

VIII.—COMMITTEE III: AUXILIARY BODIES

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47. Committee III was asked to consider and report on the question of the establishment of bodies auxiliary and advisory to the Commission, and that of the relationship of the Commission to existing organizations.

48. The decisions taken by this Committee with regard to the establishment of a Research Council and a South Pacific Conference are of great significance. All delegations were agreed that perhaps the most important aspect of the Commission's work would be concerned with research, whilst similar stress was laid upon the necessity for associating representatives of the local inhabitants and of official and non-official institutions with the work of the Commission.

Research Council

49. All members of the Committee were in agreement as to the desirability of establishing a body which might co-ordinate research activities within the South Pacific, maintain a continuous survey of research needs in the area, arrange for the conduct of approved research studies, and appoint special committees to investigate particular problems.

50. The question of the actual membership of the Council, however, was discussed in great detail, and it was apparent that there was a considerable divergence of opinion as to the actual composition of the proposed Council. The principal points at issue were—

- (i) Whether the Commission should receive a recommendation as to the appointment of full-time experts; and
- (ii) Whether a permanent nucleus was necessary in the Research Council.

51. There was general agreement that one full-time official would be required to supervise the execution of the programme of the Council in the capacity of Deputy Chairman, but considerable doubt was expressed whether, in view of the expense involved, the appointment of other permanent officials was necessary. In view of the importance attaching to research activities, however, it was eventually decided that a small