

The other resolution specified the actual scale of assessments for 1949 (New Zealand's assessment remains at 0.50 per cent.—i.e., one-half of 1 per cent.) and empowered the Secretary-General to accept at his discretion and after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee a portion of the 1949 contributions in currencies other than United States dollars.

Regulations for the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

The Committee examined and recommended for adoption by the Assembly regulations for the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

Tax Equalization : Staff Assessment Plan

The Committee agreed on a draft resolution containing the structure of a staff assessment plan on a pattern resembling that of national income-tax. Another resolution provides for the raising of existing tax-free salary rates to gross rates which, after deduction of assessments, will yield approximately the same net income. A third resolution requests relief for United Nations employees from double taxation ; and a fourth authorizes the reimbursement of staff members for any national income-taxes paid in respect of payments received from the United Nations during 1949.

United Nations Postal Administration

The Committee recommended a resolution approving in principle the establishment of a United Nations postal administration and authorizing the Secretary-General to conclude arrangements with various Governments, beginning with those in which the main United Nations offices are situated, for the issue of special or overprinted postage-stamps. No financial loss to the United Nations is to be incurred as a result of the latter arrangement.

Composition of the Secretariat and the Principles of Geographical Distribution

The Committee recommended a resolution noting with approval the progress made by the Secretary-General in the field of geographical distribution of the staff and recommending that with due regard to certain other principles embodied in the Charter he continue his efforts towards the objective of staffing on as wide a geographical basis as possible all internationally recruited posts and grades.

Travelling and Subsistence Expenses

A resolution was recommended setting out the principles which are to govern payment of travelling and subsistence expenses to representatives to the General Assembly and members of commissions and other bodies.