

Baranyai observed that, during the past year, the countries which had called upon the Health Organization for assistance represented the four principal continents.

The Rapporteur mentioned, among the outstanding facts which have characterized the work of the Organization during the past year, the results obtained by certain of its technical commissions. For example, the Malaria Commission, which for some years past has been studying the therapeutic value of synthetic preparations and mixtures of cinchona alkaloids, has published its third general report.

The results of the investigations carried out under the auspices of the Health Committee on the causes of tuberculosis mortality have been recorded in a report entitled "General Principles governing the Prevention of Tuberculosis."

During the past year, also, the text of the first chapter of the study undertaken by the Committee on Venereal Diseases was completed and published in the Health Organization's Quarterly Bulletin.

In the course of the discussion, the representatives of those countries which the Health Organization has endeavoured to assist expressed to it their appreciation and thanks.

The United Kingdom delegate drew attention to the disinterested services rendered to the Organization by the large number of experts whose collaboration is essential to the progress of its work. After emphasizing the importance which his Government attaches to certain aspects of the Health Organization's work, such as the campaign against malaria and the steps taken to secure biological standardization, he pointed out that the curtailment of the Health Organization's funds, due to the depreciation of certain currencies, will doubtless induce the Health Committee to go very carefully into its program and to retain only its most important activities. As to unemployment, he wished to state that, up to the present, it had not been found to have had any prejudicial effect on the people's health in his country.

The Italian representative emphasized the value of the collaboration established between the Health Committee and the Permanent Central Opium Board in the campaign against narcotics.

The delegate of the Irish Free State drew attention to the report on maternal welfare and the hygiene of infants and children of pre-school age certain passages of which had been amended by the Health Committee as requested by the Assembly at its Thirteenth Session. Several delegates being of the opinion that the amendments in question have not dispelled the misgivings which had arisen over one of the recommendations contained in the report, the Committee invited the Health Organization to reconsider further the paragraphs in question.

The French delegate recalled the initiative taken by his Government when, in 1930, it proposed the establishment of an International School of Advanced Health Studies to be placed under the auspices of the League of Nations. The Council having approved this proposal, the French Government had taken the steps necessary to carry it out; the Chamber of Deputies had already voted the requisite credits and the bill was now coming up before the Senate. The Second Committee took note of these facts with satisfaction and emphasized the desirability of establishing such a school.

Assistance for Refugees from Germany

The Netherlands delegate recalled the resolution regarding the refugees coming from Germany adopted by the International Labour Conference in 1933, and stressed the international character of the problem. Convinced that the Jewish organizations in various countries would be prepared to place large sums at the disposal of an international body which would carry on its work of assistance under the auspices of the League, he asked that such a body be set up.