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SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT REPLIES
ON FUTURE STATUS OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA

In a communication to the Secretary-General dated 23 July, 1947, the Government of the Union of South Africa declares that the Union Parliament has adopted a resolution calling for the representation of South West Africa in the Parliament of the Union as "an integral portion thereof".

The communication adds that, as a result of the General Assembly Resolution (65) adopted on 14 December last, the Union Government has decided not to proceed with the incorporation of the territory. It will not, however, submit a Trusteeship Agreement covering South West Africa, as requested in the General Assembly Resolution, but will continue to administer the territory "in the spirit of the existing (League) Mandate", and undertakes to submit reports on the administration for the information of the United Nations.

This communication, which was signed by Mr. H.T. Andrews, the South African Minister in Washington, will be taken up by the General Assembly in its Second Regular Session in September, under Item 26 of the Provisional Agenda - "Consideration of Proposed New Trusteeship Agreements, If Any."

The full text of the South African communication, including a complete text of the resolution adopted by the Union Parliament, is available as Document A/334.

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