

Other items considered in the Third Committee included transfer to the United Nations of the functions and powers previously exercised by the League of Nations under the International Conventions on Traffic in Women and Children; a resolution to promote the teaching in schools of the purposes and principles of the United Nations; a resolution aimed at fostering an interchange of workers between nations; preparations for the conference on freedom of information and the press; a resolution urging members to ratify the Constitution of the World Health Organization (the Constitution of which has since come into force); consideration of the social welfare services provided by the United Nations and of the work of the International Children's Emergency Fund.

The Second and Third Committees met together to consider how best to co-ordinate the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and thus prevent overlapping in their activities and unnecessary expense to members. Various proposals led to the adoption, virtually unanimously, of a resolution which called on members to ensure that policy was co-ordinated at the *national* level and which asked specialized agencies to submit reports, programmes, and budgetary estimates to the Secretary-General of the United Nations each year. The resolution also asked the Secretary-General to report to the Council and the Assembly on ways of co-ordinating and presenting more uniformly the budgets of the United Nations and the specialized agencies.

The discussion of this resolution involved the question of the approval of the agreements negotiated by the Council with various specialized agencies. Opinions were divided as to the adequacy of some of these agreements, particularly those with the International Bank and the International Monetary Fund. All, however, were approved.

FOURTH COMMITTEE

The following were the main questions considered by the *Fourth (Trusteeship) Committee* :—

1. *Report of the Trusteeship Council*

The Fourth Committee discussed the report of the first session of the Trusteeship Council held in March-April, 1947, which had been devoted to preliminary organizational work. Of prime importance to New Zealand was the sending of a special mission to Western Samoa, during the general discussion of its report many delegates referred to the constructive attitude of the Council, stressed the importance of the Mission to Western Samoa, and stated that they looked forward with great interest to the publication of the Mission's report.