

41. SPECIAL ITEMS INVOLVING EXPENDITURES

A few of the more important decisions of this session of the General Assembly which involve expenditures for new items are as follows:

- (a) Establishment of an Interim Committee of the General Assembly. Estimated to cost \$169,500.
- (b) Establishment of a United Nations Temporary Commission on Korea. Cost estimated at \$114,350 for 1947 and \$533,280 for 1948.
- (c) Establishment of a General Assembly Special Committee on the Greek Question. Cost estimated at \$72,840 for 1947 and \$538,600 for 1948.

The Soviet delegation which opposed the establishment of these Commissions and of the Interim Committee stated that they would not participate in any examination of the budgetary estimates for these items and would vote against the allocation of funds for these purposes. The representatives of Poland, Yugoslavia, Byelorussia, and the Ukraine associated themselves with the views of the Soviet delegation.

Another item involving increased expenditure was the decision taken to hold the 1948 regular session of the General Assembly in Europe. It was estimated that the extra cost to the United Nations of holding the next meeting in Europe, elsewhere than in Geneva, would be \$1,047,875. If held in Geneva it was estimated that the extra cost would be reduced by about \$146,000.

In plenary session the Canadian delegate abstained from voting on this question. The Canadian representative, while noting that the possibility of meeting in Europe was foreseen in the rules of procedure, considered that the additional cost, the dislocation of the Secretariat and the strain on European resources with the transfer of over 2,000 people were all factors militating against holding the 1948 meeting in Europe. However, since it was considered that Canada was an interested party because of the proximity of Ottawa to the headquarters of the United Nations, the Canadian delegate felt that he should abstain in this vote.