

#### 4. THE AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE

The agenda for the Preparatory Asian Regional Conference was drawn up to include a comprehensive range of subjects covering the large field of social and economic background, which required to be surveyed in preparation for a regional conference of a more particularized nature.

The items on the agenda, for each of which the Office prepared a preliminary report, were—

- (1) Problems of Social Security :
- (2) Labour Policy in General, including the Enforcement of Labour Measures :
- (3) Programme of Action over a Period of Years for the Enforcement of Social Standards embodied in the Conventions and Recommendations adopted by the International Labour Conference, but not yet ratified by the Countries concerned :
- (4) The General Economic Background of Social Policy, including Problems of Industrialization :
- (5) Report of the Director-General.

No attempt was to be made to arrive at recommendations or conventions. The decisions reached were to be expressed in the form of resolutions.

#### 5. OPENING PROCEEDINGS

##### (1) ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

The Conference was opened by Sir Guildhaume Myrddin-Evans, Chairman of the Governing Body, and addressed by Pandit Nehru, the Prime Minister of India. On the motion of Mr. Pao Hua-kuo (Government delegate, China) Supported by Mr. Khan (employers' delegate, Pakistan) and Dr. R. De Silva (workers' delegate, Ceylon), the Honourable Shri Jagjivan Ram, Minister for Labour, India, was unanimously elected President of the Conference.

The following were unanimously elected Vice-Presidents of the Conference :—

- Mr. Pao Hua-kuo (Government delegate, China).
- Mr. L. Cresson (employers' delegate, Singapore).
- Dr. A. M. Malik (workers' delegate, Pakistan).

##### (2) ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE

The Conference, having been addressed by the President, the representative of the United Nations and the representative of the Interim Commission of the World Health Organization devoted morning sessions to discussion of items (4) and (5) of the agenda, and broke up in the afternoons into three Committees to discuss the other items.

There was, in addition, a Selection Committee to perform steering functions, to examine credentials, and to consider any draft resolutions arising from items (4) and (5) of the agenda.

The composition of the Committees was as follows, the members of Government, employers' and workers' representatives being shown in parentheses in the order mentioned :—

- (1) Selection Committee (6, 6, 6). Chairman : Mr. S. Lall (Government, India).

Three members of the Governing Body also participated in the work of this Committee.

- (2) Committee of Social Security (15, 10, 10). Chairman : Dr. I. C. Fang (Government, China).
- (3) Committee on Labour Policy (12, 12, 12). Chairman : Hon. Mahn Wim Maung (Government, Burma).
- (4) Committee on " Programme of Action " (15, 10, 10). Chairman : Mr. E. B. Taylor (Government, New Zealand).