

defences. After France, on behalf of the Four Powers, had explained that there was no intention to demolish any work other than that set out in para. 2 of the article and that the present installations were extensive, modern, and suitable for all needs of local defence, the New Zealand delegation withdrew its amendment

ROUMANIA

The Commission considered the draft peace treaty with Roumania at three meetings.

Of the ten articles and two annexes set down for consideration by the Commission, eight articles and the two annexes were adopted, after discussion, unanimously and without change. A drafting amendment to Article 15 to bring the three official texts into harmony was also unanimously agreed.

Much of the discussion in Commission on this treaty centred round the form of Article 14. There had been unanimous agreement to accept the Belgian amendment proposing the inclusion of atomic weapons in the list of prohibited equipment. This had been originally proposed as an amendment to Article 44 of the Italian treaty and it had been unanimously agreed to apply it to the other four treaties. As many delegations wished to see this article in identical form in all the Balkan treaties, the U.S.A. had suggested deferment of its adoption by the Commission until the fate of a Greek amendment (C.P., Gen. Doc. I.J. 22) to the corresponding Article 12 of the Bulgarian treaty, which proposed the prohibition of motor torpedo-boats to Bulgaria, had been settled.

The Eastern Bloc, apparently anxious to oppose the application of any further restrictions to the "new democratic" State of Roumania, strenuously debated this proposal, wishing to have the article adopted as it was. Subsequently, a serious difference of opinion, only resolved in Plenary Session, developed in the Commission on the correct interpretation to be given the unanimous adoption of the following resolution :—

"The Commission agrees that the articles on prohibitions in the Balkan and Finnish treaties (Article 12 of the Bulgarian treaty; Article 14 of the Roumanian treaty, Article 13 of the Hungarian treaty, and Article 16 of the Finnish treaty) should be in identical language—*i.e.*, that decided upon for Article 12 of the Bulgarian treaty."

BULGARIA

The Commission held nine meetings to examine the military articles of the peace treaty with Bulgaria. It heard the representatives of Bulgaria and considered their written and oral observations.