

The activities of the Fund are closely supervised by an Executive Board comprising representatives of twenty-six Governments. New Zealand is represented on the Executive Board and also on the Board's Committee on the Administrative Budget of the Fund. The reports of the Executive Board are submitted to the Economic and Social Council and its Social Commission, and also to the General Assembly of United Nations.

The Fund's activities have, to the extent of its resources, achieved considerable success in providing a well-balanced programme of supplementary feeding. In the main, feeding takes place at approximately thirty thousand schools, hospitals, clinics, and other child centres. Many difficulties have arisen in organizing this programme, including the absence in many cases of the necessary, but elementary, facilities. The major difficulty has been, of course, the scarcity of the Fund's resources and the necessity to establish rigid policies of selection of the children to receive supplementary meals; in many countries medical certificates are required. The short-term results of the Fund's activities in avoiding malnutrition and, in some cases, actual starvation are matched by the long-range effects of the Fund's activities. It is clear that these activities are providing a basis for elaborating and speeding up programmes of child feeding and welfare in many countries, and that they are also having important effects in spreading knowledge of nutrition.

14. UNITED NATIONS APPEAL FOR CHILDREN

The fifth session of the Economic and Social Council examined closely the plans formulated by the Secretary-General for the organization of the world-wide campaign to raise funds for the relief of distressed children. Its decisions clarified various features of the nature of the United Nations Appeal for Children, the timing of the appeal, and the provisions of the agreements to be entered into between the Secretary-General and the different participating countries. It urged the fullest support by all peoples and authorized the establishment of an International Advisory Committee (including representatives of the principal international non-governmental organizations taking part, and of the different national committees) to assist the Secretary-General in co-ordinating the national appeals and in organizing his relations with the organizations sponsoring the appeal. The Council also established a Committee of seven of its members to assist the Secretary-General in applying the policies set forth in the Council's resolutions. New Zealand is a member of this Committee, and the New Zealand representative, Dr. W. B. Sutch, was elected its Chairman and Rapporteur; he has also acted as the representative of the New Zealand National Committee for UNAC on the International Advisory Committee.