

With the establishment of the United Nations and other international organizations in the United States of America, and in the absence of a permanent New Zealand delegation to the United Nations, the staff of the New Zealand Legation was called upon on numerous occasions to undertake the important task of representing New Zealand in the international field or of assisting the delegates from New Zealand who attended meetings. The Minister was senior delegate to the session of the United Nations held at New York in October and November of last year, and recently had the responsibility of presenting the New Zealand trusteeship agreement for Western Samoa to the Trusteeship Council, of which he is the New Zealand member. Members of the Legation have taken an active part in the work of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the International Emergency Food Council, and the Far Eastern Commission and have reported to the New Zealand Government upon the progress of these meetings.

During the year Mr. T. R. Aickin, Second Secretary, returned to New Zealand and retired. Mr. R. B. Taylor, Third Secretary, was transferred from the Department to the Legation.

#### NEW ZEALAND CONSULATE-GENERAL, NEW YORK

In November, 1946, the status of the New Zealand Consulate at New York was raised to that of a Consulate-General, with Mr. T. O. W. Brebner, the previous Consul, still in charge. Mr. Brebner is also Official Representative in New York of the New Zealand Customs Department. The regular consular activities which he has carried out have included the protection and promotion of New Zealand trade, services to New Zealanders overseas, including help and advice on commercial and industrial matters, financial aid in cases of need, and notarial services, and the reception and entertainment of prominent New Zealanders and officials on Government business. A further aspect of the work of the Consulate has been to provide information on immigration regulations, employment prospects, and tourist attractions to prospective visitors and immigrants, and to answer inquiries from organizations and private persons on various aspects of New Zealand life.

The Consul-General has been frequently called upon to represent New Zealand at official functions and to address meetings of societies and other bodies anxious to become more familiar with the New Zealand country and people.

The meetings of the United Nations and other international organizations in New York have provided considerable extra work for the Consulate, which has made its facilities available to the visiting delegations and provided clerical assistance and office space. The office of the New Zealand representative on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations is closely linked with the Consulate-General, and much of the office routine is thus combined.

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