

various specialized agencies and other organizations concerned to contribute supplies and services to the extent their financial resources and respective constitutions permitted (this in particular reference to \$6,000,000 allocated by the Children's Fund).

The *New Zealand* delegation and others doubted the wisdom of using the Working Capital Fund for such purposes, and suggested that, instead of creating a possibly undesirable precedent, it would be better to include the \$5,000,000 directly in the United Nations budget.

An alternative draft resolution submitted by *France* and *New Zealand* provided for direct contributions from member States, to be paid in currencies other than United States dollars so far as possible, and for the appointment of a special Advisory Committee of experts designated by the President of the Assembly to assist the Secretary-General in his task.

Amendments to the joint resolution were also submitted by *Bolivia*, *Cuba*, *Norway*, *Poland*, and *Venezuela*, and a sub-committee of fifteen members, including the sponsors of all the resolutions and amendments, was set up to draft a single resolution. Although the *United States* strongly opposed the creation of an Advisory Committee, the sub-committee finally agreed "to the convoking at the discretion of the Secretary-General of an *ad hoc* Advisory Committee of seven members to be selected by the President of the General Assembly to which the Secretary-General may submit any matter of principle or policy upon which he would like the benefit of their advice." The *French - New Zealand* proposal for direct governmental contributions was defeated. The draft resolution approved by the sub-committee was therefore a compromise between the joint draft and the *French - New Zealand* draft and contained essential parts of each.

This resolution was quickly passed by the main Committee and by the General Assembly. The position now is that the Secretary-General is to appoint a Director for Palestine Refugee Relief. He has an Advisory Committee to assist him and member States are by voluntary gifts to provide funds or supplies in kind. Various specialized agencies, the Children's Fund, the Red Cross organizations, and voluntary societies are to assist.

International Children's Emergency Fund

The report of the Executive Board of the International Children's Emergency Fund showed that the Fund was operating in Europe and the Far East and providing supplementary food for children and nursing mothers. In collaboration with the World Health Organization, the Fund was using, on a vast scale, the BCG anti-tuberculosis programme, which was being extended to North Africa, Lebanon, Pakistan, India, and Mexico, and was likely to be extended further.