

REPORT OF THE NEW ZEALAND DELEGATION ON THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, 16 SEPTEMBER - 29 NOVEMBER, 1947

I. LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER FROM CHAIRMAN OF DELEGATION

New Zealand Delegation to the General Assembly,
6 December, 1947.

SIR,—

I have the honour to present the report of the New Zealand delegation, of which I was Chairman, on the second regular session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The Assembly met at Flushing on 16 September, 1947, and continued its sessions, in the Assembly at Flushing and in Committee at Lake Success, until its final meeting on 29 November, 1947. During its meetings the Assembly considered and disposed of sixty-one separate items on the agenda.

In my view the deliberations of this Assembly, which met in circumstances of great difficulty, showed a marked advance over those of the previous Assembly. At the Assembly meetings last year, apart from the preparatory conclusions taken at the meeting in London, the principal result was the resolution on disarmament. I feared then, and this up to the present has unfortunately been shown to be the fact, that this resolution would prove to be nothing more than words ; but at this meeting of the Assembly a considerable number of decisions of primary and fundamental importance have been reached. Whatever may be their practical effect, the decisions made this year, for example, with respect to Palestine, the United Nations Commission for Greece, the United Nations Commission for Korea, and the establishment of the "Little Assembly" are decisions of great moment to the world. They, in themselves, are