

The Committee also dealt with a *Scandinavian* proposal for the "creation of an *ad hoc* Committee to consider methods and procedures which would enable the General Assembly to discharge its functions more effectively and expeditiously." This item had been submitted to the earlier part of the session but had not been dealt with at the time. In addition, because of the fact that the First Committee's agenda was so heavy, the Assembly found it desirable during the session to allocate the following items to the *ad hoc* Political Committee :—

1. Observance in Bulgaria and Hungary of human rights and fundamental freedoms (trial of Church leaders).

2. Question of Indonesia.

3. The application of Israel for membership in the United Nations.

Furthermore, since the Third Committee was fully occupied in dealing with the question of freedom of information, the Assembly decided to refer the following Third Committee item to this Committee—

Study of the social problems of the aboriginal populations and other under-developed social groups of the American continent.

Study of Methods for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Political Field

The report of the New Zealand delegation on the first part of the third regular session contains an outline of the recommendations submitted by the Interim Committee regarding methods for giving effect to the provisions of the Charter dealing with the general principles of co-operation in the maintenance of international peace and security. Of the four proposals recommended by the Interim Committee, two were adopted by the *ad hoc* Political Committee in Paris and the decision regarding the remaining two was deferred until the second part of the session.

The two adopted by the Committee at the first part of the session were—

- (1) Restoration to the General Act of 26 September, 1928, of its original efficacy. This proposal was adopted by the General Assembly by a vote of 45 (N.Z.) to 6 with 1 abstention.

- (2) Appointment of a rapporteur or conciliator for a situation or a dispute brought to the attention of the Security Council. The Committee's draft resolution on this question was also adopted by the Assembly by a vote of 47 (N.Z.) to 6 with 1 abstention.

The remaining proposals of the Interim Committee were as follows :—

- (1) *Proposed Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly Providing for the Performance by the President of the General Assembly or by Persons Appointed by Him of the Functions of a*