

# CANADA AND THE UNITED NATIONS

## The Eleventh Session of the Trusteeship Council

The Trusteeship Council, which is charged with the supervision of the United Nations international trusteeship system, has completed the first part of its eleventh session which was held at United Nations Headquarters in New York under the presidency of Awni Khalidy of Iraq. Canada is not a member of this United Nations body which at the present time has the following membership: Australia, Belgium, France, New Zealand, United Kingdom, United States (administering states); China, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Iraq, Thailand, U.S.S.R. (non-administering states).

During the forty-five meetings of this first part of the session which lasted from June 3 to July 24, the Council undertook a detailed review of the progress and development of the peoples of seven United Nations trust territories in Africa. Special attention was paid to the annual report from Italy, which acts as administering authority for Somaliland, and to two other reports on Somaliland, one by the United Nations Advisory Council in that country and one by a visiting mission which was sent by the Trusteeship Council to examine local conditions.

The Council, in addition to its examination of reports on particular trust territories, continued its discussion of various problems of a more general nature. A revised and somewhat shorter questionnaire for the guidance of the administering authorities in preparing their reports was approved. The Council took note of a report by the ILO recommending the abolition of all penal sanctions against migrant labour in the trust territories. A resolution was adopted which expressed the hope that in future the countries administering trust territories would include in their delegations to the Council suitably qualified indigenous inhabitants of the territories they administer.

The Council completed arrangements for the dispatch of a visiting mission to West Africa. The report of this visiting mission, which will make a special study of the Ewe and Togoland unification problem, will form the main item before the Trusteeship Council at the second part of the eleventh session which will begin not later than November 7.