

such special services, was quoted in this respect as one which should be generally followed. A resolution was adopted requesting that information should be obtained regarding the existing police organizations employed in this work.

The Fifth Committee also adopted a draft resolution, with a view to expediting the further consideration of the draft International Convention for the Suppression of the Illicit Traffic in Dangerous Drugs. The essential object of this draft Convention is to make penalties more severe, to facilitate extradition, and especially to remedy a deficiency in legislation which does not always allow of offenders being dealt with when the offence is committed abroad.

The Committee, which had before it particulars relating to the increase during the past few years of addiction to Indian hemp in certain countries, was gratified to note that the Advisory Committee and the Secretariat are continuing the study of this subject, and urged Governments to supply the Secretariat, for the use of the Advisory Committee, with all the necessary particulars, so that stricter supervision may be exercised over the trade in this plant and its products.

The Committee noted with keen satisfaction that the three Opium Conventions—the Hague Opium Convention of 1912, the Geneva Opium Convention of 1925 and the Convention of 1931 Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs, have obtained a very considerable number of ratifications or accessions and are thus progressing in the direction of that universality which is the fundamental condition of their efficient application.

The Committee considered it essential, in order to combat successfully the illicit traffic, that these Conventions should not only be adhered to but strictly applied and, on the proposal of Mr. Jean Désy, representative of Canada on the Committee, decided to remind the delegations present at the Assembly of the following obligations devolving upon Governments under these Conventions:—

1. Legislative and administrative action (see Model Administrative Codes, League document C.774.M.365.1932.XI).
2. Communication to the Secretary-General of laws and regulations.
3. Communication of the annual reports submitted to the Advisory Committee on the working of the Conventions.
4. Notification to the Secretary-General, for communication to the Governments, of every important case of illicit traffic.
5. Despatch of estimates of the annual requirements of drugs in the case of each country or territory.
6. Despatch of quarterly statistics of imports and exports and annual statistics of production, manufacture, consumption, stocks and seizures.
7. Communication to the Secretary-General of a list of drug factories.

Traffic in Women and Children

The last annual report of the Committee on the Traffic in Women and Children, which was brought before the Fifth Committee, dealt with several matters of exceptional interest and led to a useful discussion. Particular attention was given to the position of Russian women refugees in China and to the problem of licensed houses in various countries.

Child Welfare

The Committee considered the work of the Child Welfare Committee during the year, including studies of the following questions: desertion of the family; the welfare and education of blind children; institutions for delin-