

Supervisory Commission, which, in view of the complexity of the questions involved, was not prepared to report to the Tenth Session of the Assembly. Certain proposals having been made, however, by the British and Italian Delegates, the Assembly decided to appoint a Committee, including members of the Supervisory Commission, to examine what steps could be taken to ensure the best possible administrative results for the Secretariat, the International Labour Office, and the Registry of the Permanent Court of International Justice. The Report of this Committee is to be submitted to the Governments for consideration before the next Session of the Assembly.

Supervisory Commission

Two proposals were brought before the Committee in connection with the composition of the Supervisory Commission: an Austrian proposal to increase the number from five to seven members was defeated on the grounds that an increase would make for inefficiency; discussion of a Swiss proposal that members should be declared non-eligible and should be replaced compulsorily after a term of six years of office was postponed until the next Assembly. Next year the question of the limitation of the re-eligibility of the members of the Supervisory Commission will probably be reconsidered on the basis of a definite proposal.

Two other questions completed the work of the Fourth Committee. The first was a proposal that the expenses of three Delegates of each State to the Assembly should be borne by the League. This proposal was intended primarily to improve the representative character of Delegations to the Assembly, especially from the smaller extra-European countries. It was hoped to encourage these countries to include in their Delegations a larger proportion of statesmen actively engaged in political life. The suggestion met with little response and no action will be taken until a definite proposal has been made by the Government of one of the Members of the League. The second question dealt with the proposed change of the meeting place for the Assembly. An additional 50,000 francs was voted to allow for the holding of the Assembly in the Bâtiment Electoral instead of in the Salle de la Réformation as heretofore.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

(SOCIAL AND HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS)

The work of the Advisory Commission for the Protection and Welfare of Children and Young People (Child Welfare Committee, Traffic in Women and Children Committee) gave rise to little discussion, although many Delegates took the opportunity offered of making statements on conditions in their own country.

Child Welfare

General approval of the work of the Child Welfare Committee was expressed, and particular mention was made of its work on the questions of the status of illegitimate children, the education of blind children, the effect of the cinematograph on children, and the preparation of draft international conventions relating to the repatriation of minors abandoned in a foreign country and to assistance for indigent minors of foreign nationality. The Committee noted that, at the request of the Child Welfare Committee, the Governments have been asked to submit observations on these draft conventions.

The Committee heard with interest an account given by the Director of the International Educational Cinematographic Institute (Rome) of the work of the Institute during its first year.