

was advantage in so doing and there was no dissent from the verdict of the delegate of the Soviet Union when on the occasion of the final vote in the Plenary Assembly he said :—

“ This is the first important act of the joint efforts of the United Nations to secure peace and security in the world. Let this noble move achieve a fine and complete success.”

Resolution on Atomic Energy

Resolved by the General Assembly of the United Nations to establish a Commission, with the composition and competence set out hereunder, to deal with the problems raised by the discovery of atomic energy and other related matters :—

1. Establishment of the Commission.

A Commission is hereby established by the General Assembly with the terms of reference set out under Section 5 below.

2. Relations of the Commission with the Organs of the United Nations.

(a) The Commission shall submit its reports and recommendations to the Security Council, and such reports and recommendations shall be made public unless the Security Council, in the interest of peace and security, otherwise directs. In the appropriate cases the Security Council should transmit these reports to the General Assembly and the members of the United Nations, as well as to the Economic and Social Council and other Organs within the framework of the United Nations.

(b) In view of the Security Council's primary responsibility under the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security, the Security Council shall issue directions to the Commission in matters affecting security. On these matters the Commission shall be accountable for its work to the Security Council.

3. Composition of the Commission

The Commission shall be composed of one representative from each of those States, represented on the Security Council, and Canada when that State is not a member of the Security Council. Each representative on the Commission may have such assistance as he may desire.

4. Rules of Procedure

The Commission shall have whatever staff it may deem necessary, and shall make recommendations for its rules of procedure to the Security Council, which shall approve them as a procedural matter.

5. Terms of Reference of the Commission

The Commission shall proceed with the utmost despatch and inquire into all phases of the problem, and make such recommendations from time to time with respect to them as it finds possible. In particular the Commission shall make specific proposals—

(a) For extending between all nations the exchange of basic scientific information for peaceful ends ;

(b) For control of atomic energy to the extent necessary to ensure its use only for peaceful purposes ;

(c) For the elimination from national armaments of atomic weapons and of all other major weapons adaptable to mass destruction ;

(d) For effective safeguards by way of inspection and other means to protect complying States against the hazards of violations and evasions.