

permanent nucleus would be necessary, and the New Zealand delegation submitted a draft which provided that a small number of persons, highly qualified in the diversified fields of health and social and economic development, should be *ex officio* members of the Research Council. The principle underlying the draft was accepted, with the proviso that these full-time members should, in all technical matters, be under the direction of the Deputy Chairman, since it was felt undesirable to make them responsible to the Secretary-General in other than administrative matters.

52. It was left open to the Commission to decide how many part-time members of the Research Council should be appointed, since it is obvious that the number will vary from time to time.

53. Finally, there was unanimous approval for the suggestion that the Research Council should be given the power not only to appoint standing committees to consider problems in particular fields of research, but also *ad hoc* Research Committees to deal with special problems.

Conference of Local Inhabitants

54. It was felt by Committee III that, if the Commission were to be successful in its task, it would be imperative to associate with the work of the Commission representatives drawn from the various island territories. The Caribbean Commission broadened the basis of its work by providing for representation of territorial administrations at periodical conferences, and it was considered that some method of achieving this end should also be devised for the South Pacific. It was considered, therefore, that it would be highly advantageous to bring together administrators, representatives of the local inhabitants and of missionaries, together with those of research bodies of the United Nations and specialized agencies and of the I.L.O.

55. Whilst every delegate was in favour of the fullest possible participation of local inhabitants in the work of the Commission, there was considerable difference of opinion as to how this might best be achieved. The New Zealand delegate stated that unless a conference of local inhabitants were provided for the work of the Commission would be considerably handicapped. All the Native inhabitants must be given an opportunity of participating in discussions themselves, even if, in particular cases, they were to be represented in the interim by people who live among them. Having regard to the fact, however, that some peoples were more