

ARTICLE 54

TEXT OF ARTICLE 54

The Security Council shall at all times be kept fully informed of activities undertaken or in contemplation under regional arrangements or by regional agencies for the maintenance of international peace and security.

NOTE

1. No decisions requiring treatment under this Article were taken during the period under review. Reference was made to the Article at the 823rd meeting of the Security Council, in connexion with the complaint by Lebanon in respect of a situation arising from the intervention of the United Arab Republic in the internal affairs of Lebanon. Article 54 was cited in support of a proposal to adjourn consideration of the complaint of Lebanon pending consideration by a regional agency to which the parties belonged. 1/ At a later date, the Council received communications concerning the records of the meetings that the League of Arab States had devoted to the question raised by Lebanon.

2. The Security Council was kept informed of the activities of the Organization of American States (OAS) by the following communications from OAS addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Although none of these letters made specific reference to Article 54, they seem to fit into the pattern of the Article.

a. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

- i. Letter 2/ dated 3 May 1957 transmitting a resolution adopted by the Council of OAS, concerning Honduras and Nicaragua.
- ii. Letter 3/ dated 27 May 1957 transmitting the report of the investigating committee on the situation between Honduras and Nicaragua.
- iii. Letter 4/ dated 8 July 1957 transmitting a resolution adopted on 5 July 1957, concerning Honduras and Nicaragua.
- iv. Letter 5/ dated 23 July 1957 transmitting the text of the agreement between Honduras and Nicaragua, signed on 21 July 1957.

1/ S.C., 13th yr., 823rd mtg., para. 172.

2/ S/3824 (mimeographed).

3/ S/3856 (mimeographed).

4/ S/3857 and Rev.1 (mimeographed).

5/ S/3859 (mimeographed).

**b. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES**

- i. Letter 6/ dated 2 July 1958 transmitting a resolution adopted by the Council of OAS on 27 June 1958, concerning Honduras and Nicaragua.
- ii. Letter 7/ dated 2 May 1959 transmitting resolutions adopted on 28 and 30 April 1959, concerning Panama.
- iii. Letter 8/ dated 14 May 1959 transmitting a resolution adopted on 2 May 1959, concerning Panama.
- iv. Letter 9/ dated 23 June 1959 transmitting a resolution adopted on 4 June 1959, concerning Nicaragua.
- v. Letter 10/ dated 30 July 1959 transmitting a resolution adopted on 29 July 1959, concerning Nicaragua.

6/ S/4066 (mimeographed).
7/ S/4184 (mimeographed).
8/ S/4188 (mimeographed).
9/ S/4194 (mimeographed).
10/ S/4208 (mimeographed).

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