

by Dr. Beeby during his period of office, both from members of the Secretariat and from delegates who have helped to form UNESCO from the beginning ; and his work has made New Zealand better known as well as himself. We are convinced that the Government did good service to the country by lending him to UNESCO. Miss McPhee, in the External Relations Division of the Secretariat, is widely known as a devoted, as well as able, officer. Our country should do its best to maintain this level.

Another general impression is that of the success attained in the working of international committees when the political element was absent. The General Committee and some of the sub-committees especially provided excellent examples of this ; and it was interesting to observe how often a good and agreed solution emerged from dissident views across the paths provided by the translation service. The multiplicity of personalities, many of them very striking, present at the Conference made this phenomenon itself all the more striking. It owed something to good chairmanship ; but a chairman obviously has less immediate and constant control over a meeting which is being carried on in two or three languages, even with good translation, than if every one is speaking the same mother-tongue. There is scope for study in this.

The work of the Secretariat visible in Paris to delegates to a Conference seems to be improving a good deal, and one can but hope desperately for the day when the load of too many Conferences will be lifted. It is difficult to say whether there are too many publications or not ; the number is increasing rather than decreasing. Some of them, either produced directly by UNESCO from its own funds, like the new *Catalogue of Colour Reproductions of Painting from 1860 to 1949*, or the work of an independent publisher under UNESCO encouragement, like the *Masaccio* portfolio, are excellent. The general standard of printing and production as noted elsewhere has certainly improved. Probably some waste effort is inevitable at this time, and the fittest will survive.

Of the normal working of such forms of mass communication as radio broadcasting it was difficult to get an idea. At the Conference all concerned were working at great pressure, day and night. The New Zealand delegation was seized on to record broadcasts, as were other delegations or particular persons, and the recording seemed to be done with technical skill.

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