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The Committee also considered the Byelo-Russian resolution concerning the extradition and punishment of war criminals which was unanimously adopted and referred to the General Assembly where without revision it was also adopted.

The other important piece of work referred to this Committee was the request of the W.F.T.U. and other organs for some form of affiliation with the Organization. The question was first referred to the General Committee where no agreement could be reached, and it was then referred to the first committee after being placed on the agenda. A very acrimonious debate in Committee I resulted in its reference to a sub-committee, which, in turn, reported back to the main Committee.

The Matter was brought to a head by the request of the World Federation of Trade for permission to sit in the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council not only in a consultative capacity, but with the prospect at a later stage of being granted full rights of participation with the right to vote.

The General Committee, which considered at the same time similar requests from the International Co-operative Alliance, the International Democratic Federation of Women, and the American Federation of Labour, was unanimously of the opinion that there could be no question of granting any organization representation with the right to vote in the various organs of the United Nations, since it would be equivalent to modification of the Charter.

As to the request of the W.F.T.U. for the right to sit in a permanent consultative capacity, the Committee found itself unable to formulate any specific proposal. It decided to recommend that the question be placed on the agenda of the General Assembly, and the latter referred it to the First Committee. The sub-committee of Committee I, composed of the representatives of the Ukraine, Luxembourg, Ecuador, Belgium, China, Colombia, France, New Zealand, U.S.S.R., United Kingdom and the U.S.A., after thorough discussion concluded that agreement was not unobtainable, but was unable to formulate a compromise resolution, and it was decided in the full Committee to vote on the four draft resolutions of the United Kingdom, the United States, U.S.S.R., and Belgium.

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