

posed apologetically but firmly a provisional ceiling of \$7,660,000, which was supported by most of the other Commonwealth Delegations as well as by the Norwegian Delegation. Finally, the United States Delegate suggested as a compromise that EIGHT million be set as a target figure.

5. According to our instructions, we were not to oppose the adoption of a ceiling figure which had the support of the United Kingdom and United States Delegations and bore some relation to the figure which would be established in any event by the detailed study of the budget. Although the United Kingdom and United States figures were so far apart, we had been informed confidentially by the British that their outside figure was eight million. The head of the United States Delegation told us that the British had said that although they would continue to press for the lower figure in accordance with their instructions, they realized that it would not be accepted.

6. After the United Kingdom and United States Delegates had spoken, therefore, we said that although in general we were opposed to the establishment of an arbitrary figure for the budget and considered that the correct approach was to examine every item with a view to removing any appropriation that could not be justified on the tests of priority and benefits to be expected from the expenditures of the sum proposed, we felt that the examination of the budget which had now been made had been sufficiently exhaustive to allow the Commission to set a provisional ceiling, which would enable the Sub-Committee to do constructive work; and that the ceiling proposed by the United States was certainly the highest we could contemplate and acceptable to us only on condition that the Sub-Committee would do its best, having in mind our criterion of economy, to approximate more closely to the figure proposed by the United Kingdom. There was obviously no possibility whatsoever of the United Kingdom figure being accepted and in the final vote on the United States proposal the United Kingdom Delegation supported it to the applause of the whole assembly and to complete bafflement of the Latin Americans, whose minds just do not work that way.

Technical Assistance.—

7. On the subject of U.N.E.S.C.O.'s participation in the Technical Assistance programme, it was generally recognized that little concrete planning could be done until after the conference scheduled for the first week in November in New York, at which, as the Director General pointed out, changes might be made in the allocation previously proposed. In the meantime, documents 4C/8 (rev.) and 4C/9 were referred, with minor amendments suggested by the United States Delegate in the drafting of certain sections, to a special Drafting Sub-Committee appointed to deal with this problem.

Contributions of Member States.—

8. The United States requested a decrease of 1.4[%] in its contribution, which represents its proportionate share of the contributions of new Member States. We supported this request after emphasizing that we would oppose, until times become normal, any further request for a reduction of the United States share which would have to be borne by the other Member States. We approved of the principle of a