

on Puerto Rico, but Canadian opposition to this resolution was largely based on the inclusion in it of a paragraph recognizing expressly the competence of the Assembly to decide when an administering power should cease transmitting information. It is the Canadian view that the administering powers are within their rights in making the decision themselves as to when they should cease to transmit information about territories under their control. This view caused the Canadian Delegation to vote also against a resolution passed by the Assembly which requested the Government of the Netherlands to transmit regularly to the Secretary-General information about the Antilles and Surinam until such time as the General Assembly took the decision that such information should cease to be transmitted.

Election of Two Members of the Committee on Information

At the eighth session the Assembly elected Guatemala and Burma to succeed Cuba and Pakistan on the Committee on Information from Non-self-governing Territories, which is now composed of the administering powers and Brazil, Burma, China, Ecuador, Guatemala, India, Indonesia and Iraq.

Trust Territories

Sessions of the Trusteeship Council

Only one session of the Trusteeship Council was held in 1953, from June 16 to July 21 in New York, when it examined annual reports covering Somaliland under Italian administration and the four trust territories of the Pacific. At the eighth session of the General Assembly India and Haiti were elected to the Council as replacements for Thailand and the Dominican Republic. The Trusteeship Council is now composed of the following members: the United Kingdom, the United States, France, Belgium, Australia, New Zealand, China, the U.S.S.R., El Salvador, India, Syria and Haiti. At the thirteenth session of the Council (January 28 - March 26, 1954) the conditions of the following six African territories under trusteeship were examined: British-administered Tanganyika, Cameroons and Togoland, French-administered Cameroons and Togoland and Ruanda-Urundi under Belgian administration.

Report of the Trusteeship Council

The resolution passed by the General Assembly after its Trusteeship Committee had carefully considered the report of the Trusteeship Council for the period December 4, 1952 to July 1953 included proposals concerning the preparation of special questionnaire forms for trust territories, the setting of a definite date by administering powers for the establishment of self-government by the trust territories, the more widespread use of scholarships as a means of advancing education in the trust territories, and a number of measures which Italy as the administering authority for the trust territory of Somaliland would be urged to take to prepare the people for independence in 1960. Another resolution passed by the Assembly called for a study by the Trusteeship Council of the possibility of appointing a United Nations "ambassador at large" who would