

to the people concerned. However, as the allegations made had all been replied to and denied on former occasions they could only consider the Polish, Soviet, and other similar speeches to have been made for propaganda purposes.

The *United Kingdom* representative replied in substance to the points made in the Polish speech, citing the numbers of copies of *Pravda*, *Izvestia*, &c., distributed to the camps and quoting extracts from *Pravda* to the effect that the great majority of former Soviet citizens in the camps chose repatriation rather than resettlement. This statement, he said, was untrue, but the existence of two completely contrasting Soviet statements, each of them official—(*i.e.*, the extract quoted from *Pravda* and the charges made in Committee by Soviet delegates that former Soviet citizens were not being repatriated—indicated the futility of attempting to reply. He described the universality of social security and workers' compensation provisions in England, and stated that from the time displaced persons were first admitted, trade unions had insisted upon migrants receiving union rates, to avoid any possibility of their becoming a pool of cheap labour competing with union members.

A *Polish* resolution involving criticism of the administration of displaced persons' camps and of the treatment accorded migrants was defeated by 6 votes in favour, 19 (N.Z.) against, with 11 abstentions, and the Committee adopted a resolution taking note of the Secretary-General's report on resettlement and repatriation of displaced persons.

In plenary session the *Polish* resolution was resubmitted and was again rejected by 6 votes in favour, 31 (N.Z.) against, with 14 abstentions, and the Committee's resolution adopted by 42 (N.Z.) to 6 with 4 abstentions.

VIII. FIFTH COMMITTEE : ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

Chairman : Mr G. IGNATIEFF (*Canada*)

Vice-Chairman : Mr A. I. GALAGAN (*Ukraine*)

Rapporteur : Mr O. P. MACHADO (*Brazil*)

New Zealand Representatives :

Sir CARL BERENDSEN

Dr W. B. SUTCH

Mr C. CRAW

Appointment to Fill Vacancy in the Membership of the Committee on Contributions

A vacancy had occurred in the membership of this Committee as the result of the resignation of Dr Martinez Cabanas, to whose valuable work tributes were paid by the members of the Committee.