

The expenditure eventually recommended by the Committee for 1949, including all supplementary estimates, amounted to \$43,487,128. Miscellaneous income for the same year is expected to yield \$4,794,550, leaving the net total of expenditure for 1949 at \$38,692,578. This, however, is not the net figure assessable against Governments for 1949. To obtain this, certain adjustments in respect of savings on appropriations for previous years and variations in receipts of income over estimates must be included. These bring the net total assessable against Governments for 1949 to an amount of \$41,650,814, of which New Zealand's share at one-half of 1 per cent. amounts to approximately \$208,254.

In the Assembly the appropriation resolution recommended by the Committee was approved by 48 votes (N.Z.) with 6 abstentions. Concern was expressed by the *Belgian* and *Soviet* delegates at the mounting size of the budget. The resolution relating to the Working Capital Fund, which is to be maintained at \$20,000,000 and the resolution dealing with unforeseen and extraordinary expenses, were approved by the Assembly without vote.

Supplementary Estimates for 1948

Supplementary estimates for 1948 amounting to \$4,460,541 were approved, thus increasing the total appropriated for 1948 from \$34,825,195 to \$39,285,736.

1947 Accounts

The Committee recommended resolutions (1) accepting the financial report and accounts for the financial period ended 31 December, 1947, and the certificate of the Board of Auditors; (2) accepting the financial report, accounts, and Board of Auditors' certificate for the same period of the International Children's Emergency Fund; and (3) taking note of the report of the Staff Benefit Committee.

Scale of Assessments for the Apportionment of the Expenses of the United Nations

The Committee recommended two resolutions under this heading. One of these, after recognizing, *inter alia*, that in normal times no one member State should contribute more than one-third of the ordinary expenses of the United Nations for any one year, accepted the principle of a ceiling to be fixed on the percentage rate of contribution of the member State bearing the highest assessment. The rate is to be fixed by the General Assembly when existing maladjustments in the present scale have been removed and, as world economic conditions improve, a more permanent scale is proposed.