

the Council every year, but only when the Council or the Secretary-General considered it appropriate.

On 1 July the Council unanimously adopted a revised joint draft resolution submitted by Australia, Belgium, Egypt, France, India, the United States and Yugoslavia. By it, the Council noted the reports before it with satisfaction; stated that further efforts were desirable to familiarize the public with the needs of children and the work of UNICEF; invited all States to continue their efforts to expand the resources of UNICEF; and asked the Secretary-General to supplement not later than 1956 his report on co-ordination, paying particular attention to the further development of co-ordinating devices to assure solution of specific problems.

CONSIDERATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

At the Assembly's ninth session the Third Committee considered the work of UNICEF during its general discussion of the report of the Economic and Social Council. Representatives taking part in the Assembly debate paid tribute to UNICEF, declaring that it was an excellent example of international co-operation and that through its work the lives of millions of children had been saved and health conditions in many areas of the world improved. Many representatives, including those of Belgium, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, Greece, Iraq and Yugoslavia, spoke of the achievements made in their own countries with UNICEF help.

Several representatives, including, among others, those of Ecuador, Pakistan, the United States, Uruguay and Yugoslavia, commended the Assembly decision to continue UNICEF for an indefinite period. Such a decision, stated the representative of Pakistan, was an essential

condition of any child health programme and of the training projects so necessary to under-developed countries. The change in the title of UNICEF, declared the representative of the United States, reflected the trend towards the development of permanent services for children, especially in under-developed countries.

The representatives of Belgium, Israel and the United Kingdom considered it encouraging that government matching of UNICEF aid had amounted to 157 per cent of UNICEF allocations from the inception of the Fund to the end of 1953. The representatives of Ecuador, India and the United States, among others, spoke of the judicious use made of available funds. In the view of the representative of India, the UNICEF budget proved that substantial results could be achieved with limited resources, if they were used wisely and economically.

The low administrative costs of UNICEF were also commended by, for instance, the representatives of France and Mexico. The representatives of Iraq and Yugoslavia considered that the slightly increased administrative expenditures were justified by the extension of the activities of UNICEF and by the fact that some of them related to programmes of more than a year's duration. The representative of Pakistan hoped that administrative costs would be kept at a low level.

The General Assembly on 14 December 1954 unanimously adopted a resolution congratulating UNICEF on its work, stating that further efforts were desirable to familiarize the public with the needs of children and the work of UNICEF, and inviting all States Members and non-members of the United Nations to continue their efforts to expand the resources of UNICEF.

UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S DAY

During the Third Committee's debate on UNICEF two proposals were submitted by India and Uruguay concerning the question of establishing a world children's day. The proposals were later withdrawn in favour of a joint Indian-Uruguayan draft resolution, under which the General Assembly would, among other things, recommend that, with effect from

1956, an international world children's day should be instituted by all countries to be observed as a day of world-wide fraternity and understanding between children.

The joint draft resolution was supported by several representatives, including those of Afghanistan, Burma, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Guatemala, Israel, Poland,