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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

CANADA AT THE UN: Canada's proposal to set up a seven-nation committee to study the question of Chinese representation was adopted at the opening sitting of the Fifth Session of the United Nations General Assembly on September 19. The resolution, introduced by the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Pearson, was approved 42 to 9, with six abstentions.

The General Assembly opened its Fifth Regular Session on September 19 at Flushing Meadow, and elected Nasrollah Entezam (Iran) as President of the Session. Ambassador Entezam received 32 votes, and Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan (Pakistan), 22, according to the UN Press report.

Most of the meeting was taken up with a discussion of the question of Chinese representation in the Assembly, and the Assembly finally adopted a Canadian proposal for a Special Committee to consider the matter, the report continued.

The Session was opened by General Carlos P. Romulo (Philippines) who presided over the Fourth Session of the Assembly. After his opening remarks, the Assembly stood for a minute of silence, dedicated to prayer or meditation, and then Sir Benegal Narsing Rau (India) took the floor to introduce a draft resolution under which the Assembly would recognize that the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China was "the only such Government functioning in the Republic of China as now constituted" and would decide that that Government should be "entitled

to represent the Republic of China in the General Assembly."

Andrei Y. Vyshinsky (USSR) presented two proposals. The first of these asked the Assembly to state that the representatives of "the Kuomintang group" could not take part in the work of the General Assembly because they did not represent China. The second asked the Assembly to invite the representatives of the Chinese People's Republic to take part in the work of the Assembly.

Lester B. Pearson (Canada) introduced the Canadian proposal, which with an Australian amendment, accepted by Canada, asked the Assembly to establish a Special Committee of seven members "nominated by the President and confirmed by the Assembly" to consider the question of Chinese representation and to report back to the Assembly, with recommendations, after the Assembly has considered item 62 of its provisional agenda.

This item was submitted by Cuba and entitled "recognition by the United Nations of the representation of a Member State."

Faris El-Khoury Bey (Syria) asked for postponement of the vote until, at least, tomorrow. The Assembly decided against this by a vote of 21 to 16, with 13 abstentions.

The Indian proposal was voted by roll call, and rejected. The vote was 16 in favour, 33 against and 10 abstentions.

The Canadian proposal, as amended by Australia, was then adopted, in a vote by show of hands, 42 in favour to 9 against, with 6 abstentions. Two earlier votes resulted as