

The resolution went on to recommend that the Commission for Conventional Armaments should continue its work, giving priority to plans for the publication by an international control organ "within the framework of the Security Council" of information to be received from member States with regard to their effectives and conventional armaments.

This resolution received a substantial majority of votes, and the Soviet proposal was as decisively rejected.

The Assembly's recommendations were considered in the Security Council, where the Soviet representative reintroduced his proposal and repeated his arguments. The Council, however, rejected the Soviet plan by 2 votes in favour with 9 abstentions, and referred the Assembly resolution to the Conventional Armaments Commission for action. The Commission will report before the fourth Assembly session.

(c) Appeal to the Great Powers

During the first part of its third session the Assembly adopted unanimously a Mexican proposal for an appeal to the Great Powers to compose their differences and establish a lasting peace. The resolution called on the Great Powers to redouble their efforts to conclude the peace treaties with the assistance of the signatories to the Washington Declaration of 1942.

(d) Interim Committee

The origin and functions of this Committee are described in the annual report for 1947-48, pages 54 to 55.* During 1948 the Committee considered and reported to the Assembly on the questions of voting in the Security Council and methods for the promotion of international co-operation in the political field. The Committee was consulted by, and gave advice to, the Temporary Commission for Korea in accordance with the terms of reference of the latter. It also reported to the Assembly on the advisability of establishing a permanent committee of the Assembly.

The Slav delegations, which had refused to take their seats on the Committee, contended that it was both illegal and ineffective and should be abolished. Most delegations, however, including the New Zealand delegation, considered that the Committee had made a sound if unspectacular beginning, and voted for a resolution re-establishing it for another year.

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