose territory it was to take place.

Finally it was decided that "the Interim Committee shall not consider any matter of which the Security Council is seized". This, in effect, meant that if an item is removed from the Council's agenda, then the Interim Committee may take up consideration of the item, providing the matter comes within its terms of reference.

The proposal of the sub-committee was finally adopted in the First Committee by 43 votes to 6, with 6 abstentions. The Soviet Union and the other eastern European States voted against the proposal and the Arab States abstained.¹ The Soviet representative then announced that, since the establishment of the Interim Committee was a violation of the Charter, the U.S.S.R. would take no part in its work. Similar statements were made by the representatives of other States which had opposed the resolution.

When final discussion of the establishment of an Interim Committee of the General Assembly took place in plenary session, the U.S.S.R., Poland, Yugoslavia, Byelorussia, the Ukraine, and Czechoslovakia again announced their refusal to take part in the work of the Committee, and reiterated their view that the establishment of an Interim Committee was a breach of the Charter. The resolution was voted upon as a whole and was approved 41 to 6, with 6 abstentions, as in the Committee. Canada voted for the resolution.

¹The text of the resolution on the Interim Committee approved by the First Committee and adopted by the General Assembly is given in Appendix I, S, pp. 210 to 212.