

*Relations between the Proposed Bank for International Settlements and the League of Nations*

The Delegations of Denmark, Norway and Poland presented a resolution providing for the establishment, under Article 24 of the Covenant, of relations between the League and the Bank for International Settlements which is to be set up in connection with the Young Plan. In support of this resolution, it was urged that the activity of the Bank might affect the general credit structure and therefore the economic life of all States. The Delegates of the Governments represented at the Hague Conference pointed out that the proposal was at least premature, as the details of the Bank's organization had not yet been determined and as no definite suggestion had been made as to the form which the relations between the Bank and the League should take. After a long discussion, the resolution was withdrawn; the minutes of the discussion, however, will be transmitted to the Organizing Committee of the Bank.

*Communications and Transit*

This Committee examined and approved an agreement in settlement of the difficulties which had arisen between the French, British, Italian and Roumanian Governments regarding the jurisdiction of the European Commission of the Danube.

During the year a Conference on Transit Cards for Emigrants was held, and an agreement was reached whereby emigrants proceeding to a port of embarkation will be able to travel through the various countries with fewer formalities and charges.

Preparatory work has also been undertaken for the holding of future conferences, and a further Conference has been called for the autumn of this year to study the problem of transport of newspapers and periodicals in Europe. Next year's program calls for two Conferences: one on certain questions connected with river law in Europe, and the other on the unification of buoyage and lighting of coasts. The Delegate of France thought that the question of commercial transport by air and commercial road transport by motor car should be studied, and that it would be desirable if the organization could submit proposals regarding this question to the next assembly.

The Committee noted the progress already made in connection with calendar reform. It is probable that in 1930 committees of inquiry on the question will have been established in most countries. The Fourth General Conference on Communications and Transit, which is to be held in 1931, will consider any recommendations made as a result of the inquiries of these national Committees.

*Health Organization*

In reviewing the year's work of the Health Organization, congratulations were extended to the Organization for having made further contacts with Greece, Bolivia and China, countries representing three continents. Very little criticism was offered in the Committee beyond the statement of the representative of India that he would like to see an investigation undertaken by the Health Organization into the question of infant mortality. He also suggested that the program of work of the Health Committee be drawn up for a period of five years so that the budget could be arranged accordingly.

Progress was noted and approved in connection with the work of the Malaria Commission, the Cancer Commission, the inquiry into health conditions in certain South Sea Islands, the Sleeping Sickness Conference and the health program relating to various colonial administrations.

New work to be undertaken by the Health Committee includes a reorganization of the health services of Bolivia, similar to that undertaken last year in Greece, and a study by the Leprosy Commission which is to be undertaken in the Far East in 1930.