

Secondly, as we have already implied, some continuity of representation is most essential. Although both delegates had been members of the National Commission in New Zealand from its inception and had a good knowledge of the general work and problems of UNESCO, their lack of immediate experience of the General Conference and of all its currents and cross-currents left them at a grave disadvantage. Not all the briefing in the world can offset this disadvantage. When all delegations were new to the work and feeling their way it was not so great; but now, with a large number of able men thoroughly aware of what happened at previous sessions, and picking up the threads of work they have hardly dropped, knowing one another quite well, and knowing as well what questions are likely to prove easy or difficult, and why—now, certainly, New Zealand, if it is to maintain its reputation for useful work, must not relapse into amateurishness. Obviously it cannot afford a large delegation, of even Australian size, and it must fall short of the continuity possible for the United Kingdom or the United States; but it must somehow or other work out a policy rational for all the circumstances. Fortunately for the delegation on this occasion, it had Mrs. Croucher.

We should add that our report is to be read in conjunction with, and taken as a commentary on, the official printed report of the Conference.

## ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE

UNESCO may now be taken as a going concern—wherever it is going, and that is not quite certain yet. The arrangements for the Conference were good; every delegation had an office and telephone, some at the expense of double-banking members of the Secretariat; there was a very useful handbook for delegates, and they were offered access to any office or activity they were interested in. The translation services, both simultaneous and consecutive, were excellent; indeed, it is difficult to overpraise the translation service, working always at top speed. The difficulties in the way of running an international Conference really efficiently—reckoning efficiency by high national standards—are immense; and with that proviso in mind, one can say that the UNESCO Secretariat do now run their Conference well.

This fourth session was supposed to be a “short business Conference,” the understanding being apparently that no large matters of policy should be newly brought up. But before the