

“(iii) The relevant provisions of such agreements will remain in effect beyond the period of the Administration’s activities and it is contemplated that the Administration will have ceased operations before the completion of this relief and rehabilitation work, it is therefore

“RESOLVED that—

“1. The Director-General shall review the present position in regard to the proceeds of sale of supplies provided under the Programme of Operations and, after consultation with the Central Committee, shall, in agreement with the receiving countries concerned, make any modifications in the arrangements as to the use of proceeds of sale which may be found desirable.

“2. The Council also recommends that—

“(a) The functions and responsibilities of the Administration in regard to the utilization of local proceeds or equivalent sums for such relief and rehabilitation work, as set out in the relevant agreements, be transferred at the appropriate time to the United Nations or to such specialized body as may be designated by the United Nations, and that the United Nations or such specialized body undertake those functions; and

“(b) The Governments which have concluded agreements with the Administration be requested to agree to the assumption by the United Nations, or such specialized agencies, of the functions hitherto exercised by the Administration under these agreements.

“3. The Director-General shall consult with the appropriate authorities of the United Nations with a view to arranging for implementation of the recommendation in paragraph 2.”

STAFF OF UNRRA

A resolution, on the use of the experience of UNRRA personnel, was passed in the terms quoted :—

“WHEREAS

“(i) The staff of UNRRA has gained valuable experience in the various fields of the Administration’s operations; and

“(ii) The success of other international organizations will to a large extent depend on their ability to obtain the services of qualified and experienced personnel; and

“(iii) With the impending cessation of UNRRA’s activities the experience of its personnel might be lost, it is therefore

“RESOLVED that—

“The Council recommends to all international organizations and in particular to those which are performing or will be taking over any of the work of UNRRA that they should take advantage of the experience gained by the personnel of UNRRA and make arrangements for drawing upon the experienced staff of the Administration for employment in their various fields of activity.”

Throughout this report the yet unfinished tasks of UNRRA are emphasized; and this, too, was the spirit of our Geneva meeting. The work to which the United Nations set their hand remains incomplete. Yet is it not in the nature of these things, as of so many human affairs, that they never will be completed in any final sense? And so there was no impatience nor petulant criticism. On the contrary, thanks and appreciation were warmly expressed. “Perhaps we came here,” some one said, “not to praise UNRRA but to bury it . . . If that were so, we have done just the opposite.”

Stressed too, we hope, in this report is the role now of the United Nations and its subsidiary organizations in the problems which, it seems, UNRRA must presently relinquish. The International Refugees Organization; the World Health Organization; the Food and Agriculture Organization; the “Bretton Woods” Organizations;