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THREATS TO THE POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF GREECE

Financial implications of the draft resolution proposed
by the First Committee (A/1062)

Seventeenth report of 1949 of the Advisory Committee on
Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. In accordance with a decision taken by the Fifth Committee at its 221st meeting on 8 November 1949, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/343) submitting estimates of the costs of the United Nations Special Committee on the Balkans for the financial year 1950, together with the related report (A/C.5/342) on the repatriation of Greek children.
2. The Advisory Committee notes that account has been taken in the estimates submitted of savings from the revaluation of certain national currencies, but not of those likely to accrue from the establishment of a United Nations Field Service, should such a service be approved by the General Assembly.
3. As regards the item for travel and subsistence of members of the Special Committee, the deduction of 20 per cent in respect of absences from the Mission area is, in the Advisory Committee's opinion, unduly small, particularly in view of the fact that the subsistence allowance is not in all cases paid at the full rate. A reduction of \$25,000 is recommended on this item.
4. Further savings of the order of \$6,500 should be possible of achievement on the items for contractual printing (\$2,000), local transportation (\$500), and temporary assistance (\$4,000).
5. The Advisory Committee notes that provision for two posts for verbatim reporters, included in the 1949 appropriation, is not requested in the present estimates.
6. The report by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/343, final paragraph) contains a reference to paragraph 13 of resolution A proposed by the First Committee (A/1062). The Advisory Committee, however, does not feel called upon, at this stage, to offer any comments upon this paragraph.

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which involves a matter of policy for decision by the General Assembly. Should the contingency envisaged in the resolution arise, the Committee would be prepared to submit its observations.

7. In connexion with the report by the Secretary-General concerning the repatriation of Greek children (A/C.5/342), the Advisory Committee takes note that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 193 (III)C, the Secretary-General requested the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies to implement that resolution. The First Committee has now recommended that this work be continued and that the Secretary-General lend to the two Red Cross bodies "all appropriate assistance in carrying out their tasks" (A/1062). Under these resolutions, the Secretary-General expects to reimburse the Red Cross for administrative expenses to the amount of \$23,000 in 1949 and about \$50,000 in 1950. It is not anticipated that the amount requested by the Secretary-General (\$50,000) will be exceeded during the year 1950. In the contrary event, however, the Advisory Committee considers that, in view of the special circumstances of the case, advances from the Working Capital Fund to meet additional requirements should be the subject of prior consultation with the Committee.

8. Subject to what is said above, the Advisory Committee recommends that the estimates be approved at the following figures:

	<u>Recommended by Advisory Committee</u> Dollars (U.S.)	<u>Requested by Secretary-General</u> Dollars (U.S.)
Section 6, chapter III		
United Nations Special Committee on the Balkans	850,000	881,500
Chapter IV - Repatriation of Greek children	50,000	50,000

9. The salaries of staff members, for which provision is made under chapter III, are gross, and revenue in respect of contributions under the Staff Assessment Plan is estimated at \$39,000.



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ADVISORY SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES

Report of the Third Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Frankisak VRBA (Czechoslovakia)

1. The Economic and Social Council, at its ninth session, adopted, on 23 July 1949, resolution 243 (IX) E recommending that the General Assembly should authorize the Secretary-General to place the advisory social welfare services originally authorized by Assembly resolution 58 (I) on a continuing, rather than on the present year-to-year basis. It also directed him to include an amount for these services in the budget of the United Nations in the future and to continue this work during 1950 at approximately the same level of expenditure as in 1949.
2. The General Assembly, at its 224th plenary meeting held on 22 September 1949 referred to the Third Committee for consideration and report the item "Advisory social welfare services".
3. At its 252nd, 253rd and 254th meetings held on 18, 19 and 25 October, the Third Committee considered the draft resolution submitted by the Economic and Social Council on this subject (A/975). An account of the committee's discussions may be found in documents A/C.3/SR.252 + 254.
4. Amendments to the text of the draft resolution were submitted in the course of the debate by Ethiopia (A/C.3/L.23), Israel (A/C.3/L.22) and jointly by Belgium and Lebanon (A/C.3/L.21/Rev.1). In addition, a verbal amendment to the latter text was proposed by the representative of Pakistan and accepted by the representatives of Belgium and Lebanon. Another verbal amendment to the draft resolution was submitted by the representative of Uruguay.
5. At its 254th meeting, the Third Committee rejected the amendments proposed by Ethiopia and by Uruguay. The amendment proposed by Israel was withdrawn. The joint amendment proposed by Belgium and Lebanon was accepted by 47 votes to none, with 5 abstentions. The question was raised whether the words "on a continuing basis" or "on a permanent basis" should be used in the first paragraph of the draft resolution. The Committee decided, by 47 votes to none with 5 abstentions, to use the word "continuing".

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6. By a unanimous vote of the fifty-two members present, the Third Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

ADVISORY SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES

The General Assembly

1. Authorizes the Secretary-General to place on a continuing basis, rather than on the present year-to-year basis, the advisory social welfare services originally authorized by its resolution 58 (I) of 14 December 1946;
2. Directs the Secretary-General:
 - (a) To include an amount for these services in the budget of the United Nations in the future;
 - (b) For 1950, to continue this work at approximately the same level of expenditure on the part of the United Nations as in 1949;
3. Requests the Economic and Social Council to review the terms of resolution 58 (I), in the light of the provisions of paragraph 1 above and in the light of the discussions and suggestions made in the Third Committee of the General Assembly, and to recommend to the next regular session of the General Assembly any modifications which it may consider necessary therein.

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NOTE. The Secretary-General had included in the 1950 budget estimates budgetary provisions for the advisory social welfare services programme during that year. The Fifth Committee has therefore reviewed, and has now approved, these provisions.



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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (Chapter III)

Report of the Third Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Frantisek VRBA (Czechoslovakia)

1. The General Assembly, at its 224th plenary meeting held on 22 September 1949, referred to the Third Committee for consideration chapter III of the report of the Economic and Social Council dealing with social, humanitarian and cultural problems.
2. The Third Committee considered this item at its 255th meeting held on 26 October 1949 and, by a unanimous vote of the 46 members present, adopted a draft resolution submitted by the representative of China (A/C.3/L.24). An account of the Committee's deliberations may be found in document A/C.3/SR.255.
3. The Third Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (Chapter III)

The General Assembly

Takes note of chapter III of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

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