

the work of future conferences and lessen the chance of conflicts.

The Budget Committee was hampered in its consideration of the budget estimates prior to the opening of the General Conference by the Director-General's insistence that it neither examine the relative merits, in financial terms, of the projects in the programme, nor relate the proposed budget to the general financial policies of the fifteen member states on the Committee. The Committee was therefore limited to an analysis of the costing accuracy of each project. The Budget Committee, for the 1954 conference has been transformed into an Advisory Committee on Programme and Budget with enlarged terms of reference. It will have full power to examine, before the General Conference opens, the programme and budget of the Director-General, as well as the Executive Board's comments on them. It will also examine and advise on new proposals by member states or the Executive Board. Such a committee should facilitate the work of the General Conference through the elimination of the artificial distinction between the substantive and budgetary aspects of programme projects. Canada was again elected to serve on this Committee.

#### Resignation of the Director-General

On November 22, the morning after the budget had been fixed, Dr. Bodet announced his intention of resigning his post as Director-General of UNESCO. He said that he had "burned himself out" in his efforts to make the Organization what he thought it could and should be. Faced with a choice between retreat, stabilization, or advance by the Organization, the Executive Board and he had spoken in favour of advance, but the Conference had, in his opinion, chosen retreat. He said that he had lost heart and faith, and could no longer continue in his job. His resignation was not prompted by any sense of personal pique. He would, he said, have resigned even had his proposed programme and budget been accepted by the General