

resolution approving the agreement. This resolution was later confirmed by the General Assembly by 30 votes (N.Z.) to 6 with 3 abstentions.

Economic Development and Migration

During discussion of Chapter II of the Economic and Social Council report in the Second Committee, the delegations of *Peru*, and of *Ecuador* and *Colombia* jointly, submitted resolutions concerning economic development and migration. As migration concerns also the Third Committee, it was decided to refer the resolutions to the Joint Committee.

The *Peruvian* resolution required the Economic and Social Council to consider the advisability of establishing a Migration Commission, while the joint *Ecuador-Colombian* resolution sought the Economic and Social Council's co-operation with member Governments in the survey of undeveloped and of over-populated areas, and extension of assistance, including financial assistance, for development and migration. Representatives of several *Latin American* countries spoke of their need for further population and of the contrasting labour surplus in Europe.

The representatives of *Byelorussia* and of *Belgium* denied any suggestion of a labour surplus in Europe, and stated that in many countries reconstruction was impeded by lack of skilled man-power. Representatives of the *Philippines*, *India*, and *Pakistan* referred to the fact that Latin American countries looked solely to Europe for further labour, discriminating against the Orient, where there was undeniable over-population.

At the request of the Committee, the Director-General of the International Labour Organization (Mr David Morse) outlined the work being carried out by the International Labour Organization in connection with migration, particularly in protecting migrant labour, and their co-operation with the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and the Economic Commission for Latin America in practical technical work.

The *New Zealand* delegate (Mr J. Thorn) drew the Committee's attention to the work already being done in this field not only by organs of the United Nations, but also by various specialized agencies. In the Latin American region, to which the Committee had been giving particular thought, the Economic Commission for Latin America would be able to study the special aspects of migration peculiar to these areas. He therefore suggested that the Committee merely note the draft resolution and convey the tenor of its discussions to the Economic and Social Council.

The *Soviet* delegate (Professor Arutinian) supported the New Zealand view that adequate measures were already being taken, adding that in essence migration must remain principally a domestic matter for any