

operation. Eight agreements were thereupon submitted in final form as presented by the administering Governments, and each in turn was approved by 35 votes in favour and 8 against (Byelo-Russia, Chile, Czechoslovakia, India, Poland, Ukraine, Soviet Union, Yugoslavia). There were no abstentions, but eleven of the members of the Committee were absent.

General Assembly

The report of the Rapporteur on the Fourth Committee on trusteeship agreements was brought before the General Assembly on the evening of 13 December. The delegations of the United Kingdom and France spoke generally on the subject, and the representative of Chile explained that the negative vote of his delegation in Committee would be changed into a favourable vote on approval of the agreements in order to support the establishment of the trusteeship system. A speech at some length was then made on behalf of the Soviet delegation introducing a motion as follows :—

“ The General Assembly considers that the following trusteeship agreements submitted for its consideration by :

The United Kingdom—for Tanganyika, Togoland, and the Cameroons ;

France—for Togoland and the Cameroons ;

Belgium—for Ruanda-Urundi ;

Australia—for New Guinea, and

New Zealand—for Western Samoa,

have been drafted contrary to fundamental requirements of the United Nations Charter regarding the Trusteeship system, *i.e.*

First : The proposed draft trusteeship agreements for the above-mentioned territories cannot be considered as trusteeship agreements since Article 79 of the Charter provides that the terms of trusteeship shall be agreed upon by the States directly concerned, whereas so far it has not been determined which countries are directly concerned.

Second : The draft agreements include the provision whereby the territory in trust shall be administered as an integral part of those States which are administering authorities, which in fact amounts to annexation of the territories in trust by the said States, whereas Article 76 of the Charter provides that the trusteeship system shall promote the progressive development of the trust territories towards self-government or independence.

Third : The proposed draft agreements provided as one of the terms the establishment in trust territories of military, naval, and air bases without the Security Council's consent, which is contrary to Article 83 of the Charter, which requires the consent of the Security Council for the establishment of military, naval, and air bases in trust territories.

The General Assembly therefore resolves :

1. To reject draft agreements for the above-mentioned territories under mandate as being inconsistent with the Charter.