

(3) NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES

New Zealand was represented on Committees as follows :—

Committee on Social Security : Mr. L. S. Dixon, Mr. J. R. Hanlon (substitute).

Committee on Labour Policy : Mr. A. B. Grant.

Committee on Programme of Action : Mr. E. B. Taylor.

6. PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEES

(1) THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

(a) "Steering" Functions

The Selection Committee met regularly, and reported frequently to the plenary session. It recommended that the other three Committees be set up, and it examined the formidable list of draft resolutions (forty-eight in number) submitted by delegates, and allotted these to the Committees.

(b) Examination of Credentials

Objections were received to the credentials of the workers' delegates of India, Ceylon, and the French Settlements in India. The Selection Committee in its report stated that the Conference had not been given power by the Governing Body to reject credentials, and that neither the terms of the invitation to Governments, nor the Standing Orders of the Conference, envisaged such action. While some members of the Committee felt grave doubts as to the proper nomination of certain delegates, it was felt that no purpose would be achieved by a detailed examination of the objections which were submitted.

The Committee suggested that full provision for the examination of credentials be made in the Standing Orders of future regional conferences.

The Selection Committee also considered the question whether an invitation to attend the present Conference had been extended to the Indonesian Republic. In its report the Committee said that it must abide by the principle enunciated at the Philadelphia session of the Conference, that Governments not generally recognized by States Members cannot enjoy any official status in relation to the organization. Furthermore, it was noted that the delegation appointed by the Netherlands Government was entirely made up of members domiciled in Indonesia, most of them Indonesians, and that they were appointed in agreement with the industrial organizations of the areas controlled by the Netherlands Indies Government.

It was therefore decided that the Conference had no jurisdiction to pursue the matter further. The Committee's report said that it had heard with great satisfaction a statement by the Netherlands Government that it hoped that an early settlement of the present situation would prepare the way for a comprehensive and fully representative participation of the whole of Indonesia in future Regional Conferences.

The report of the Committee on this subject was unanimously adopted by the Conference.

(c) Resolutions

The Selection Committee dealt with a number of draft resolutions submitted by various delegates, and finally recommended to the Conference the adoption of nine resolutions. The full texts of these, which were all adopted unanimously, are set out in Appendix I to this report. They are all self-explanatory, but the following comments may be made.

The Committee recommended—

(1) *A Draft Resolution concerning the Intensification of the Asian Work of the International Labour Organization.*—On several occasions during the Conference delegates from Asian countries criticized the Organization for its preoccupation with European and American problems, and for its neglect of Asia. This feeling was so strong that the *Secretary-General* considered it his duty to reply to the criticism. While admitting that