

*Mr. Feldmans* (Latvia) on behalf of the delegations of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania said that the three delegations had taken no part in the discussion and would also abstain from voting.

*M. Wellington Koo* (China) said that under the circumstances which all present knew, the Chinese delegation would abstain from taking part in the vote.

The delegate of Bulgaria also stated that he would abstain.

The President said that he considered it unnecessary to take a vote by roll-call. The Assembly had taken note of all the statements made before it. He asked those opposed to the resolution to stand. Since no one stood, the Assembly took note of the statements, approved the report, and unanimously adopted the resolution.

*M. Holsti* (Finland) expressed to the Assembly the profound gratitude of the Finnish people. The results achieved, in the short space of three days, corresponded in the main to what Finland expected, and showed that the League's fundamental principle was still alive and strong. What was to follow would depend primarily on two factors: the technical organs of the Secretariat and the readiness of the civilized world to bring help to Finland. The competence of the Secretariat could be relied upon and the desire of civilized peoples to assist Finland was manifest.

#### *Proceedings in the Council*

The Council met on the afternoon of December 14th to consider the action which should be taken under the second part of the resolution adopted by the Assembly. The President, *M. Costa du Rels* (Bolivia), laid before the Council a draft resolution as follows:

"The Council,

Having taken cognisance of the resolution adopted by the Assembly on December 14th, 1939, regarding the appeal of the Finnish Government,

1. Associates itself with the condemnation by the Assembly of the action of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics against the Finnish state, and

2. For the reasons set forth in the resolution of the Assembly, in virtue of Article 16, paragraph 4 of the Covenant, finds that by its act the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics has placed itself outside the League of Nations.

It follows that the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is no longer a Member of the League."

After a short discussion the resolution was adopted unanimously, the representatives of Greece, Yugoslavia and China abstaining, and also the representative of Finland as a party to the dispute.

#### BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS

It was mentioned above that, before the Assembly was convened to consider the Finnish appeal, arrangements had been made for a meeting of the Fourth Committee of the Nineteenth Assembly in order to examine the state of the League's finances and the budget for 1940. The Committee duly met in Geneva on December 4th. The report and the accompanying resolutions were presented to the Assembly on December 14th and were unanimously adopted without discussion.