

CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES

The following objections to the credentials of delegates were submitted to the Credentials Committee :—

- An objection concerning the nomination of the Indian workers' delegate and advisers lodged by the All-India Trade Union Congress.
- An objection concerning the nomination of the Yugoslav workers' delegate and adviser lodged by the Yugoslav Seamen's Union.
- An objection concerning the nomination of the delegates appointed by the Government of Yugoslavia lodged by the United South Slav Committee.
- An objection concerning the nomination of the workers' delegate and advisers of the Argentine Republic lodged by the Secretary of the Workers' Group of the Conference.
- An objection concerning the nomination of the workers' delegate and adviser of Greece lodged by the representative of the Panhellenic Federation of the Maritime Trade Unions.

In the case of the Indian workers' delegate, the Credentials Committee pointed out in their report that there were two workers' organizations in India each of which claims to be the most representative, and that the Government of India recognized both organizations and had taken the view that Indian workers should be represented alternately by the Indian Federation of Labour and the All-India Trade Union Congress, and had decided that the first turn should be given to the newer organization, the Indian Federation of Labour. In these circumstances the Credentials Committee asked the Conference to regard the workers' delegate of India and his advisers as duly accredited. The report of the Credentials Committee continued as follows :—

“The Committee does not doubt that the Government of India will continue its endeavours to make provision for the representation of both organizations in an appropriate manner at future sessions of the Conference and ventures to hope that the two organizations will reach an agreement which will secure the effective participation in the International Labour Organization of representatives of all sections of the Indian trade-union movement. The Committee understands that, failing such an agreement, the Indian workers' delegate to the next session of the Conference will be appointed in agreement with the All-India Trade Union Congress.”

The objections to the credentials of the Yugoslav delegates and advisers were based on the ground that the existing Government of Yugoslavia was not entitled to represent that country. The Credentials Committee pointed out in their report that the Government which appointed the Yugoslav delegates and advisers was generally recognized as the Government of Yugoslavia by the Governments of the other members of the Organization, and in these circumstances the Credentials Committee asked the Conference to regard these delegates as duly accredited.

The objection to the credentials of the Greek workers' delegate and adviser was that they were not appointed in agreement with the legal representatives of the Greek trade-unions acting in collaboration with the underground movement of trade-unions inside Greece. The Credentials Committee in their report drew attention to the great difficulties which confronted the Greek Government in securing representation of the Greek trade-unions, and proposed that the Conference should regard the workers' delegate and adviser appointed by the Greek Government as duly accredited.

In all these cases the Conference approved the proposals of the Credentials Committee.

The objection lodged by the secretary of the workers' group to the credentials of the Argentine workers' delegation was withdrawn on 11th May—the day before the close of the Conference—in view of the fact that this delegation had not participated in the work of the Conference.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

The decisions which emerged from the Committees and were adopted by the Conference in its final plenary sessions comprised seven very far-reaching Recommendations in addition to a number of equally important resolutions and declarations.

The findings of the Conference under items III, IV, and V of the Agenda were adopted in the form of Recommendations to Governments, each Recommendation consisting of a series of guiding principles together with detailed proposals for their application. They deal with the following general problems :—

(A) EMPLOYMENT (ITEM III)

(1) *Employment Organization in the Transition from War to Peace.*—This recommendation sets out the general principles and procedure which the Conference considered should be taken into account by member Governments in connection with the demobilization of the Armed Forces and of assimilated Services, and the repatriation of prisoners of war, persons who have been deported, and others. Specific recommendations were made for the development by Governments of national programmes of demobilization and reconversion with the co-operation of employers' and workers' organizations; for the use of employment services facilities; for the provision of public vocational guidance facilities and of training, retraining, and rehabilitation programmes; for the formulation by Governments of positive policies in regard to the location of industry and the diversification of economic activity; and for the adoption of measures to regularize employment in those industries and occupations in which work is irregular.

(2) *The Organization of Employment Services.*—This Recommendation sets forth the responsibility which employment services and related authorities should assume in discharging their “essential duty . . . to ensure, in co-operation with other public and private bodies concerned, the best possible organization of industrial, agricultural, and other employment as an integral part of the national programme for the full use of productive resources.”

(3) *The National Planning of Public Works.*—This Recommendation outlines the general principles which should guide members of the Organization in planning public-works programmes, including the development and timing of programmes over a sufficiently long term in order to provide adequately for changing conditions.