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CHAPTER XX

QUESTIONS RELATING TO YOUTH

During 1970, the General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights took decisions concerning youth, its education in the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, its problems and needs, and its participation in national development.

Activities involving youth were carried on by a number of organizations of the United Nations system during 1970. The Economic and Social Council and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, for example, studied the feasibility of creating an international corps of volunteers for development (see pp. 347-48). Programmes involving youth were also included in the work of the specialized agencies and the regional economic commissions.

DECISIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

At its February-March 1970 session, held in New York, the Commission on Human Rights studied the question of the education of youth all over the world for the development of its personality and the strengthening of its respect for the rights of man and fundamental freedoms.

After considering a report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on the subject, and a supplementary report of the Secretary-General, the Commission decided to resume consideration of the question at its 1971 session (see page 565). The Economic and Social Council was informed accordingly of the Commission's decision.

DECISIONS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Later in the year, the General Assembly examined the subject of youth, its education in the respect for human rights and fundamental

freedoms, its problems and needs, and its participation in national development. It did so on the basis of a report by the Secretary-General. The report summarized the action taken by Member States and by the Commission on Human Rights with regard to the education of youth.

The report noted that a seminar on the role of youth in the promotion and protection of human rights had been held at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, in June 1970.

Included in an annex to the report was information from Greece, Guatemala, Iceland, Israel, Jamaica, Madagascar, Syria and the United Arab Republic on the specific action they had taken in their efforts to ensure that young people were educated in a spirit of respect for human rights.

On 11 November 1970, the Assembly, in adopting a resolution on questions relating to youth, expressed its awareness of the fact that slow progress in the realization of the principles and objectives of the United Nations Charter and the usurpation of the inalienable rights of peoples gave rise to restlessness among youth. The Assembly expressed concern at the fact that armed conflicts were continuing and acts of aggression were being committed in various parts of the world, bringing death, injury and suffering to various segments of the population, particularly young people.

The Assembly also noted positive attitudes expressed by youth towards the principles embodied in the Charter, their support for peace, justice and international security, and their stand against, among other things, the continuance of colonialism and apartheid, foreign rule or occupation, and wars of aggression. It noted, further, the discontent of youth with the slow progress made in the development of the developing countries, with the economic and techno-