

had taken part in it. The Secretary-General pointed out that minutes and documents could be distributed with less delay if a credit of an additional 35,000 francs for printing could be agreed on.

An additional supplementary credit of 35,800 francs was agreed on to take care of the future organization of the High Commissariat for Refugees, it having been decided that the central service of the High Commissariat is to be placed under the administrative authority of the Secretary-General. The change is in the nature of an experiment and is for one year. The other two additional credits are due to the Conference on Financial Assistance for States Victims of Aggression and the Committee to study the means of accelerating the ratification of conventions concluded under the auspices of the League.

International Labour Organization

The budget of the International Labour Organization was accepted after very little discussion. A statement was made by both the Secretary-General and the Director with respect to the contribution of Brazil to the Organization. Brazil, although no longer a Member of the League, still continues to contribute to the Labour Organization. In accepting the contribution of Brazil, the statement was made that it was understood that in so doing the Labour Organization was in no way prejudicing any constitutional questions arising under the treaty provisions which had established the Labour Organization.

M. Hambro (Norway) desired information with respect to the political activities of the Director, criticized him for a statement he had made at a French Socialist Party banquet and wished to know whether the League officials should be allowed to take part in political activities. In reply M. Thomas explained that his association with the French Socialist Party was due to his desire to make the work of the League better known and that this was not the first time he had taken part in such manifestations. The budget of the Labour Organization was adopted by the Committee as submitted.

Permanent Court of International Justice

The budget of the Permanent Court was approved without alteration, the increase in expenditure being due to the increase in salaries provided for by staff regulations. Modifications in the Statute of the Court, especially in regard to pensions and salaries of the judges, will probably considerably increase the 1931 budget.

The total Budget as finally approved by the Fourth Committee amounted to 28,210,248 gold francs, a net increase of 559,742 gold francs over the original budget, and an increase of 1,183,968 over the budget for 1929. Canada is assessed for 35 units out of a total of 968, which would bring the amount of her contribution to 1,001,377.97 gold francs. From this amount, however, there is deducted the sum of 14,683.66 gold francs, Canada's share of the surplus for the financial year 1928, and the sum of 31,917.80 gold francs, representing the repayment from the Building Fund authorized by the Assembly to those States which, by the prompt payment of their share of the League's expenditure up to the end of 1925, had contributed to the formation of the capital set apart for the construction of the new buildings. The net contribution of Canada to the expenses of the League for 1930 thus amounts to 954,776.51 gold francs, or nearly 185,000 dollars.

Organization of the Secretariat, of the International Labour Office, and of the Registry of the Permanent Court of International Justice

The Ninth Assembly expressed the opinion that the staff regulations, which were drawn up in the early days of the League, should be considered in the light of the experience since acquired. The matter is being considered by the