

conference of representatives should be called in the coming year "to discuss the administrative problems which have arisen during the working of the fellowship scheme."

SOCIAL SCIENCES

The work of the Sub-Commission on Social Sciences was made easier by a working plan which was praised by many delegates for its conciseness and lucidity. One of the two meetings was devoted to a discussion of the inquiry into tensions affecting international understanding. It became evident that most delegations had passed from an early scepticism to an acceptance of this project. There was a general realization that the project would have to move slowly and that it would be unrealistic to look for short-term results. It was pointed out by the New Zealand delegate, however, that there would be incidental results of great value, especially in the promotion of research in the social sciences in countries where research hitherto has not been extensive. A further advantage will be the establishment of wider contacts between social scientists throughout the world.

When the discussion passed from general consideration to specific details, the difficulties of the project became more apparent. At the end of the meeting the delegates had not passed beyond the first of nine programme resolutions. It was obvious that some of the delegates were imperfectly acquainted with a project which has become highly technical in its approach to new methods in education and psychology. The New Zealand delegate therefore moved that, since the early discussion had shown complete agreement with the project, the resolutions should be accepted in entirety. This motion was adopted.

A second meeting of the Sub-Commission dealt with international organizations in the social sciences. Here, too, it was found that delegations approved the work undertaken by the department. An additional proposal was that a grant-in-aid should be made to the International Statistical Institute "if a satisfactory agreement is reached with that Institute." The Sub-Commission's report was adopted by the Programme and Budget Commission.

CULTURAL QUESTIONS

The Sub-Commission on Cultural Questions was under strong pressure to recommend the setting-up of a regional cultural centre in the Middle East instead of a cultural liaison office at UNESCO Headquarters for the Middle East. This was resisted, but there is little doubt that the demand will be repeated in the future, and similar requests have come from other sources—*e.g.*, the Far East,