

The findings of this Committee were transmitted by the Secretary-General during the last week of January, 1947, to all Members of the United Nations.

The Secretary-General on May 24, 1947, addressed a formal communication to all Members of the United Nations requesting information concerning their plans for meeting relief needs in 1947. From the information received up to July 15, 1947, it was evident that plans adequate to meet approximately one-half of total financial assistance needed for the minimum imports required to supply the basic essentials of life were receiving consideration by Member Governments.

At the fifth session of the Economic and Social Council held July and August, 1947, action was taken to place the question of relief needs again on the agenda of the General Assembly at its Second Session. When the Assembly met, the subject was referred to the Second Committee where the Soviet, Yugoslav and Byelorussian representatives attacked the United States post-UNNRA relief policy on the grounds that relief had been granted for political reasons rather than on the basis of need. The representatives of these Slav States were particularly bitter on this point since Poland, Hungary and Yugoslavia had not received United States aid.

Yugoslavia introduced a resolution reaffirming the principles of the previous General Assembly resolution on post-UNRRRA relief, expressing regret that the 1946 resolution had not been implemented in the way indicated and calling upon all Member States to adhere in future to the principles of this resolution. In reply to the contentions of the Slav representatives, the United States and other countries which had granted post-UNRRRA relief gave details of the aid granted by them during the period prior to the Second Session of the Assembly. It became apparent, after long and bitter debate, that general support would not be forthcoming for the Yugoslav resolution and it was rejected when put to the vote by 24 to 26 with 12 abstentions. Canada voted against the resolution. The General Assembly in plenary session on November 15, 1947, took note of the report of the Second Committee on relief needs after the termination of UNRRRA. Since the report made no recommendation to the Assembly, there was no resolution to be voted upon.