

The major changes in the 1948 budget figures adopted as compared with those originally submitted by the Secretary-General are as follows:

- (1) Part II. Special Conferences, Investigations and Inquiries.  
An increase of approximately \$1,000,000 due to the setting up of a Special Committee on the Greek Question and a Temporary Commission on Korea.
- (2) Part III. The Secretariat.  
A reduction of over \$5,200,000 made up of approximate cuts as follows:
 

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| (a) Department of Economic Affairs .....        | \$ 260,000 |
| (b) Department of Social Affairs .....          | 557,000    |
| (c) Department of Public Information .....      | 900,000    |
| (d) Conference and General Services .....       | 1,500,000  |
| (e) Information and Correspondent Centres ..... | 367,000    |
| (f) Common Staff Costs .....                    | 980,000    |
| (g) Miscellaneous .....                         | 636,000    |
- (3) Part IV. Common Services.  
A reduction of \$161,000 after absorbing the increase of \$330,225 transferred from the 1947 budget.
- (4) Part V. Capital Expenses.  
A reduction of \$96,000, most of it in office furniture, fixtures and equipment.
- (5) Miscellaneous net reductions of \$121,000.

Savings made in Part I of the budget which deals with sessions of the General Assembly, the Councils, Commissions, and Committees were offset by the decision to set up an Interim Committee. Economies in the fields of conferences and general services are accounted for by the decision taken to limit written verbatim records to certain important meetings and to make distribution of some documents in mimeograph rather than printed form.

During the debate on the 1948 budget a determined effort was made by the United Kingdom to have the gross figure limited to not more than \$30,000,000. This objective was not met since it was found in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee that its achievement would have resulted in a curtailment of services which in the opinion of the Fifth Committee were essential to the proper functioning of the United Nations. Every item in the estimates was, however, subjected to close scrutiny and the figure approved was approximately \$4,500,000 less than the total of over \$39,000,000 originally submitted by the Secretary-General. As the approved