

During this period New Zealand was represented at the following conferences :—

- (1) The first session of the International Administrative Aeronautical Radio Conference, which opened at Geneva on 15 May, 1948, but went into recess on 25 September, 1948, and is to reassemble on 31 July, 1949. The main task of this conference is to draw up a frequency allocation plan for the Aeronautical Mobile Service.
- (2) The International Consultative Committee, which held its fifth plenary session at Stockholm on 12 July, 1948, with a view to discussing the band widths, operating problems of radio band standards for monitoring stations, and other technical problems.
- (3) The Preparatory Committee for the Third Region Frequency Conference, which met at Geneva during September, 1948, to make a preliminary survey of the work to be done at the Third Region Frequency Conference, scheduled to commence in Geneva in May, 1949—namely, the reallocation of frequencies within the region as required by the Atlantic City Radio Regulations 1947.
- (4) The International High Frequency Broadcasting Conference, which opened at Mexico City on 23 October, 1948. The task of this conference was to adopt a high frequency broadcasting allocation plan. A satisfactory measure of agreement was reached and an adequate allocation was made to New Zealand, which was one of the fifty-one countries to sign the resulting convention. Eighteen countries, including the United States of America and the U.S.S.R. have not yet become signatories, but it is hoped that with further study this difficulty will be resolved in the near future.

NEW ZEALAND'S REPRESENTATION OVERSEAS

1. GENERAL

The scope of New Zealand's representation overseas has been enlarged during the year by the establishment in February, 1949, of a Consulate-General of New Zealand at San Francisco. This step was taken to meet the greatly increased volume of consular, shipping, and business activity affecting New Zealand on the west coast of the United States of America, undertaken in the main up to that time by the Honorary New Zealand Government Agent in San Francisco. The establishment of this Consulate-General brings the number of New Zealand's diplomatic missions, High Commissioners' Offices, and consular offices up to eight; a summary