

replied that the Assembly has not the right on any grounds to refuse to give effect to an award of compensation of the Administrative Tribunal in favour of a staff member whose contract of service has been terminated without his assent. As the answer to the first question was in the negative it was unnecessary to consider the second question. The opinion was reached by nine votes to three, the dissenting opinions of Judges Green H. Hackworth (United States), Alejandro Alvarez (Chile) and Levi Fernandes Carneiro (Brazil), and the separate, though assenting, opinion of Judge Bohdan Winiarski (Poland) being appended.

Joint Staff Pension Fund

The report of the Joint Staff Pension Board was noted without objection by the General Assembly on November 25, 1953. A resolution concerning the acceptance by the Specialized Agencies of the jurisdiction of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal in matters involving applications alleging non-observance of the Pension Fund Regulations was also adopted, as were two amendments to the regulations of the Joint Staff Pension Fund, and the recommendation of the Advisory Committee that the expenses incurred administering these regulations should be charged to the Fund.

The Canadian Delegation co-sponsored with Australia a resolution by which the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization should be admitted to the United Nations Staff Pension Fund but without voting rights on the Joint Staff Pension Board. The Canadian Representative pointed out that the Interim Commission had many of the attributes of the Specialized Agencies and had, over a number of years, established a *de facto* relation with the United Nations which could reasonably be regarded as of permanent character. The United Kingdom's proposal that this question be deferred until next session was defeated and the Australian-Canadian resolution was adopted.

Re-Organization of the Secretariat

After a debate in committee on a report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Secretariat and a report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary questions, which generally agreed with the broad outlines of the Secretary-General's proposed programme for re-organization of the Secretariat, a resolution was adopted at the eighth session of the Assembly taking note of the Secretary-General's proposals and recommending that he should proceed along the lines proposed and prepare his 1955 budget estimates within the framework of these proposals. The Canadian Delegation voted in favour of this resolution.

The only strong objection to the Secretary-General's plans was voiced by the Representative of the Soviet Union, who contended that the proposed abolition of the post of Assistant Secretary-General would be a violation of the gentleman's agreement made in 1946 for