

the majority present at the annual meeting of the Council in Quebec on May 27. Mr. Heeney remarked that the role of the CCRU and other similar organizations should be "ad hoc or ad hike": to do the job for which they were created but not then to find new undertakings simply to justify a prolonged existence.

The conversation turned to a misconception on the part of some officers of CCRU of its role as that of a substitute for a National Commission for UNESCO. It was pointed out, with agreement of all present, that this conception had no basis. CCRU has merely carried out, in a limited field, certain projects suggested by UNESCO; the co-ordinating body has been the Department of External Affairs, which handles the entire field of UNESCO activities as they affect Canada. This latter function may in the future be taken over by a National Commission, which would then be responsible for the whole cultural, educational and scientific aspect of Canadian life, delegating as the need arises specific tasks to ad hoc organizations such as CCRU.

Dr. Gibson envisaged the closing of CCRU's offices in Ottawa by September 30 or more probably December 31, with its work then wound up in a dignified and proper manner. It is unlikely that at that time there would be another delegation, unless UNESCO should request the Council to launch some new project. A further possibility is that it may thereafter continue as a purely voluntary private organization, with no funds or staff, until its activities are absorbed by the National Commission. It would nevertheless be ready at any time to administer any monies put up for new Fellowships and would encourage its member organizations, such as the Boy Scouts, in undertaking projects independently.

It was agreed that the Department would use its good offices in obtaining rent-free premises for CCRU until December 31 or September 30, 1949. The Department of Public Works have re-leased the Sparks Street premises until April 1, 1951, and have offered to sublet it to CCRU for that period. Dr. Gibson pointed out that there are four other organizations sharing these premises; the Canadian Allied Relief Fund, the National Film Board, the United Nations Appeal for Children, the United Emergency Fund for Britain. The Department of Public Works apparently consider mistakenly that CCRU are the sole occupants and wish to remain there until 1951.

Vouchers have already been received by the Department showing the disbursement of the \$200,000 grant from External Affairs in purchases in Canada of materials for reconstruction abroad, but advantage has not yet been taken of the Department's offer to arrange for the Auditor General to audit the books of CCRU. It was agreed that the Auditor General should now be asked to review the two reports (to December 31, 1948 and to March 31, 1949) already made by a firm of public auditors, as well as the \$200,000 budget. The Secretary of CCRU will make this request in writing after the general meeting.

Dr. Gibson invited the Department to send a representative to the general meeting at Quebec.

A number of extra copies of the *Report of Activities* will be made available for circulation to interested posts abroad. It was agreed that the Department would formally present the Report to the Director General of UNESCO.