

The Programme Report falls into six chapters—

*Chapter I: Reconstruction*

Resolutions concerned with educational, scientific, and cultural reconstruction in the war-devastated countries.

*Chapter II: Communication*

Those parts of the programme which seek to increase understanding across national boundaries by various means—first, through visits and exchange of persons ; secondly, through radio, films, and the press ; thirdly, through libraries, books, and publications.

*Chapter III: Education*

Includes “Fundamental Education,” or the education of backward peoples.

*Chapter IV: Cultural Interchange*

Includes, first, a group of resolutions in the fields of arts and letters ; secondly, work on translation and collection of classics and great books ; thirdly, resolutions in the fields of philosophy and the humanities ; and, fourthly, museums.

*Chapter V: Human and Social Relations*

Resolutions relating to fields of study and action which are the common concern of social scientists, humanists, and philosophers.

*Chapter VI: Natural Sciences*

Resolutions relating to man’s knowledge and control of nature.

CHAPTER I: RECONSTRUCTION

It will be recollected that UNESCO is not a direct relief agency and that its main functions in this field are, first, to stimulate and, secondly, to make more effective, efforts at the national level. A considerable amount of work has already been done. Obviously the first thing to do was to discover the dominant needs of each war-devastated country. Field-workers were sent, during 1947, to Austria, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Italy, Poland, and Yugoslavia to carry out detailed inquiries, particularly into the needs of education. Other inquiries were made, mostly by correspondence, into the most clamant needs of libraries and museums in a wide range of countries. The results of these surveys have been made available to the European Economic Commission of the United Nations, and the Economic Commission for the Far East. Such UNESCO publications as “The Book of Needs,” and a monthly illustrated “Reconstruction Newsletter,” have made the salient needs known in member States. A particularly interesting field survey was made into the technical needs in film, press, and radio in twelve countries: Belgium, China,