

Conference, and a third relating to the report of the Preparatory Committee of Experts on Co-ordination of Safety at Sea and in the Air.

The Convention will come into force on the date when twenty-one States, of which seven must each have a total tonnage of not less than 1,000,000 gross tons of shipping, have become parties to the Convention. The question of whether or not New Zealand will become a party to the Convention is under consideration.

5. UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION

New Zealand was represented at the Twelfth Congress of the Universal Postal Union, held in Paris from 7 May to 5 July, 1947. The most important matter discussed at the Congress was the Agreement between the Universal Postal Union (an international organization dating from 1874) and the United Nations Organization. After deliberation, the President of the Congress, on behalf of the Universal Postal Union, signed the Agreement whereby the Universal Postal Union is recognized as a specialized agency of the United Nations Organization. It is obligatory for New Zealand to ratify the Agreement.

6. INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION

The International Telecommunications Conference, held at Atlantic City from 1 July to 2 October, 1947, was attended by representatives of seventy-eight countries, including New Zealand. The Conference, which was convened to revise the International Telecommunications Convention of Madrid, 1932, approved an Agreement between the United Nations Organization and the International Telecommunications Union in which the United Nations recognizes the International Telecommunications Union as a specialized agency. The International Telecommunications Convention agreed to at the Atlantic City Conference will come into force on 1 January, 1949. It is obligatory for New Zealand to ratify the Convention.

7. UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION

The work of this Organization has continued with principal emphasis on the broad objective of encouraging free circulation of information in educational, scientific, and cultural fields among member States. Projects have been initiated with the object of increasing international understanding through visits and exchanges of nationals, through the mass media of radio, films, and the press, and through libraries, books, and publications. In this field, for example, a book