

Pakistan being approved by a vote of 53 to 1. Afghanistan voted in the negative as the result of a territorial grievance held against Pakistan. Canada voted for the admission of each Member.

Several resolutions concerning the admission of new members were placed on the agenda of the General Assembly and considered in the First Committee. The main issues in the debate in Committee centred around the use of the veto by the U.S.S.R. to prevent the admission of new members and on the practice adopted by the Soviet representative in the Security Council of attaching conditions to the Soviet vote on new members. Individual applications were also discussed on their merits. The United States and the United Kingdom argued that it was unwarranted to reject the application of any one State, such as Eire, because this State had not entered into diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union. Objection was also voiced to the condition attached to the Soviet vote for the application of Italy, namely the simultaneous admission of Bulgaria, Hungary, Roumania and Finland. On this latter point the Belgian delegation introduced a resolution which proposed that the following questions be referred to the International Court of Justice for an advisory opinion:

- (a) Whether a Member should make its vote upon the application of a new member subject to extraneous conditions, e.g. lack of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union, rather than upon the conditions outlined in paragraph 1 of Article IV of the Charter, and
- (b) Whether a state might attach a further condition to its favourable vote, that the admission of an applicant should depend upon the admission of other applicant states.

Swedish and Argentine resolutions were also introduced. Argentina, together with Brazil and Chile, wished the General Assembly to admit Eire, Transjordan, Portugal, Italy and Finland because the applications of these States had received seven votes in the Security Council and also because they were peace-loving states. The proposal was clearly unconstitutional since under Article IV of the Charter the Security Council has to recommend applications for membership to the General Assembly before the latter may admit new members, and in these cases no such recommendation had been