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LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., May 24—The United Nations special committee studying the creation of an economic commission for the Middle East rejected today by a vote of 10 to 1 the Soviet Union's claim to membership in such a commission, but approved membership for eleven other countries of the region.

By unanimous vote the committee approved the following countries: Afghanistan, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iraq, Iran, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Yemen. Over the opposition of the Soviet Union, the other members of the committee also decided that Greece and Turkey might belong to the commission.

Pavel Chernyshev, Russian representative, had argued that the Soviet Union had a right to belong to the Middle Eastern commission because the Soviet Union was the only permanent member of the Security Council adjacent to the Middle East and therefore had a particular interest in the commission for the area.

It was pointed out during the course of the debate that China, also a permanent member of the Security Council, bordered on one of the states—Afghanistan—of the Middle East also.

Previously the United States, the United Kingdom, France and China had announced that they would not claim membership in the Middle Eastern commission, in deference to the expressed wishes of the Arab states to exclude the Big Five from participation in this regional commission.

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