

which, besides emphasizing the need for permanent missions, recommended that the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly be altered so as to allow the Credentials Committee of the Assembly to consider and approve the credentials of permanent representatives.

Mr Kerno (Assistant Secretary-General in Charge of the Legal Department) agreed that it was indeed highly desirable that a legal status should be conferred on permanent representatives to the United Nations. He pointed out, however, that each organ of the United Nations had its own Rules of Procedure governing the presentation of credentials and that it was doubtful, therefore, whether the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly could examine the credentials of a permanent representative of a State accredited to any other organ. This suggestion was taken up by the representative of *Afghanistan*, who proposed an amendment deleting the reference to revision of the Rules of Procedure and asking the Secretary-General to make an annual report to the Assembly concerning the credentials of permanent representatives. The *Bolivian* representative accepted this and several other amendments, including one (submitted by the *Soviet Union*, *Poland*, and *Yugoslavia*), deleting a reference to the Interim Committee.

The *United Kingdom* representative stated that he saw little use in the Bolivian proposal since the legal position of permanent missions was already covered in the United Nations - United States agreement, and that of other delegations by the General Convention on Privileges and Immunities, which he hoped would soon be in force. Direct opposition to the resolution, however, was voiced almost exclusively by the delegate of *Australia*, who said that it was consistent with a general and regrettable trend towards formalization of United Nations procedures.

After further amendments to the revised proposal had been voted upon and after it had been agreed that an *Iranian* amendment should be considered as a separate proposal, the *Bolivian* resolution was finally adopted unanimously, though the *Soviet* representative reserved his Government's position. The operative part of the resolution read—

“ The General Assembly,

“ Recommends

“ 1. That the credentials of the permanent representatives should be issued either by the head of the State or by the head of the Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and shall be transmitted to the Secretary-General ;

“ 2. That the appointments and changes of members of the permanent missions other than the permanent representative shall be communicated in writing to the Secretary-General by the head of the mission ;

“ 3. That the permanent representative in case of temporary absence shall notify the Secretary-General of the member of the mission who will perform the duties of head of the mission ;