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REPORT BY THE NEW ZEALAND DELEGATION TO THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL, HELD AT WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A., 10 TO 13 DECEMBER, 1946, TOGETHER WITH TEXTS OF THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL AT THE SIXTH SESSION, AND AN EXTRACT FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET OF UNRRA SHOWING THE PROPOSED STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN THE LIQUIDATION OF UNRRA

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New Zealand Legation, Washington 8, D.C.,
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The Right Hon. the MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, Wellington, New Zealand.

SIR,—

I have the honour to report on the Sixth Session of the Council of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration held at Washington, D.C., from 10 December to 13 December, 1946.

Forty-four of the fifty member countries of the Council of UNRRA were represented at this session. Those not present were Ecuador, Iraq, Liberia, Nicaragua, Paraguay, and Uruguay. Observers were present from the following non-member Governments receiving UNRRA aid: Albania, Austria, Finland, Hungary, and Italy. The Committee on Observers admitted representatives of the following organizations to the Council Session as Observers: The United Nations; the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization; the International Monetary Fund; the Food and Agricultural Organization; the Inter-governmental Committee on Refugees; the International Labor Office; the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; the International Emergency Food Council; the Emergency Economic Committee for Europe; the Interim Commission of the World Health Organization; and the World Federation of Trade-unions.

The New Zealand delegation consisted of Sir Carl Berendsen, New Zealand Minister to Washington, as Delegate, with Mr J. S. Reid, First Secretary, New Zealand Legation, and Mr G. R. Laking, of the Department of External Affairs, as Alternates. Miss B. A. Foster, of the staff of the New Zealand Legation, acted as Secretary of the delegation. Owing to the pressure of work at the General Assembly of the United Nations, Sir Carl was unable to be present for the session, and Mr Laking was able to attend only for the opening of the Session; the representation of New Zealand therefore devolved upon Mr Reid.

The member of the Council representing Denmark was elected Chairman of the Council, and the Vice-Chairmen were the members from Poland, Chile, and France respectively.

In view of the shortness of the Council's agenda, it was decided by the Council members that there should be one *ad hoc* committee appointed for all purposes of policy and procedure. The Council member of Canada was elected Chairman of this committee, supported by Vice-Chairmen from China and Norway.