

Travelling-expenses

It was agreed that the expenses incurred by five of the representatives or alternate representatives of each member in travelling to and from the meetings of the General Assembly should be borne by the budget of the United Nations. This decision was taken in order that the opportunities of members to participate in the activities of the United Nations should be "equalized as far as possible," and should be of benefit to New Zealand as a distant member.

Financial Regulations

Provisional financial regulations were adopted by the Assembly.

XII. SIXTH COMMITTEE: LEGAL QUESTIONS

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Rules of Procedure

THE Committee devoted a number of meetings to a consideration of certain proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure. The New Zealand representative on two occasions voted with the minority: once against the inclusion in Rule 33, which deals with the General Committee, of the sentence "It shall not, however, decide any political question," and a second time against the proposal that there should be no nominations of candidates for election by the General Assembly. This latter proposal was carried by 22 votes to 21, and upheld by the Assembly, after much debate.

Terms of Office of Members of Councils

It was generally understood at the time of the elections to the Economic and Social Council and to the Security Council that those members elected for one year would hold office for eight months only, those for two years for twenty months, &c. This anomaly arose from the fact that the elections had taken place in January and not, as would be the case in future, in September.