

national conference on the peaceful uses of atomic energy with a view to determining whether this conference could devote attention to the practical application of atomic energy to economic development, or whether a special conference should be convened.

A French resolution, also unanimously adopted, requested the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its twenty-fourth session on the prospects for practical utilization of energy developed from the sun, wind, and tides, and of geothermal and thermal energy of the sea, and conditions for convening an international conference.

The Council noted with approval the annual reports of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

The Canadian Delegation voted for a French-United States resolution urging the Secretary-General and the Specialized Agencies to continue consultations on water resource development, calling the attention of governments to the importance of de-mineralization of saline waters, and providing for the establishment of a panel of experts for reviewing the implications of river basin development. The Delegation abstained on a Netherlands amendment envisaging an international conference on river basin development. It was however adopted by the Council. Two Canadian suggestions were incorporated in this resolution, one emphasizing the need for co-ordination between the Specialized Agencies and the Secretary-General, and the other facilitating unanimous approval of the resolution by the inclusion of points of substance advanced by the Pakistan Delegation.

#### Need for Co-ordination

In its statement on the above items, the Canadian Delegation drew special attention to the need for co-ordination among the Specialized Agencies and the United Nations and for an increased use of facilities made available through the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance.

A resolution on the item "Teaching of the purposes and principles, the structure and activities of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies in schools and other educational institutions of member states" was adopted unanimously by the Council. It took note of the Secretary-General's report and requested him, in collaboration with the Director-General of UNESCO, to compile a similar report, based on enquiries to member states, for consideration by the Council at its twenty-ninth session.

The Council, in considering the applications of a number of non-governmental organizations for consultative status with ECOSOC, accepted the recommendation of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and rejected an application for re-instatement of the Women's International Democratic Federation, a Communist-dominated organization which had made propaganda against the United Nations in the Korean War.

The Council adopted a resolution recommending that governments ratify promptly the 1949 United Nations Convention on Road Traffic and that they continue for three more years to recognize as valid those driving permits that conform with provisions of the two earlier conventions on international traffic. The Canadian Delegation abstained on this resolution.