

5. Creation of a Sub-commission of the Social Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the study of the social problems of the aboriginal populations of the American continent: item proposed by Bolivia.

During the session it became apparent that the Committee would have difficulty in completing its agenda, and the fifth item, study of the social problems of American aborigines, was transferred to the *ad hoc* Political Committee. Consideration of this item is recorded in the report of that Committee.

In the last week of the session the fourth item, regarding discrimination practised against migrant labour, was withdrawn at the request of the *Polish* delegation, who stated that they preferred to submit the item for the provisional agenda of the Fourth General Assembly.

Slavery

Although the Third Committee did not discuss the question of slavery at this session, a recommendation by the Committee was still before the Assembly. The Assembly approved, without objection, a resolution requesting the Economic and Social Council to study the problem of slavery at its next session.

Freedom of Information

The Committee had referred to it by the Economic and Social Council the three Conventions drawn up at the International Conference on Freedom of Information—viz., the Conventions on the Gathering and International Transmission of News, the Right of Correction, and Freedom of Information. The Economic and Social Council had itself prepared a redraft of the first Convention, but the Third Committee set out to consider all three, article by article. There was insufficient time to complete the third Convention, that on Freedom of Information, and this has been deferred to the Fourth General Assembly.

Early in the discussion the *French* delegation proposed that the first Convention, affording rights to correspondents in respect of the gathering and international transmission of news, should be amalgamated with the second, which provided a right of correction in respect of false and distorted reports. The French proposal was accepted by the Committee since it was felt that no Government should be entitled to the right of correction unless they extended to correspondents the facilities assured by the Convention on the Gathering and International Transmission of News.

The text of the amalgamated Convention, to be known as the Convention on the International Transmission of News and the Right of Correction, appears as an Appendix to this report. It contains three sections. The first affords privileges to correspondents and information agencies in the gathering and transmission of news, and lays down the