Eventually the Committee adopted a resolution which recommended that the Economic and Social Council, with the assistance of the specialized agencies and in collaboration with the Institute Indigenista Interamericano, should study the situation of the aboriginal population and "other under-developed groups" of the States of the American continent requesting such help.

New Zealand, with a number of other countries, abstained on this resolution, believing the problem to be so complex that it should simply be referred to the Economic and Social Council without in any way tying the hands of that Council. Furthermore, the studies to which the Council was being invited to proceed were already being pursued by a Commission of the International Labour Organization. The resolution was eventually adopted by the Assembly by 37 in favour, with 14 abstentions (N.Z.).

## VII. THIRD COMMITTEE: SOCIAL, HUMANITARIAN, AND CULTURAL QUESTIONS

Chairman: Dr. Charles Malik (Lebanon)

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Dr. R. Noriega (Mexico)

Rapporteur: Mr. E. St Lot (Haiti)

New Zealand Representatives
Sir Carl Berendsen
Dr. W. B. Sutch
Miss H. N. Hampton

## Agenda

When the Third Committee resumed it had the following agenda:—

- 1. Freedom of information: Report of the Economic and Social Council.
  - 2. Report of the Economic and Social Council (Chapter III).
  - 3. Refugees and displaced persons—
  - (a) Problem of refugees and displaced persons: item proposed by Poland.
  - (b) Repatriation, resettlement, and immigration of refugees and displaced persons: report of the Economic and Social Council.
- 4. Discriminations practised by certain States against immigrant labour and in particular against labour recruited from the ranks of refugees; item proposed by Poland.