

The Second Committee—on Technical Organization (Chairman, M. Tittoni, Italy)—laid down two principles, (a) that the interior workings of the various organizations should be independent, (b) that their relations with the members of the League should be under control. It proposed to set up immediately three technical organizations; (1) An Advisory Economic and Financial Committee; (2) An Organization for Communication and Transit; (3) An Organization of International Health. It was resolved to summon a general economic and financial conference in 1921 with powers to constitute the Economic and Financial Committee and to invite members of the League to send representatives to a general conference on freedom of communication and transit to meet first at Barcelona and subsequently to be convened by the Council of the League. It was also recommended that the judicial functions of the League respecting transit should be vested in the Permanent Court of International Justice and that until this Court was ready to deal with such disputes they should be brought before a Court of Arbitration to consist of one representative of the plaintiff, one of the defendant and one of the League of Nations. It also recommended an International Health Organization to advise the League of Nations, to bring administrative health officers of different nations into closer relationship, to organize a more rapid interchange of information, to furnish a ready organization for securing or revising necessary international agreements for administrative action on matters of health, protection of employees against sickness, disease or injury, etc. This organization was to consist of (1) a General Committee, (2) a Standing Committee, (3) an International Health Bureau with headquarters at the seat of the League. The Committee also advocated an organization to control the traffic in women and children and in noxious drugs, also organizations to encourage intellectual labour, the rescue of children affected by the war and a campaign against typhus.

The Third Committee, on the creation of a permanent Court of International Justice (Chairman, M. Bourgeois, France)—The Council in February had convened a committee of jurists to prepare a draft scheme for a Court of International Justice. This Committee met at the Hague and produced a proposal which was forwarded to the Council and approved with certain modifications; it then came before the Assembly and was given to the third committee, who nominated a subcommittee of ten jurists, five of whom had already sat on the committee at the Hague. The result of these conclaves was the conception of a permanent International Court above and outside political influences. The League of Nations is to establish the Court and draw up its constitutional rules after which the Court is to be independent. The nominations for the personnel of the Court are to be left to the national groups of the Hague Court of Arbitration already existing, four candidates to be included in each national group. The Court is to have the assistance of special technical advisers to sit with the judges but not to vote. The third Committee left the jurisdiction of the Court where it was placed by the Council, cases accepted by both parties, but left the way open for