

however, might be provided for, by making provision for departures from established rules and routes for aircraft, or by the Secretariat and some particular Government entering into special agreements, in this respect.

Count Bernstorff, making use of the lead that certain aspects of this problem gave Germany, stated that the indispensable control of the air, particularly in times of crisis, was impossible in certain countries which, through treaties, were subject to restrictions regarding aviation, and which therefore had no police aircraft at their disposal.

The Assembly, following the Third Committee's proposal, requested the Council, as soon as the work of the Air Navigation Commission was finished, to have a study made by the Committee on Arbitration and Security of the measures required to ensure that aircraft engaged in transport of importance to the working of the League of Nations may be free in times of emergency to fly in such a way and over such territory as may be necessary for the carrying out of their mission. Subsequently the Council gave effect to the Assembly's recommendation.

#### FOURTH COMMITTEE

##### (BUDGET AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS)

###### *League Buildings*

Approval was given to the report of the special committee appointed by the Assembly to study the question of the new buildings and during the Assembly the laying of the corner stone took place. Three points still remained unsettled: certain modifications of detail to the library, the question of acoustics, and the approval of the detailed estimates to be drawn up by the architects at the same time as the plans. The Committee is to decide these three points and submit its decisions to the Council of the League of Nations for endorsement.

###### *Allocation of Expenses*

In view of the fact that there must be submitted to the Assembly of 1932 a revised scale of allocation which will be based on the budget estimates for the year 1930-31 of the various States Members, it was proposed that States should be requested to submit their estimates with as little delay as possible. This was agreed to.

###### *Budget*

In marked contrast to the discussion which took place at the preceding Assembly, little criticism was offered this year on the main budget, the discussion centering particularly on the supplementary credits. The Secretary-General pointed out that the increase of 155,000 francs was due to the two Conferences on Codification and Disarmament which would be held in 1930 and that, had it not been for these Conferences, the budget would have actually shown a decrease.

###### *Secretariat and Special Organizations*

In discussing credits for League publications, several delegates called attention to the serious delay in the printing and distribution of important League documents, especially minutes of Conferences, a delay which had a prejudicial effect on the ratification of Conventions. The Norwegian Delegate was of the opinion that the minutes of various Committees were the poorest part of the League's work and that in certain cases reports had been "doctored" by reproducing all the complimentary expressions and leaving out the criticisms. It was also pointed out that the revised account of a discussion was frequently confused by independent corrections inserted by the different delegates who