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COMMITTEE 3.

It was suggested by the Preparatory Commission that the General Assembly should recommend to the Social Humanitarian and Cultural Committee the consideration of the "corresponding aspects of the work of the Economic and Social Council and of the specialised agencies, and any social, humanitarian, cultural, educational, health and related matters within the scope of the Charter or relating to the powers and functions of any of the organs of the United Nations. It might also consider the promotion of international co-operation in the social, cultural, educational and health fields and assistance in the realisation of human rights and fundamental freedom. It might also consider conditions of social progress and development."

More specifically the Committee was requested to consider the recommendations to the Economic and Social Council for the establishment at its first session of a Commission on Human Rights, a Temporary Social Commission and a Commission on Narcotic Drugs. It also recommended that the Economic and Social Council should consider the desirability of establishing at an early date a Demographic Commission. There were two other items on the agenda on this Committee: (a) the question of refugees and (b) a draft resolution on a Cultural Commission proposed by the Cuban Delegation.

The Question of refugees called forth a vast number of speeches, the point de depart being the U.K. paper on the refugee question. This paper, after reviewing the machinery for dealing with refugees, reasserted the urgency of the problem and proposed that the question should be referred to the Economic and Social Council for thorough examination and for report to the second part of the Session. The other position was expressed in a Yugoslav proposal which denied that it was any longer an urgent international problem and asserted that apart from Spanish Republicans and German Jews there were no refugees. It claimed that with the end of the war, all displaced persons could return to their countries of origin and that those who did not wish to do so were traitors and war criminals. This position was upheld by

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