

Delegates, in reviewing these recommendations, emphasized the necessity of concentrating on a few problems instead of spreading over a large number as had been the policy in the past. Questions should be dealt with only when they were felt to be important and urgent. It was further agreed that better results would be obtained by simplifying and co-ordinating the machinery and procedure of the organization as a whole. The following detailed changes were suggested by the Committee of Inquiry:—

1. The Committee on Intellectual Co-operation should be reconstituted so as to afford more equitable representation to the larger schools of thought.

2. The Sub-Committee, which had tended to become in effect more a Committee of Experts, should be suppressed. Exception was made in the case of the Sub-Committee on Arts and Letters, which it was felt could still do useful work.

3. Two new Committees should be formed: an Executive Committee, and a Director's Committee to follow and supervise the developments in intellectual co-operation.

4. Regular and intimate relations should be established between the Committee on Intellectual Co-operation and the National Committees.

5. The Paris Institute should be re-organized so as to bring it into harmony with the whole scheme.

The Second Committee expressed the hope that, after the contemplated re-organization had taken place, the interest and sympathy already displayed in the work would be extended, and that, in consequence, there would be increased contact and closer relations between qualified organizations and individuals as regards scientific studies and research work.

Turning to another point, the Second Committee noted the progress made in the instruction of youth in the aims of the League of Nations, and recommended the Assembly to request Governments to keep the Secretariat and its Educational Information Centre informed of the steps taken in the various countries to give effect to the recommendations of the Sub-Committee of Experts.

It considered that the Governments which have acceded to the Conventions concerning the international exchange of publications should provide the funds necessary to enable their national liaison bureaux to carry out the provisions of these Conventions.

The Second Committee also considered that Governments should give their sympathetic consideration to the draft Convention prepared by the International Education Cinematographic Institute for the abolition of Customs barriers which interfere with the distribution of educational films.

THIRD COMMITTEE

(Reduction of Armaments)

The questions referred by the Assembly to the Third Committee were divided into two groups for the purposes of discussion.

GROUP 1.—*The Work of the League since the last Session of the Assembly in respect of the Reduction of Armaments.*

(a) *Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Conference*

There had been no session of the Preparatory Disarmament Commission since May, 1929, when the Commission adjourned in order to allow the Naval Powers to come together in an endeavour to solve the problem of naval disarmament; an agreement between the Naval Powers was considered to be not only desirable but necessary for the completion of the Preparatory Commission's work.