

Special Political Committee and adopted by an overwhelming majority.

The Assembly in turn approved the resolution by 85 votes (including Canada), with none against and 11 abstentions. The resolution recommends, in effect, that WMO complete its consultations about the reporting scheme with a view to implementing it at the earliest possible date. At the same time, UNSCEAR was urged to intensify its studies of the effects of radiation.

Outer Space

The General Assembly sought to consolidate the modest progress achieved during the year by the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. A resolution introduced by Canada and the United States in the First Committee on December 3 had called on the Assembly to endorse, as drawn up by the Technical and Scientific Sub-Committee of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space:

- (a) a scientific and technical programme of international co-operation in outer space to be undertaken by the World Meteorological Organization and the International Telecommunication Union and,
- (b) the principles of a recommendation that the United Nations sponsor the creation and use of sounding-rocket launching facilities in connection with the International "Year of the Quiet Sun".

This draft, which was subsequently modified to take in the view of other interested delegations, received the Assembly's unanimous approval on December 14. As adopted, the resolution, which appeared under the sponsorship of 24 member states including Canada, France, the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union and the United States, endorsed the recommendations of the United Nations Committee for the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for international scientific and technical co-operation, as had been proposed earlier, and referred to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for further study and elaboration proposals of a legal character advanced by various delegations during the course of the First Committee's debate on the item. Included in these proposals are the questions of the principles of international law governing the activities of states in the exploration and uses of outer space, of the rescue of astronauts and spaceships making emergency landings, and of liability for space-vehicle accidents.

Other Political Decisions

On December 18, the First Committee recommended by a vote of 65 in favour (including Canada), with 11 against and 26 abstentions, that the Assembly adopt a resolution continuing the work of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea (UNCURK) and calling on North Korea to accept the United Nations objective of a unified independent and democratic Korea. Following the adoption of this resolution in committee, the U.S.S.R. decided not to press to a vote the draft resolution on the "withdrawal of foreign