

continuous watchfulness on the part of producers; otherwise they cannot make those timely adjustments in plans that tend toward keeping production in equilibrium with food requirements.

Statistical services are essential for most of the projects that will be undertaken by FAO. Resumption of the collection of international agricultural statistics will be necessary and in this certain improvements should be made. It was recommended that consideration be given to the establishment of regional libraries accessible to research workers and that the library of the International Institute of Agriculture be taken over by FAO.

A strong central statistical unit should be established servicing all FAO activities, and so constituted as to meet the technical requirements of the Organization, which relate to nutrition and food consumption, rural welfare, agricultural production, marketing, prices, fisheries and forestry and forest products.

**Report of Commission "B".**—The four Committees dealing with (1) Rules of Procedure; (2) Finance; (3) Administrative Arrangements; and (4) Constitution and Diplomatic Questions, under Commission "B" prepared reports. The Committees worked in close harmony with one another and many of their recommendations were the result of parallel deliberations of two or more Committees.

Only minor changes were made in the Rules and Regulations that had been prepared by the Interim Commission. Aspects of staff policy were suggested with a view to assisting the Director General to organize an efficient and strong administration.

The particular problems considered by the Committee on Finance related to the financial year, the budget and the apportionment of contributions by Member Nations for the first and second years. Canada's contribution for the first year was fixed at 5.06 p.c. of the total, or \$126,500, which is to be reduced by advances to the Organization in the form of payment of expenses of the First Session of the Conference. The proposed contribution by Canada in the second year is 3.80 p.c., or \$190,000.

Washington was designated as the temporary seat of FAO but it was agreed that the permanent seat should be at the seat of the United Nations Organization on the understanding that that would also be the seat of the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

The establishment of regional offices was considered to be the task of the Director General and the Executive Committee who would recommend to the Conference the number, location and functions of such offices.

The principle was adopted that any disputes would be determined by the International Court of Justice.

It was recommended that FAO should achieve the closest possible relationship with the United Nations and other specialized agencies that may be established, and that FAO should, after the winding up of their affairs, take over the appropriate activities of the International Institute of Agriculture and the Comité International du Bois.