

THE COMMISSIONS

After general discussions by the Plenary Conference the draft treaties were referred to the appropriate Commissions for study. The Plenary Conference then voted article by article upon the draft treaties and upon recommendations made by the Commissions.

In general, the principle was that the treaties should be made by the countries actually at war with the ex-enemy State in question, but this principle was not applied consistently. All the twenty-one members of the Conference (including Norway, who was technically not at war with any of the five ex-enemies) were represented, and had the right to vote in the Plenary Conference, the General Commission, the Military Commission, and the Legal and Drafting Commission.

The following Commissions were established—

1. *General Commission*

Membership : All twenty-one member States.

Functions : To assist the Plenary Conference ; to co-ordinate the work of the various Commissions. (This Commission had only one meeting, at which it elected its officers. Russia, believing that the General Commission, on which she would be outvoted, might be the key body of the Conference, insisted instead that, in so far as the Conference might have a Steering Committee, it should be the General Secretariat.)

2-6. *Five Political and Territorial Commissions—for Italy, Roumania, Bulgaria, Hungary, and Finland*

Membership : Members of the Council of Foreign Ministers and member States at war with the enemy State in question (*i.e.*, Italy : twenty States—all except Norway. *Roumania* : twelve States—U.S.S.R., U.K., U.S.A., France, Australia, Byelo-Russian S.S.R., Canada, Czechoslovakia, India, New Zealand, Ukrainian S.S.R., Union of South Africa. *Bulgaria* : thirteen States—U.S.S.R., U.K., U.S.A., France, Australia, Byelo-Russian S.S.R., Czechoslovakia, Greece, India, New Zealand, Ukrainian S.S.R., Union of South Africa, Yugoslavia. *Hungary* : fourteen States—U.S.S.R., U.K., U.S.A., France, Australia, Byelo-Russian S.S.R., Canada, Czechoslovakia, Greece, India, New Zealand, Ukrainian S.S.R., Union of South Africa, Yugoslavia. *Finland* : twelve States—U.S.S.R., U.K., U.S.A., France, Australia, Byelo-Russian S.S.R., Canada, Czechoslovakia, India, New Zealand, Ukrainian S.S.R., Union of South Africa. (The U.S.A., however, did not attend meetings of the Finnish Commission.)

7. *Economic Commission for Italy*

Membership : States at war with Italy (twenty States—*i.e.*, all except Norway).

Functions : To consider the economic and financial clauses of the treaty with Italy.