

to reimburse its staff members (the majority of whom are United States citizens) for taxes paid to their national governments.¹

Other Administrative and Financial Questions

United Nations Headquarters

The General Assembly considered a report submitted by the Secretary-General showing progress in the construction of the new permanent headquarters in New York City. During the discussion of this report it became clear that owing to rising costs it would not be possible to complete the headquarters with the loan of \$65 million originally provided for this purpose.

However, it was anticipated that the additional funds required should not be large. Since almost \$25 million of the \$65 million loan is still available to meet current demands, it will not be necessary to make provision for additional funds before the next session of the Assembly. The Secretary-General will present his annual progress report at that time, which will indicate the additional appropriations, if any, which will be required to complete the project.

The Secretary-General will also submit, for the consideration of the Assembly, tentative plans and proposals for financing the construction of a building at the northern end of the headquarters site in which permanent national delegations to the United Nations can rent space.

United Nations Postal Administration

A United Nations postal administration, to begin operations on January 1, 1951, was authorized by unanimous vote of the Assembly. The resolution authorizes the Secretary-General to sign an agreement, already drafted, between the United Nations and the United States.

According to this plan, which probably will be working fully late in 1951, the United States Post Office Department will operate a United Nations post office at the permanent headquarters. The United Nations postal administration will supply to the United States Post Office Department, free of charge, stamps valid for postage only on mail posted at headquarters.

The United Nations will operate a separate agency for sale, by mail only, of stamps to philatelists. All revenue from these sales, estimated at \$300,000 for the first year of operation, will be retained by the United Nations. Designs for United Nations postage stamps will be determined by international competition.

The plan was approved on the understanding that there was no intention, at this stage, of extending the services of the U.N. postal administration to outlying offices or the Specialized Agencies.

¹These amounted to \$1,117,000 during 1950, see p. 146.