

Kingdom, and Brazil, with amendments proposed by Canada, Cuba, and Norway, was adopted.¹ This resolution recommended that a Special Technical Committee be established to study the problem of relief generally and to report to the Secretary-General not later than 15 January, 1947. The Committee was to consist of not more than ten experts in the field of finance and foreign trade to be designated by the Governments of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, United Kingdom, United States, Poland, France, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The Committee devoted considerable time to discussing a resolution of the Economic and Social Council on the Economic Reconstruction of Devastated Areas. This resolution requested study of the needs of devastated countries for short-term and long-term financing to facilitate reconstruction. The resolution² finally adopted recommended, *inter alia*, that the Economic and Social Council at its next session give consideration to the setting-up of an Economic Commission for Europe and a similar Commission for Asia and the Far East.

VII. JOINT MEETINGS OF SECOND AND THIRD COMMITTEE

Chairman Sir CARL BERENDSEN (*New Zealand*)

Dr OSCAR LANGE (*Poland*)

Rapporteur Dr P. C. CHANG (*China*)

New Zealand Representatives

Hon. D. WILSON

Mr T. O. W. BREBNER

Eleven meetings of this Committee were held. The matters considered were—

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council.
2. Relations between the United Nations and the specialized agencies.
3. Approval of agreements concluded with specialized agencies.
4. Secretary-General's report on the transfer of other functions and activities of the League of Nations.
5. Summoning of Preparatory Conference of Technical Experts on the problem of Housing and Town-planning.
6. Creation by the United Nations of Advisory Boards.

There was considerable criticism of the work of the Economic and Social Council. The majority, however, were of the opinion that the Council had made a very good beginning, and a resolution moved by New Zealand in which it was noted "with satisfaction that the Economic and Social Council has made substantial progress towards its organization for the effective fulfilment of its functions and responsibilities" and commending "the efforts which the Council is making to solve the

¹ Document A/237.

² Document A/232.