

V.—APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

20. At the second Plenary Session held on 28 January items on the agenda were referred to various Committees as follows :—

Committee I : Area and Structure—

Name, structure, and composition of the proposed South Seas Commission, including nature of governmental representation and organization of Secretariat.

Committee II : Functions and Powers.

Committee III : Auxiliary Bodies—

Establishment and organization of authorities and bodies auxiliary and subsidiary to the Commission; also relationship of Commission to existing organizations.

Committee IV : Finance.

Committee V : Immediate Projects—

The projects of immediate importance for consideration by the Commission.

Committee VI : Drafting and Co-ordinating.

21. All Committees immediately began their work, which proceeded rapidly, with the result that Committee VI was able to present its Final Report for consideration by the Plenary Session on 6 February.

VI.—COMMITTEE I : AREA AND STRUCTURE

Chairman : Mr A. L. MOFFAT (United States of America)

New Zealand Representatives

Rt Hon. W. NASH

Mr G. R. LAKING

22. The task entrusted to this Committee was, perhaps, of greater importance and difficulty than the work undertaken by any other Committee since it was charged with the responsibility not only of laying down the whole framework of the Commission, but also with that of agreeing upon the questions of the location of headquarters of the Commission, the nature of the Secretariat, and such interim arrangements as might be considered desirable in the initial stages of the establishment of the Commission.