

60. UNITED NATIONS FLAG AND UNITED NATIONS DAY

During the Second Session of the General Assembly proposals concerning the United Nations Flag and United Nations Day were referred to the Legal Committee which reported unanimously to the General Assembly on the flag problem but was unable to reach agreement as to whether the United Nations Day ought to be held on June 26, the date of the signature of the Charter, or on October 24, the date the Charter came into force.

The Assembly adopted, as the United Nations Flag, the official United Nations emblem, a circular projection of the world area, centred on a light blue background. It directed the Secretary-General to draw up regulations concerning the dimensions and proportions of the flag and authorized him

“to adopt a flag code, having in mind the desirability of a regulated use of the flag and the protection of its dignity”.

As regards United Nations Day, the proposals of the Secretary-General, referred to the Legal Committee, were to commemorate both a United Nations “Charter Day” (June 26) and a United Nations “Peace Day” (October 24). The Assembly, however, accepted unanimously the recommendation of the Legal Committee which proposed that October 24 should be known as United Nations Day, during which a particular effort should be made to inform the peoples of the world of the aims and achievements of the United Nations. The Assembly also invited its Members to co-operate with the United Nations in securing observance of this anniversary.