

SCIENTIFIC PANEL

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4. These expert advisers have contributed in large measure to the discharge by the Commission of the duties laid upon it, by their expert and comprehensive advice on the problems referred to them and by the devotion and energy which they have given, separately and in co-operation, to their voluntary task. The Commission cannot too highly commend their services or too fully recognize its own indebtedness to them. It records with satisfaction that their advice on all the matters referred to them was unanimous.

5. The Commission has utilized the services of consultants from other organizations, national and international, to assist in certain phases of its work. It particularly desires to record its appreciation of the assistance rendered by Mr. C. Wilfred Jenks, Legal Adviser of the International Labour Office, who has contributed unstintingly of his experience and skill in the preparation of the Constitution.

II. INTRODUCTION

6. It is unnecessary to the purposes of this Report to include in it any general statement of the important considerations supporting the proposals and policies embodied in the Final Act of the Hot Springs Conference. It is appropriate, however, to state briefly here the general considerations of which the Commission has been mindful in formulating its recommendations, so far as they relate to the circumstances under which the recommendations are made, the conditions under which effect will be given to them, and the general purposes they are designed to achieve.

7. In the struggle for food, mankind has been indifferently successful. If millions have enough, more millions have too little, and many starve. This had been thought to be inevitable, but we now know that it is not. Recent discoveries and developments have made it possible under certain conditions for all men and all nations to achieve freedom from hunger, which is the first step toward freedom from want. Indeed, we can now expect to do much more than be free from hunger. The way is open to move toward new levels of well-being which men have hitherto thought unattainable.