

present session of the Conference. The report was adopted. The delegations of the three countries referred to above departed from Geneva without taking any further part in Conference proceedings.

AGENDA

The present (thirty-third) session of the International Labour Conference had the following items on its Agenda :—

- Director-General's Report.
- Financial and Budgetary Questions.
- Information and Reports on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations.
- Industrial Relations.
- Equal Remuneration for Men and Women Workers for Work of Equal Value.
- Agricultural Labour : General Report.
- Minimum Wage Regulation in Agriculture.
- Vocational Training of Adults, Including Disabled Persons.

As regards taking part in discussions on the Agenda it should be noted at this point that the Conference works through Committees where the detail of reports and of proposed texts, resolutions, &c., is studied and brought into final shape. A country which is unable to have a representative on a particular Committee of the Conference is thus at a severe disadvantage if it desires the text being worked out by that Committee to take due cognizance of that country's views and situation. Generally speaking, modifications of the texts of proposed Conventions and Recommendations can only be achieved by full participation in the Committee stages of the discussion. The New Zealand Government, with three Government representatives at the Conference, was able to be represented fully on three Committees, with partial attendance at meetings of the Finance Committee. From New Zealand's point of view regarding discussions on proposed Conventions and Recommendations, the fourth, fifth, and eighth topics on the agenda were of greatest importance and, accordingly, New Zealand had one Government representative on each of these. New Zealand could not be represented by a Government representative on the Committee on Minimum Wage Regulation in Agriculture although, from an international point of view, this was a matter on which New Zealand practice was of interest.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

The Director-General of the International Labour Office annually presents a report reviewing world conditions and current problems in the fields of social and industrial welfare, and the discussion of this report affords members attending the Conference an opportunity of bringing to notice problems and achievements in their own countries as well as of making general comment on the report itself. The following were amongst the speakers in this year's debate on the Director-General's Report :—

- Mr. K. Maisel, Minister of Social Affairs, Austria.
- Mr. J. Kjaerboel, Minister of Housing and Labour, Denmark.
- Mr. P. Bacon, Minister of Labour and Social Security, France.
- Mr. D. Morrissey, Minister for Industry and Commerce, Ireland.
- Mr. A. Mazzara, Minister of Labour and Social Welfare, Italy.
- Dr. A. M. Joekes, Minister of Social Affairs, Netherlands.
- Mr. E. J. Harrison, Australian Resident Minister in the United Kingdom.
- Mr. G. Isaacs, Minister of Labour and National Service, United Kingdom.
- Mr. M. Tobin, Secretary of Labour, United States.

The report of the Director-General of the I.L.O. to the Conference, after a comprehensive review of the economic, social, and industrial conditions and problems in many countries, went on to direct attention to two matters—the maintenance of high levels of