

and organizations, a tendency which is difficult to discourage without incurring the risk of misinterpretation or of prejudicing the advance of international co-operation and good will. New Zealand has of necessity, however, been obliged to confine her participation in such activity to a level commensurate with her resources and compatible with an effective contribution to international progress and with the promotion of her own essential interests.

Appendix 2 contains a list of New Zealand's overseas posts coming under the Department's jurisdiction, and Appendix 3 a list of international conferences at which New Zealand was represented during the year. The activities of the several posts are dealt with briefly under the heading "New Zealand's Representation Overseas" (pages 86 to 98).

3. INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY

An ever-increasing demand for information about New Zealand is being met by this country's representatives overseas. In order that the numerous and diverse inquiries may be answered satisfactorily, the Department ensures that the overseas posts are well informed on matters of importance to this Dominion.

To this end a weekly newsletter and newspaper clippings are despatched, providing a regular and factual record of events and opinions. During the year the distribution of the newsletter has been extended to all Government agents and associations of New Zealanders in foreign countries.

In addition, the Department anticipates the needs of tourists, potential immigrants, students, and other interested people by providing the Information Officer at each post with material on all aspects of New Zealand life. In this respect the Prime Minister's Information Section, which includes the National Film Unit and the National Publicity Studios, gives valuable assistance. Films, film strips, photographs, displays, maps, posters, background articles, and pamphlets are being sent overseas in steadily increasing quantities.

In addition to booklets covering a wide variety of topics, such as agriculture, social services, the Maori people, and scenic attractions, which are supplied in liberal quantities for distribution to the general public, the libraries of the overseas posts are continually furnished with the most useful of New Zealand publications for both reference and lending purposes.

For the information of Parliament and the public the Department publishes regularly reports of New Zealand delegations to international conferences, treaties to which New Zealand is a party, and the text of important international documents affecting New Zealand.