

- (e) A United States resolution which states that Austria is peace-loving within the meaning of Article IV of the Charter and which consequently requests the Security Council to reconsider the application of Austria in the light of this expression of opinion of the Assembly.

India voted against these resolutions since it considered that their acceptance by the General Assembly would prejudice the reconsideration of these questions in the Security Council. India, however, stated that these negative votes were not to be considered as votes against the applicants themselves. It should be added that the Argentine resolution requesting deferment of the consideration of the applications of Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Roumania and Mongolia was withdrawn, and as a result no action was taken to request Security Council reconsideration of these applications.

The eight resolutions were presented to the plenary session and were adopted by large majorities. Canada voted for all the resolutions. When the resolutions had been adopted by the General Assembly, Australia withdrew its resolution on the protection of the rights of the General Assembly in relation to the admission of new members, on the grounds that the Assembly had exercised its powers and protected its rights in approving the eight resolutions which had been submitted by the First Committee.

### The Canadian Attitude

The Canadian representative said in Committee that the Canadian attitude in regard to the admission of new members was based on Article IV of the Charter and that all applications for membership in the United Nations should be judged upon their merits, in the light of the conditions to be fulfilled under Article IV. He suggested that there was little point in the General Assembly requesting the Security Council to reconsider its views when disagreement in the Security Council was almost a foregone conclusion. The Canadian position was that consideration of single applications in the General Assembly, as was proposed by Australia and some other delegations, could only be justified if the permanent members of the Security Council would agree to waive their right of the veto on such applications. He concluded by saying:<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The full text of the statement of the Canadian representative is given in Appendix I, W, pp. 217 to 219.