

Convention on the Régime of Navigable Waterways of International Concern is gradually being applied throughout Europe.

The competent organizations were requested to draw up a definite plan of action on the exploitation of hydro-electric power, especially in view of the economic reconstruction of Europe.

The Committee on Intellectual Co-operation has considered the question of the instruction of youth in the aims and ideals of the League. That instruction is frequently organized by the competent authorities of several countries. It was recommended that a sub-committee of experts should co-ordinate the efforts designed to train the younger generation to regard international co-operation as the normal method of conducting world affairs.

The Council was invited by the Assembly to consider the desirability of convening a committee of experts representing the press of the different continents with a view to determining methods of contributing towards the organization of peace by reducing risks of international misunderstanding and by tranquillizing public opinion. The press was considered the most effective means of guiding public opinion towards that moral disarmament which is a concomitant condition of material disarmament.

#### SOCIAL AND GENERAL QUESTIONS:

A draft convention for the suppression of slavery was submitted by the British delegation to the Sixth Committee. The Assembly adopted a draft convention of a general character which will be communicated by the Council to the States members of the League and to such other States as the Council may specify, with a view to the conclusion of a Convention.

The Assembly examined the reports of the Commission on Traffic in Opium and of the two Opium Conferences. The delegate of Persia urged that suggestions should be made for replacing, in his country, the poppy by another crop. A Commission of Inquiry of three persons will examine the question and according to a resolution contained in the Final Act of the Second International Opium Conference will visit, if they so desire, certain opium-producing countries and will advise as to the measures to be taken in view of limiting the opium production to quantities required for medical and scientific purposes.

Steps were taken to give effect to the program for the protection of children, particularly as regards feeding in early infancy.

In the Near East, the Commission for the Protection of Women and Children pursues its work of relief and assistance. Homes for that purpose have been founded both at Aleppo and at Constantinople.

The Russian and Armenian Refugee Service was able during seven months to facilitate the settling of 18,000 refugees. Five commissioners will be asked to look into the technical possibilities of refugee settlement and to negotiate the floating of a loan.

The draft of an International Relief Union in favour of calamity stricken multitudes will be revised and submitted to the Governments of all members of the League.

The attention of the different Governments will be drawn to the advantages of co-operation, within the limit of national sovereignty, between non-official and technical organizations of the League. The creation of an international municipal organization did not appear expedient. Various international private organizations which concern themselves with municipal questions already exist.

#### POLITICAL, LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS:

A Special Committee of Jurists formulated replies to certain questions of interpretation of the Covenant. The Secretary General will invite the States members of the League to forward their observations with regard to doubtful points.