

"If the permanent members of the Security Council were to give such an assurance, the Canadian delegation would be happy to state its position with regard to each applicant mentioned in the resolutions before it and to participate in a vote in order to record a decision of the Assembly recommending the Security Council to consider the particular cases in question. In the absence of such an assurance, the Canadian delegation considers that it would be futile to go through the process once again expressing opinions on the eligibility of various applicants and unless the discussion brings out more points which we have missed in our consideration of the matter, we would be disposed to abstain from voting."

When it became clear that, in spite of the refusal of the Soviet Union to waive its veto right on this subject, the Committee would vote on some resolutions requesting the Security Council to reconsider six of the applications, the Canadian representative made a further statement on November 10, in order to explain the Canadian vote on the resolutions before the Committee. In doing this he said:

"In the absence of an assurance from all five of the permanent members that they will not exercise their right of veto we still retain our doubts as to the usefulness of requesting the Security Council to reconsider individual applications. But we feel that an abstention on our part might be interpreted as meaning that our delegation is not in favour of the admission of the members concerned. Our delegation is most definitely in favour of a favourable consideration of the applications covered by the Australian resolutions, viz., Eire, Finland, Italy, Portugal and Transjordan. In particular, we would draw attention to what we regard as the completely unjustifiable grounds which have been advanced for the rejection of the application of Eire. On the other applications that have been rejected by the Council, we shall have an opportunity to make our position clear on these applications in the Security Council. We shall also be glad to support the resolution of the representative of Belgium."<sup>1</sup>

*The Assembly also considered rules of procedure for the admission of new members.*—Article 4 of the United Nations Charter contains the provisions governing the admission of new members. It reads as follows:

1. Membership in the United Nations is open to all other peace-loving states which accept the obligations contained in the present Charter and, in the judgment of the organization, are able and willing to carry out these obligations.
2. The admission of any such state to membership in the United Nations will be effected by a decision of the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council.

<sup>1</sup> The full text of the statement by the Canadian representative is given in Appendix I, X, pp. 219 and 220.