

of which useful projects may be commenced, for example, the first reports of the Statistical and Population Commissions. We expect that the World Statistical Congress which convened in September will be most useful in its field. To date the actual accomplishments of other commissions have been somewhat disappointing to many who perhaps were too optimistic as to the possibility of speedy action in the international field. But this realization should not blind us to progress actually made. We have a right to expect that as the members of these commissions become more familiar with their tasks, more experienced at working together, their work will become increasingly useful. Great responsibilities have been placed by the Council on the Economic and Employment Commission with its two sub-commissions. In regard to this I would like to quote from the Report of the Economic and Social Council to the Assembly. I quote: "The Council at its fourth session considered the report of the first session of the Economic and Employment Commission and adopted a resolution on employment and economic development which embodied many of the points referred to above. The resolution requested the Economic and Employment Commission:

(a) To investigate and report, taking full account of the responsibilities of the specialized agencies and the intergovernmental organizations regarding the most appropriate forms of international action for facilitating the better utilization of world resources of manpower, materials, labour and capital in order to promote higher standards of living throughout the world, more particularly in undeveloped and under-developed areas.

(b) To initiate regular reports to the Council on world conditions and trends, giving particular attention to any factors that are preventing or are likely to prevent in the near future the maintenance of full employment and economic stability, together with analyses indicating the casual factors involved and recommendations as to desirable action; action; and

(c) To consider and report to the Council as early as practicable regarding the most appropriate forms of international action to maintain world full employment and economic stability . . .

I will not take time now to enumerate the preliminary steps already taken to pursue these objectives which are obviously of such far-reaching importance but I would like particularly to commend two of them:

(1) The Commission has expressed the intention of making a comprehensive review of world economic conditions and trends in the light of recommendations from its sub-commissions and to include in its report to Council its comments and recommendations.

(2) The Secretariat is expected to prepare, in co-operation with the specialized agencies, reports and analyses of current conditions and trends as it might find necessary and feasible in the light of changing world economic conditions for use at each meeting of the Council.

It seemed to me that the resolution of the Australian delegation in large measure endorsed these steps and the Canadian delegation also heartily endorses them as a prerequisite of effective action by the Economic and Social Council to carry out its great objectives.