

SECTION 9—INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION

(1) The report of the Government delegates to the Thirty-first Session of the International Labour Conference has already been presented as Parliamentary Paper A-7A, 1948. The following conventions and recommendation were adopted by the Conference.

(i) *Employment Service Convention, 1948*.—The convention requires that a free public service to achieve and maintain full employment be established consisting of a national system of employment offices. It shall provide effective placement facilities and shall include arrangements for co-operation of employers and workers through Advisory Committees. New Zealand's National Employment Service meets the requirements of the convention and ratification is under consideration.

(ii) *Employment Service Recommendation, 1948*.—This recommendation deals in more detail with the matters covered by the convention. There is nothing in it contrary to New Zealand practice.

(iii) *Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organize Convention, 1948*.—This convention in general provides that workers and employers shall have the right to establish and join organizations of their own choosing without previous authorization and that the right to organize shall be protected by law. The convention is being studied with a view to ratification.

(iv) *Night Work (Women) Convention (Revised), 1948*.—In general the convention prohibits night work of women in industry, "night" signifying a period of at least eleven consecutive hours, seven of these hours falling between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. It is a revision of earlier conventions in the direction of greater flexibility. As New Zealand has already ratified the Night Work (Women) Convention (Revised), 1934, ratification of this convention should present little difficulty.

(v) *Night Work of Young Persons (Industry) Convention (Revised), 1948*.—As the Convention in general prohibits night work of young persons in industry under eighteen years of age, ratification would involve changes in the law.

(2) *New Director-General*.—Following the retirement of Mr. E. J. Phelan, Mr. David A. Morse, United States Acting-Secretary of Labour, was elected by the Governing Body of the I.L.O. at its one hundred and fifth session in June, 1948, as the Director-General of the I.L.O.

(3) *Membership of the I.L.O.*—With the admission of Ceylon, El Salvador, and the Republic of the Philippines at the Thirty-first Session of the Conference, membership now stands at 59 countries.

(4) *Publications of the I.L.O.*—Apart from special studies and reports, the following regular publications continue to be received:—

International Labour Review (Monthly) contains articles on economic and social topics, statistics of employment, wages, cost of living, &c.

Legislative Series.—Reprints and translations of industrial and social laws and regulations of all countries.

Industrial Safety Survey.—Contains articles and information on problems of accident prevention.

Year-Book of Labour Statistics.—Contains statistics of employment, hours of work, wages, prices, migration, &c.

Official Bulletin.—Contains official documents and information concerning the I.L.O., including the texts adopted by the Conference and other meetings.

These publications are always available at the library of the Department to persons concerned with industrial and social work.

(5) *Permanent Migration Committee of the I.L.O.*—The Third Session of the Committee took place in Geneva from the 13th to 27th January, 1949. The agenda was as follows:—

I. Revision of the Migration for Employment Convention, 1939, and accompanying recommendations.

II. Formulation of Principles Concerning Migration for Land Settlement.

III. Migration within the Man Power Programme of the I.L.O.

IV. Migration and re-settlement of "Specialists."

V. Methods to Further Exchanges of Trainees, Including the Preparation of a Model Agreement.

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