

RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The General Conference approved the policy of making payments to international non-governmental and semi-governmental organizations in its fields of interest. Payments take the form of—

(a) Contracts for the execution of surveys, investigations, reports, &c.

(b) Subsidies or grants-in-aid, which are normally only made to supplement the income of the organization from other sources, and which may be used to pay for transportation and publication expenses for conferences and congresses.

Under the latter heading, a grant of \$20,000 was made to the Seventh Pan-Pacific Science Congress in New Zealand in February, 1949.

Agreements with the International Council of Museums, the International Council of Scientific Unions, and the World Federation of United Nations Associations were extended for twelve months. A resolution was adopted instructing the Executive Board to make triennially a critical examination and review of the employment of grants-in-aid and payments under contract, and of the results obtained through them.

The Director-General was instructed to consider the possibility of publishing a handbook of international non-governmental organizations. He was further instructed to examine the proposal for an international council or union of organizations working for peace and international understanding.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

The work of the Administrative Commission was of the utmost importance. It was now possible to survey the organization and administration of the Secretariat after two full years of operation. New Zealand was represented by Mr. D. Cairns.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The auditor's report showed the accounts of the Organization to be in a most satisfactory state. This was in direct contrast to the unsatisfactory report presented at the Mexico City Conference of 1947.

The Administrative Commission discussed in detail a resolution by the United States of America recommending that no member State in normal times should pay more than $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. of the UNESCO Budget. This resolution was approved in principle by the Conference. As a first step in implementing the decision the United States contribution for 1949 was reduced by 2.85 per cent.