

Eight Ministers of Labour from different countries were in attendance; and, in addition, the British Minister of Labour and National Service, the Right Hon. Mr. Isaacs, addressed the Conference.

The following official international organizations were represented by observers:—

UNRRA;

Inter-governmental Committee on Refugees;

Conference of Allied Ministers of Education; and

European Inland Transport Organization.

The President of the Conference was Mr. Parodi, Minister of Labour in the French Government.

The Vice-Presidents of the Conference were—

Mr. Trujillo Gurria, Government delegate (Mexico):

Sir John Forbes-Watson, employers' delegate (United Kingdom):

Mr. G. Andersson, workers' delegate (Sweden).

Prior to the formal sittings of the Conference the respective groups—governmental workers, and employers—met on the 13th October to elect their representatives on the different Conference Committees and the Vice-Presidents mentioned above.

The Conference and Committees of Conference met in the historical University of Paris (Sorbonne). The arrangements for delegates made by the French authorities were the best possible under exceedingly difficult circumstances existing.

Food, warmth, and consumable goods were in exceedingly short supply. Prices of commodities were exceedingly high. The Secretariat and staff of the International Labour Organization are to be commended for the manner in which arrangements were made for the functioning of the Conference. It was remarkable how the arrangements were made in view of the circumstances prevailing. Stationery, equipment, transport, and accommodation were most difficult to obtain, yet in the face of these difficulties, details of which are too numerous to mention, the staff performed miracles of organization and thus enabled the Conference to carry out its functions in an efficient and business-like manner.

Many improvisations calling for care, ingenuity, and foresight assisted in the carrying-out of the work.

The French officials and people were extremely courteous and helpful in all matters. The Parisians were still suffering from the deadening effect of the German occupation, but many signs were prevalent of their resurgence to their normal method of life. The Parisians are justifiably proud of their efforts to dislodge the German occupying Forces on the approach of the Allied Armies in August, 1944. We saw many signs of the sporadic fighting which took place in Paris, and plaques on the corners of numerous historical buildings indicate where sons and daughters of Paris had made the supreme sacrifice in their effort to hasten the retreat of the Germans.

#### COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE

The standing Committees of Conference were:—

Selection Committee:

Credentials Committee:

Committee of Standing Orders:

Resolutions Committee.