

Havana, and the General Conference, after a vigorous debate, accepted additions to the Commission's resolutions, and passed the following resolutions by a vote of 28 to 2:—

1. To establish, as soon as possible, after consultation with the United Nations and the specialized agencies, regional offices or centres of UNESCO, in order to further the aims of the Organization and to co-ordinate the activities of National Commissions in the major geographical regions of the world.

2. The representatives of UNESCO who conduct the consultation should place before the United Nations and specialized agencies the generous offer of the Cuban delegation made at the second session of the General Conference of UNESCO, as well as the expression of views of delegations to the Conference on the value of opening a regional office in Cuba.

3. That the Executive Board should consider the matter and report to the third session of the General Conference, which shall determine the geographical regions of the world in which the establishment of such offices or centres will best contribute to the aims of the Organization.

4. That, pending the establishment of such regional offices or centres,—

(a) The Executive Board is instructed to consider immediately the possibility of establishing at least one such office or centre during 1948, bearing in mind the needs of different regions as well as facilities likely to be available, in those regions, and especially those available at Havana through the offer of the Cuban Government: mentioned in paragraph 2.

(b) The Director-General is instructed to arrange during 1948 for extended visits of key UNESCO officials to several geographical regions of the world with a view to assisting in the establishment and development of National Commissions.

Resolutions were passed enabling UNESCO, on request, to provide teams of experts to member States, on terms mutually agreed upon, to study and report on specific problems coming within the Organization's sphere of interest.

Relations with Germany

One of the most controversial problems before the Commission was that of UNESCO's relations with Germany. The United Kingdom delegation submitted a memorandum drawing attention to the fact that the Allied Control Authority in Germany had asked UNESCO to state in what ways the Organization would be prepared to help in respect of German education. On the United Kingdom motion, the following resolution was passed by the Commission:—

“That the Director-General be instructed to enter into negotiations with the appropriate allied authorities in Germany in order to ascertain the ways in which the objectives of UNESCO may be promoted in, and in relation to, Germany, and be empowered to incur reasonable expenditure within the approved budget for 1948 in respect of such activities as may be approved by the Executive Board, always provided that the activities are undertaken in agreement with the appropriate Allied Authority in Germany.”