

composition of the staff at the higher salary levels, and, so far as career appointments are concerned, the need to reduce "under-representation". The resolution also requested the Secretary-General to review periodically the geographical distribution of the staffs of the Technical Assistance Board, of the Special Fund and of the United Nations Children Fund, and to report to the General Assembly next year on the progress achieved in the geographical distribution of the Secretariat staff. In effect, the resolution, while anxious to meet the injunction of the sixteenth session on the matter, leaves the Secretary-General sufficient latitude to perform his responsibilities in this field without binding him to a rigid formula. While the atmosphere in Committee was clouded to some extent by several Soviet-bloc attempts to introduce elements of a restrictive character in the proposal, which was itself the result of a compromise, the resolution nevertheless managed to pass the Committee stage by a vote of 84 in favour, with 10 against and 2 abstentions. Canada voted in favour of the resolution in committee and in plenary.

Other decisions taken by the Assembly on December 20, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, included:

Approval by 88 votes in favour (including Canada), with 11 against and 2 abstentions, of a resolution which placed at \$93,911,050 the appropriations for the United Nations and the International Court of Justice for 1963 and at \$15,247,500 the estimates of income other than assessments on member states by 91 votes in favour (including Canada), with 11 against and 2 abstentions, of a schedule for the financing of appropriations for 1963;

Authorizing by 93 votes in favour (including Canada), with 11 against and 1 abstention, the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, to enter into certain commitments to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses during 1963;

Authorizing, by 91 votes (including Canada), with 11 against and 3 abstentions, of a resolution raising the working capital fund from \$25 million to \$40 million for the year ending December 31, 1963, and requesting the Secretary-General to examine means to secure the liquidation of arrears and early payment of current contributions and to report on the results to the eighteenth session;

Adoption without objection of a resolution increasing the financial appropriations for the year 1962 by \$3,673,480.

The Assembly also took note, without objection, of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the report of the Fifth Committee on the construction of the United Nations building in Santiago, Chile, to the effect that, in spite of the fact that costs were proving higher than estimated, it might be advisable to continue with the construction on the basis of the original plan, subject to appropriate precautions, and to review the situation at the eighteenth session of the General Assembly. Included in the