

On this Committee the women members of the Conferences were fairly well represented. The Chairman was Mr. Troclet, Belgium Government member. One of the Vice-Chairmen was Miss Hancock, representing the workers' group. Miss Hancock is an officer of the Transport and General Workers' Union of Great Britain and Ireland. The reporters for the Committee were Miss Lenroot and Mrs. Mydral. Miss Lenroot is Chief of the Children's Bureau, United States Department of Labour. Mrs. Mydral is Director of the training college for pre-school teachers, Stockholm. Several other women were members of the Committee, apart from those mentioned.

Although the work of this Committee had no particular bearing on the conditions of young workers in industry in New Zealand, yet the force of child labour on world economy has an indirect bearing on our conditions in New Zealand.

The discussion at the Committee showed a general agreement in favour of the formulating of international regulations concerning medical examination and general fitness for employment. The Committee concerned itself, in the first instance, with two points:—

- (1) Medical examination for fitness for employment; and
- (2) Night-work of children and young persons.

The general agreement that such international regulations were necessary was expressed by the Government members of the United States, Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, the United Kingdom, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, South Africa, Switzerland, and India.

It is pleasing to note that the general agreement was supported by the Indian Government delegation, although reservations were made by the Indian representatives as to the date when a measure of the kind projected could be generally enforced in the vast area of India.

Acting on the recommendations of the Committee, the Conference decided to adopt draft Resolutions mostly dealing with the form, scope, and protective provisions anticipated.

The work of consideration and investigation of all the aspects of this important matter will take a considerable time before conclusions are ready for the preparation and adoption of an international Convention.

It was agreed that the first two matters already mentioned—that is, the medical examination and fitness and the question of night-work—should be brought before the next Conference, to be held in Montreal in September, 1946. In the meantime a questionnaire has been directed to all Government members of the International Labour Organization covering points to be considered at the forthcoming Conference.

As, no doubt, the New Zealand Government has already forwarded its observations and replies to the questions asked, no purpose would be served by outlining in this report the nature of the queries advanced.

MAINTENANCE OF HIGH LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT DURING THE PERIOD OF INDUSTRIAL REHABILITATION AND RECONVERSION

A major matter of importance on the Agenda was consideration of the report of the Office on the maintenance of high levels of employment during the period of industrial rehabilitation and reconversion.

The Conference, in accordance with custom, in dealing with the matters of this kind appointed a Committee to examine the report and to bring down a Draft Resolution to the Conference.

The Committee consisted of sixty-four members, thirty-two of whom were Government representatives, sixteen workers' representatives, and sixteen employers' representatives. In addition, there were observers from