

Certain States Members of the League are not members of the United Nations, including Sweden, Switzerland, Ireland and Portugal, all of whom have an undeniable right to share in the distribution of the assets. It was necessary for the Assembly to make special provision covering these cases by authorizing the Board of Liquidation to hold their shares in the material assets in suspense or to deal with them otherwise under arrangements made with each state.

It was decided that participation in the assets of the League should be limited to states at present members of the League. This decision excluded from participation all the states which had resigned from the League. It was felt that a state which had of its own choice renounced the privileges and obligations of membership could not later advance a claim to share in the remaining assets. Some consideration was given to the special position of the Soviet Union, which by a resolution of the League Council of December 14, 1939, was held to be no longer a member of the League in view of the action taken by the Soviet Union against Finland. Proposals put forward in committee by the French, Polish and Czechoslovak delegations that the U.S.S.R. should be included in the distribution of the League assets were referred to a sub-committee. The sub-committee reported that any change in the scheme for the distribution of the assets so as to provide for the inclusion of the Soviet Union would create technical difficulties of so serious a character as to be practically insurmountable. It suggested that the essential purpose of the proposal would be fulfilled if the Assembly were to place on record its recognition of the fundamental contribution of the Soviet Union to victory in the war and to welcome the collaboration of the Soviet Union in the new international system. A resolution to this effect was approved unanimously by the Assembly.

### *Board of Liquidation*

It was deemed essential that provision should be made by the Assembly for the control by a representative board of the liquidation of the League. It is expected that this liquidation will be completed early in 1947. The material assets are to be transferred to the United Nations about August 1, and arrangements for the transfer of the Staff Pensions Fund and certain other joint agencies to the I.L.O. will, it is hoped, be in effect before the end of this year. There will be numerous minor obligations to discharge before the accounts of the League can be closed. To preside over this process the Assembly appointed a board of nine members to represent the League and gave it full power to take appropriate measures to effect the liquidation. The members of the Board, who will receive a small honorarium, are as follows: