

recommended that no international conference on the subject need be called in the meantime. These recommendations were approved by the Economic and Social Council at its seventh session.

At its third session, held from 21 to 30 March, 1949, the Commission devoted attention to the unification of maritime tonnage measurement and the effect of Customs and other formalities on the international transport of goods. The Commission also considered various problems involving the co-ordination of work undertaken by other international bodies and the specialized agencies in the field of transport and communications.

(v) *Economic and Employment Commission*

The Economic and Employment Commission, which was established in 1946 to furnish advice to the Economic and Social Council and assist it to discharge its responsibilities in the economic field, held its third session at Lake Success from 19 April to 6 May, 1948. Most of the Commission's time was devoted to consideration of the reports of its Sub-Commissions on Economic Development and Employment and Economic Stability.

The Commission drew attention to the expert assistance which might be made available to member Governments in connection with their economic development programmes by the Secretary-General and specialized agencies and, while emphasizing that the finances required for economic development have to come predominantly from the efforts of the people concerned, urged members to seek means of increasing international credits and loans and foreign private investments in this field.

In its discussions on employment and stability the Commission devoted most of its attention to the inflationary conditions prevalent at the time, but directed the Secretariat and Sub-Commission to give priority to studies of action to maintain full employment and stability and prevent depression and of methods of recognizing incipient down turns, in preference to studies of counter-cyclical action to be taken in the event of a depression.

The Commission has not so far produced many worth-while recommendations on the important subjects with which it is entrusted, and during its third session the Commission set up a Committee on Organization to review its existing terms of reference and organizational structure. It is hoped that suggestions for improvement will result from these deliberations.

(vi) *Commission on the Status of Women*

The third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (21 March to 4 April, 1949) considered the right of women to vote and to hold public office ; the participation of women in the work