

accepted—as was a complementary amendment enabling the next election to take place at the second part of the first session of the Assembly in September next.

International Court of Justice

The Committee brought forward reports concerning—

- (a) The convening of the International Court of Justice :
- (b) Emoluments of Judges (the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Registrar of the Court, is to develop a pension plan for Judges, Registrar, and staff) :
- (c) The election of Judges.

Treaties and International Agreements

The proposal of the Preparatory Commission that non-members should be invited to send, on their own initiative, treaties, &c., for registration came in for some criticism because of the position of Spain. An endeavour was made by some delegates to restrict the invitation to approved States, but it was not found possible to evolve a satisfactory definition of those States. In the end the Secretary-General was authorized “to receive from the Governments of non-member States, treaties and international agreements,” and in the preamble to the resolution it is said “these arrangements should not, however, extend to treaties or international agreements transmitted by any non-member State such as Spain,” the Government of which does not “possess qualifications necessary to justify membership in the United Nations.”

The Special and General Conventions

After much discussion in various sub-committees, two connected draft agreements came before the Sixth Committee :—

- (a) A draft treaty between the United Nations and the United States as its host :
- (b) A draft convention on privileges and immunities.

When the final drafts of these two documents (which came to be known as the Special Convention and the General Convention respectively) came to be discussed there was considerable pressure for the Committee to complete its work. Consequently, short shrift was given to suggestions made from the full Committee ; as a result, the drafts were approved with one small amendment only.

The *Special Convention* as finally drafted deals under separate articles with—

- The United Nations zone (location and purchase) :
- Law and authority within the zone :
- Communications and transit to and from the zone :
- Resident representatives to the United Nations :
- Police protection of the zone :
- Public services and amenities.

A special article relates this convention to the General Convention.