

lowing the appointment of a United Nations observer mission to the Dominican Republic on May 15 in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Security Council the previous day. The Secretary-General appointed José Mayobre, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America, to lead the mission and Major General I. J. Rikhye as his senior military adviser. Their function was to keep the Council informed of events in the Republic. The United Nations mission in Santo Domingo was the subject of criticism from the OAS in a communication to the Council complaining that the mission was hindering OAS efforts to restore peace in the Dominican Republic. This criticism was rejected by the Soviet representative who declared that the activities of the OAS were undermining the responsibility of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace and security and were thus in violation of the Charter. The Council debated the issue at length but inconclusively.

On June 22, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, in commenting on the role played by the United Nations in the Dominican Republic and its relation to action taken by the OAS, made the following points before the Standing Committee on External Affairs:

- (1) Both the United Nations and regional agencies or organizations have a role to play in dealing with disputes or threats to the peace.
- (2) The United Nations must be concerned with all situations affecting peace and security and cannot be denied the right to decide whether it will or should intervene.
- (3) Enforcement action should not be taken without the approval of the Security Council. . . .
- (4) Even if a peace-keeping action authorized and taken by a regional agency does not constitute enforcement action, nevertheless we would take the view that it is important for regional organizations engaged in any action involving the maintenance of international security to conduct the operation in close association with the United Nations, which retains overall responsibility for preserving international peace and security.

At the end of the year, the United Nations mission was still functioning in Santo Domingo and reporting on the Dominican situation directly to the Secretary-General.

Senegal-Portugal

In May 1965, the Security Council considered Senegal's complaint that Portugal had repeatedly violated Senegalese territory and air-space during the pre-