

sulted in the renewal of the mandate of the Office for a further period of five years beyond 1963. The terms of reference of the Office were left unchanged by Resolution 1783 (XVII).

Resolution 1784 (XVII), approved by 58 votes in favour (including Canada) to 22 against, with 26 abstentions, reaffirmed the concern of the Assembly over the situation of the Chinese refugees in Hong Kong, appealed to the interested parties to increase their contributions and to continue to give all possible aid to these refugees, and requested the UNHCR to continue to provide assistance by means of his good offices.

### ***Earthquake in Iran***

On September 2, 1962, a severe earthquake had devastated the north-west region of Iran. Emergency relief and assistance to the victims were provided immediately by the United Nations Specialized Agencies, by a number of governments, including Canada, and by non-governmental agencies. In order to ensure that all emergency requirements would be taken care of and that the effects of future disasters of the same type could be reduced to a minimum, the General Assembly adopted unanimously Resolution 1753 (XVII).

### ***Racial Prejudice and Religious Intolerance***

On this subject, three resolutions were adopted unanimously. The first [1779 (XVII)], which follows the lines of a draft recommended by ECOSOC at its thirty-fourth session, invites member governments, the United Nations family and non-governmental organizations to continue to do all they can to eradicate racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance, calls on governments to rescind discriminatory laws, invites governments, Specialized Agencies and non-governmental organizations to inform the Secretary-General of action taken by them towards the eradication of these prejudices and intolerance, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the eighteenth session on compliance with the resolution. The second [1780 (XVII)] calls for the drafting by the Commission on Human Rights of a Declaration and a Convention on the Elimination of Racial Prejudice. The third [1781 (XVII)] calls for the drafting by the same Commission of similar instruments on the elimination of religious prejudice.

### ***Youth and Ideals of Peace***

For lack of time, consideration of an item on the promotion among youth of ideals of peace and mutual respect and understanding between peoples, which had been proposed by Roumania, was held over to the eighteenth session of the Assembly.