

enter into the political arena and that the same treatment was open to the whole of Germany should the East as well as the West wish to take advantage of it. Only four votes were cast in favour of the motion, whereupon the four delegations withdrew from the meeting.

UNESCO WORK IN JAPAN

There was little discussion relative to the work in Japan. The Chinese delegation did not oppose the work, but maintained that it should be definitely relegated to a low level of priority until the claims of China were more adequately met.

The Conference decided that work in Germany and Japan was to go forward.

GENERAL

Other points at which the New Zealand delegation made effective contributions were in regard to (1) educational missions, and (2) the suggestion to get States "to adopt practical measures" to prevent broadcasting being "used for purposes contrary to tolerance and mutual understanding."

Concerning (1), the Secretariat proposed three missions during the year; and a proposal to reduce the number to two was opposed by the New Zealand delegate on the ground that this method of personal inquiry and the resulting contacts between individuals was likely to produce the most valuable stimulus to the country concerned, and thus really bring about some action, and was therefore of much higher importance than correspondence and documentary methods, which often resulted only in the increase of paper. The vote, taken immediately after this submission, resulted in a unanimous acceptance of the Secretariat's proposal.

Concerning (2), it was contended by the New Zealand delegate that any attempt to "take practical measures" to restrict broadcasting was equivalent to taking practical measures to restrict the free flow of information, and was in opposition to the general policy of UNESCO. Although the intention of the proposal was appreciated and desired, such a forcible and negative method should not be suggested by UNESCO, but a positive attitude of encouraging tolerance and mutual understanding should be adopted in its place. The Director-General immediately acknowledged the contention, withdrew the proposal, and promised that the Secretariat should look into the possibility of framing a positive proposal along the lines suggested by the New Zealand delegate.