

“ 3. That the Franco Regime uses foreign exchange obtained from such exports to reinforce the political organization that has been repeatedly condemned by the United Nations.

“ THEREFORE

“ THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDS

“ That the members of the United Nations should forthwith put an end to all imports from Spain of foodstuffs and their products until the United Nations is assured that these products are no longer an immediate necessity for the food requirements of the Spanish people.”

The representative of the United Kingdom (Sir Hartley Shawcross) objected to the resolution. In the first place, he doubted whether it was calculated to achieve the object of the proceedings—namely, to undermine the Franco regime. Secondly, the question involved was of practical importance to Britain, which now depended almost entirely on Spain for fresh fruit. He was not prepared to deprive English children of their oranges.

After the discussion, in which the motion was defended by the representative of France (M. Jouhaux), it was put to the vote and rejected by a big majority on a show of hands (New Zealand voting against).

In the Plenary Session the United Kingdom delegation asked for a separate vote on the deletion of the paragraph beginning “ recommends that if within a reasonable time,” which they said they could not support. The voting was as follows—for 8, against 29, abstentions 11 (including New Zealand).

The whole resolution was then adopted—for 34 (including New Zealand), against 6, abstentions 13.

The text of the resolution follows :—

“ THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

“ convinced that the Franco Fascist Government of Spain, which was imposed by force upon the Spanish people with the aid of the Axis Powers and which gave material assistance to the Axis Powers in the war, does not represent the Spanish people, and by its continued control is making impossible the participation of the Spanish people with the peoples of the United Nations in international affairs ;

“ RECOMMENDS that the Franco Government of Spain be debarred from membership in international agencies established by or brought into relationship with the United Nations, and from participation in conference or other activities which may be arranged by the United Nations or by these agencies, until a new and acceptable Government is formed in Spain.

“ FURTHER DESIRING to secure the participation of all peace-loving peoples, including the people of Spain, in the community of nations,

“ RECOMMENDS THAT, if within a reasonable time, there is not established a Government which derives its authority from the consent of the governed, committed to respect freedom of speech, religion, and assembly and to the prompt holding of an election in which the Spanish people, free from force and intimidation and regardless of party, may express their will, the Security Council consider the adequate measures to be taken in order to remedy the situation ;