

United Nations General Assembly

SEVENTEENTH SESSION — THE SECOND MONTH*

THE General Assembly completed the second month of its seventeenth session on November 16. During this period the Assembly considered, and disposed of, in plenary eight of the agenda items not otherwise allotted to its Committees.

Elections to the Councils

At each regular session, the General Assembly holds elections to fill three of the non-permanent seats in the Security Council and six of the seats in the Economic and Social Council, and to assure parity between administering and non-administering members on the Trusteeship Council. Voting for this purpose took place in plenary on October 17.

Only two secret ballots were required to dispose of the seats to be vacated in the Security Council at the end of the year. Brazil and Norway were declared elected on the first ballot, Morocco on the second. These three countries will serve the regular two-year term starting January 1, 1963. In accordance with a split-term agreement reached at the sixteenth session, the Assembly also elected the Philippines for a one-year term (1963) to the Security Council seat now occupied by Roumania.

The Assembly then elected Argentina, Austria, Britain, Czechoslovakia, Japan and the U.S.S.R. for the customary three-year term of office on the Economic and Social Council.

Only one vacancy had to be filled by the Assembly this year to ensure a balance between administering and non-administering members on the Trusteeship Council. Liberia, the only known candidate for this office, was declared elected on the first ballot.

Admission of New Members

On October 25, the Assembly admitted Uganda by acclamation as the 110th member state of the United Nations. Nineteen countries, including Canada, sponsored the resolution calling for Uganda's admission. The Assembly's decision brings to 16 the number of Commonwealth countries now holding membership in the organization.

Chinese Representation

By a roll-call vote of 42 in favour to 56 against (including Canada), with 12 abstentions, the Assembly rejected on October 30 a Soviet proposal that would

*The first month of the session was reported on in the November issue of the *Bulletin*, P 319.