

The Quebec Conference recommended establishing regional offices. The Executive Committee approved of arrangements for the temporary appointment of a senior official in each region to be seconded by his government to FAO for a year to assist in developing the work of the Organization in that region.

In Europe, an office has been set up in the buildings of the International Institute of Agriculture, which has now been incorporated in FAO. Mahmoud Tewfik Pasha Hefnawy, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Cairo, and formerly Minister of Agriculture for Egypt, has been seconded by the Egyptian Government as Temporary Regional Adviser for the Middle East. Mr. Chien Tien-Ho, lately Administrative Vice-Minister of Agriculture and Forestry for China, has been seconded for work in that country. The Government of India has been asked to second an official as Regional Adviser. Arrangements have been made for an informal meeting of the Latin American delegates during the Geneva Conference to consider the problem of regional offices in Latin America.

The Conference will be asked to approve the setting up of regional offices for Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and Latin America. If the permanent site of the Organization is in one of these regions, a regional office will not of course be necessary.

For economy and efficiency it is desirable that as soon as possible the regional offices of all the specialized agencies should be at the same centres. Every specialized agency will be consulted before deciding on the permanent sites of regional offices.

## CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS

In the work of the Organization contributing to "an expanding world economy," it is essential to have the closest co-operation with the Economic and Social Council, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Monetary Fund, and the International Trade Organization when formed; and the work for "bettering the condition of rural people" is closely interlocked with the work of the International Labour Organization, the World Health Organization, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

That co-operation is being developed as rapidly as possible. The agreement between the United Nations and FAO, approved by the Copenhagen Conference, has been approved also by the General Assembly of the United Nations. FAO is participating in the Co-ordinating Committee appointed by the Economic and Social Council. Informal discussions have taken place between the heads of the organizations with a view to getting joint action in the fields of activity which fall within the sphere of more than one organization.

## MISSIONS

A full report of the Mission for Greece has been published. A mission is at present working in Poland and a group of technical experts in Venezuela. Negotiations are proceeding for missions to Hungary and Siam and further technical assistance to Venezuela.