

The Conference approved of the scale of contributions to be paid by Austria, Finland, and Siam as 0.05 per cent., 0.10 per cent., and 0.30 per cent. respectively, whilst the contribution of India and Pakistan separately is to be determined by the two parties in consultation—the total being the amount normally prescribed for India prior to the partition. The contribution of Burma is being arranged between the Governments of the United Kingdom and Burma.

Many members showed concern over the difficulty of paying contributions in United States dollars, as prescribed by the financial regulations. A study is to be made whether it is possible for countries to pay some proportion of their annual contributions in currencies other than dollars.

### SITE OF PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS OF FAO

Article IX of the Constitution of FAO provides that the seat of the Organization shall be determined by the Conference ; such a determination was made at Quebec when the Conference enacted a Rule of Procedure providing that the seat of the Organization shall be situated at the same place as the headquarters of the United Nations Organization, with temporary headquarters situated at Washington.

When this decision was made, the permanent seat of the United Nations headquarters had not been determined. This, however, was known when the agreement between the United Nations and FAO was formally approved, and the latter contained a statement reiterating that the headquarters of FAO should be situated at the permanent headquarters of the United Nations. This statement was made, however, subject to the following provisos : that FAO could effectively and economically discharge its duties there ; could maintain effectively liaison with other Specialized Agencies ; and that satisfactory accommodation and necessary facilities could be provided.

The Conference had before it a report submitted by the Director-General dealing with the advantages and disadvantages of various sites, and in particular, New York, Washington, and Geneva. The United Kingdom Government favoured the latter site, and forced a decision in the plenary session to determine whether Rule XXXII of the Rules of Procedure (which governs the site position) should be revoked. It was thought, if this were done, the Council of FAO could start afresh in the study of the various sites which may be available. The motion was lost in plenary session, but reopened again by the delegate from Canada, who moved a resolution to the effect that, as circumstances had changed since the Conference decided in 1945 to place the headquarters of the Organization at the headquarters of the United Nations and the latter has since been established at New York, the Council give further consideration to the matter and bring forward