

## AGENDA

The Agenda of the Conference comprised the following items:—

- I. Director-General's Report.
- II. Financial and Budgetary Questions.
- III. Report on the Application of Conventions.
- IV. Employment Service Organization (second discussion) and Revision of the Convention Concerning Fee-charging Employment Agencies, 1933.
- V. Vocational Guidance.
- VI. Wages—
  - (a) General Report.
  - (b) Fair Wages Clauses in Public Contracts.
  - (c) Protection of Wages.
- VII. Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organize.
- VIII. Application of the Principles of the Right to Organize and to Bargain Collectively, Collective Agreements, Conciliation and Arbitration, and Co-operation between Public Authorities and Employers' and Workers' Organizations.
- IX. Partial Revision of the Night Work (Women) Convention, 1919, and of the Night Work (Women) Convention (Revised), 1934.
- X. Partial Revision of the Night Work of Young Persons (Industry) Convention, 1919.
- XI. Substitution for the Provisions of the Night Work (Women) Convention (Revised), 1934, and of the Night Work of Young Persons (Industry) Convention, 1919, Contained in the Schedule to the Labour Standards (Non-metropolitan Territories) Convention, 1947, of the Corresponding Provisions of the Revising Conventions proposed.
- XII. Privileges and Immunities of the International Labour Organization.
- XIII. Resolutions.
- XIV. Standing Orders.

For each of the items on the Agenda a report had been prepared by the International Labour Office for circulation to Governments and advance distribution to delegates. Unfortunately, copies of the Director-General's report did not reach New Zealand until the day before the delegation left for the Conference, and the general report on wages was not distributed to delegates until the day on which the Conference opened.

The Conference was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Justin Godart, French Government delegate and French Government representative on the Governing Body, with Mr. N. E. Sumer, of Turkey, as Government Vice-President, Mr. H. C. Oersted, of Denmark, as Employers' Vice-President, and Mr. P. Bengough, of Canada, as Workers' Vice-President. The session was opened by Dr. L. Alvarado, of Peru, in his capacity as Chairman of the Governing Body. In welcoming delegates to the Conference, Mr. D. A. Morse, Acting Secretary of Labour of the United States, read a message from President Truman, from which the following is an extract:—

It is with great pleasure and pride that the people of the United States welcome the Thirty-first Session of the International Labour Conference to this country. We are very much interested in the work of the International Labour Organization, and give it our whole-hearted support. We are impressed by the strength which the Organization has drawn from its tripartite character, under which employers, workers, and Government representatives work together for common objectives. As an old and tested international organization, the International Labour Organization is an important bulwark of our machinery for international co-operation. Its effectiveness in raising world living and working standards has served as an encouraging example, filling us with hope for the success of our co-operative endeavours in other fields.