

of the resolution that Canada was conscious of the necessity for positive action which would preserve the rights of the inhabitants to self-determination, Mr. Martin pointed out that the Assembly was not being called upon to make a juridical judgment as to whether the South African Government had carried out the mandate entrusted to it by the League. "What we are called upon to do", he said, "is to make a decision in the light of all the relevant factors as to whether the Government of South Africa, taking into account its refusal to accept accountability to this body, should continue to exercise the mandate in the interests of development and self-government of the peoples of South West Africa. We believe the answer is no".

After the vote, the President of the General Assembly designated Canada to be a member of the Ad Hoc Committee for South West Africa, along with Chile, Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia, Finland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal, the U.S.S.R., the United Arab Republic, and the U.S.A.

Other Items

The plenary session of the Assembly held its usual elections to the three Councils and the International Court of Justice¹ and admitted Guyana, Botswana, Lesotho and Barbados to membership in the United Nations. Indonesia also rejoined the United Nations during the session, bringing the total membership of the United Nations to 122. The Assembly decided to refer to the Fourth Committee² the reports of the Special Committee of Twenty-four on Colonialism dealing with specific dependent territories but it also renewed the mandate of the Special Committee to oversee the implementation of the General Assembly's Declaration on Colonialism. Unfortunately, the resolution renewing the mandate contained a number of paragraphs covering the setting of dates for independence, military bases and activities of financial interests in dependent territories, which Canada and a number of other members were unable to accept. Thus 20 nations, including Canada, abstained on the resolution.

First and Special Political Committees

Disarmament

On September 23, Canadian disarmament policy was outlined in a statement by the Honourable Paul Martin, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, in the course of the general debate. Mr. Martin stressed that "there is no

¹ See Chapter IV.

² See Page 34.