

- (b) a resolution concerning "comprehensive long-range plans" for the educational advancement of the inhabitants of trust territories;
- (c) a resolution concerning the problem of the Ewe people in French and British Togoland, emphasizing "the necessity of conducting elections for a consultative commission in a democratic manner, that will ensure the true representation of the people";
- (d) a resolution recommending the complete abolition of corporal punishment in trust territories.

Italian Somaliland

The second item on the agenda of the Trusteeship Committee was a draft trusteeship agreement for Somaliland. A year ago, as recorded in *External Affairs* for December 1949, the Assembly recommended that Italian Somaliland should become an independent state after ten years under the United Nations trusteeship system. On January 27 of the present year the Trusteeship Council completed the negotiation with Italy of a trusteeship agreement for the territory and on April 1 Italy took over the administration of the territory on a provisional basis.

On November 16 the Trusteeship Committee voted in favour of recommending to the Assembly that the draft trusteeship agreement should be formally approved. The Committee called attention to a special declaration of the Italian Representative concerning the spirit in which his government would administer the territory.

The Ethiopian delegate argued that there was no proper trusteeship "agreement" before the committee for its consideration since Ethiopia, as a "state directly concerned" within the meaning of Article 79 of the Charter, had not concurred in the draft. But since the Trusteeship Council had conformed with the request made in the Assembly resolution of November 21, 1949 that the agreement should be negotiated with Italy, the majority of the committee members rejected Ethiopia's contention. Ethiopia reserved the right to move in the Assembly that the International Court of Justice should be asked for advisory opinions on several questions relating to the interpretation of Article 79 of the Charter which have not been settled yet and which have caused difficulty in connection with all the trust territories in Africa.

Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories

The third item on the agenda of the Trusteeship Committee was "information from non-self-governing territories". The Committee had before it a report from the Special Committee on Information transmitted under Article 73(e) of the Charter, and a special report on education prepared in accordance with a resolution of the Fourth Session of the Assembly.

With the exception of the usual violent diatribes from delegates of the Soviet bloc, the tone of the general debate on this item was mild in comparison with the debate on the report of the Trusteeship Council. Nevertheless, a number of delegations urged the administering authorities to volunteer information on political developments in the non-self-governing territories under their control, since it was difficult to consider the economic and social life of the people without at the same time considering their political life. The use of the local vernacular in education was advocated by several delegates. Others, however, thought that it was more important to ensure that native populations had access to world culture and civilization than to protect what was, in many cases, a negligible cultural heritage. There was general approval for the suggestion contained in the report of the Special Committee, that economic problems be the particular topic for consideration by the Special Committee next year.