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BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1951

Revised estimates for section 5a: United Nations Field Service

Thirty-second report of 1950 of the Advisory Committee on
Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered a report by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/428) submitting revised estimates for 1951 in respect of the United Nations Field Service.
2. The proposed provision of \$488,000 relates to 125 posts required for the training and assignment of Field Service personnel to the various United Nations missions in the field. Expenditure for 1951 for a further 158 posts (guard duties) is budgeted under sections 16, 18a and 20, while section 16 also contains provision for 17 posts in the Headquarters unit administering the service. The Advisory Committee considers that the functions and duties of the Field Service should be more clearly defined, and that the qualifications for recruitment to the Service should be extended.
3. The programme of advanced training calls for a considerable expenditure under the items for travel and subsistence of staff and temporary assistance, a sum of \$43,500 being proposed for travel and subsistence expenses of Field Service personnel detailed to Headquarters for such training. Additional provision is requested for travel within the United States to factories and technical schools, and for instructors to supervise the courses.
4. The Advisory Committee considers that in future the whole of the Service should be brought under a single section of the budget, so that the total expenditures may be readily ascertained.

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5. The Advisory Committee recommends an appropriation of \$450,000 for section 5a of the 1951 budget, a part of the reduction of \$38,000 to be applied to the items relating to the programme of advanced training, and the balance to be effected through delays in recruitment.

6. The salaries of the Field Service personnel are gross, and the offsetting revenue in respect of contributions under the Staff Assessment Plan is estimated at \$46,800.
