

serve the universal life of the mind, and by looking beyond the immediate circumstances, to prepare for its future; and, at the same time to initiate new forms of practical work calculated to improve and extend existing intellectual co-operation, to perfect the equipment placed at the disposal of intellectual workers and systematize all kinds of cultural exchanges in every possible way."

The Committee drew the attention of the Assembly to the Conventions which have been prepared under the auspices of the Intellectual Co-operation Organization relating to the protection of national artistic and historical treasures in time of war, and welcomed the calling of a diplomatic conference to conclude them.

Considerable interest was shown by delegates in questions of intellectual rights. The Committee recommended to the Assembly a resolution on the subject expressing an earnest desire for the success of the Conferences which the Belgian Government has offered to convene in 1939 for the revision of the Berne Convention on Artistic and Literary Property and the adoption of a Universal Statute on Author's Rights.

Modern Means of Spreading Information in the Cause of Peace

Under this head the Committee had before it (a) proposals of the International Committee on Intellectual Co-operation for a program of work to utilize modern means available for spreading information in the cause of peace, and (b) a request from the Diplomatic Conference, which met at Geneva September 10 to 12, 1938, to authorize the International Committee on Intellectual Co-operation to assume the task of facilitating the operation of the Convention for the International Circulation of Films of an Educational Character.

With respect to the first question attention was given to broadcasting. The Committee discussed the intention of the International Committee to make full use of national as well as international broadcasting organizations, through the National Committees on Intellectual Co-operation. The possibility of arranging for special facilities for accredited broadcasting reporters to enter foreign countries, and of securing Customs facilities for the international exchange of sound records intended for broadcasting were also discussed. It was decided that before the question of conventions on these subjects could be considered, other technical organizations of the League which share the competence in this field should be consulted. The two questions will, therefore, be referred to the next meetings of the Committee for Communications and Transit, and the Economic Committee.

As to the second question, the Convention relating to the Circulation of Films of an Educational Character, it may be recalled that the application of this Convention was originally entrusted to the International Film Institute at Rome and that, subsequent to its withdrawal from the League last year, the Italian Government dissolved the Rome Institute. It was necessary therefore to find an alternative body to undertake these duties under the Convention. The Institute of Intellectual Co-operation, it was generally agreed, was the appropriate one for this work, and the Committee recommended to the Assembly that the Institute should be empowered to act in this capacity. The proposal was agreed to by the Assembly.

Housing

The question of Housing has been before the various League organizations for a number of years and each time it has been discussed further work has been proposed by various delegations. The Eighteenth Assembly laid down a program of work which was entrusted to the Health Organization and the Committee of Statistical Experts. The discussion in a joint meeting of the Second and Seventh Committees on the subject of Housing showed a continued or even an increased interest in the subject and a great number of proposals for further studies were put forward.