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SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF INFORMATIONSUMMARY RECORD OF FOURTEENTH MEETING HELD ON  
SATURDAY, 26 JANUARY, AT 10.30 A.M.

Chairman: Mr. Francis Williams.

The Committee had before it a summary of views on films expressed at its eighth and ninth meetings (A/INF/W.14).

Documentary Films. Paragraphs 1-3.

The Sub-Committee agreed to insert in its report the recommendation to the effect that, while the Department of Public Information should use existing agencies for the production of documentary films, the possibility of eventually building up a Documentary Film Unit as an integral part of its Information Department should not be excluded.

News Films

The Sub-Committee felt that a small unit of cameramen might usefully form part of the department's film section, and should be used for supplementing the work of newsreel companies in filming the meetings of Assemblies, Councils and Committees, and the activities of such bodies when on mission.

It was agreed that a clear distinction should be maintained between material filmed under the direct control of the Department of Public Information, and material filmed by outside agencies.

Paragraph 4:- The Sub-Committee decided that specific film magazines should not be mentioned by name in its report.

It was agreed that the term "full use" in the fifth sentence of paragraph 4, should not be understood to imply that the film magazines should be commissioned to make films for the department.

Paragraph 5:- the Sub-Committee agreed that the sentence should be redrafted with a view to making it less absolute.

Paragraph 6:- the Sub-Committee decided that, as regards distribution, it would suffice to recommend that the widest theatrical and non-theatrical distribution should be aimed at.

Paragraph 7:- the Sub-Committee felt that the substance of this paragraph should be expressed in a less detailed manner and that it should refer in its report to the considerations set down in paragraph 7 of A/INF/W.14.

Paragraph 8:- it was decided that paragraph 8 should read "The United Nations Film Section should build up a film reference library and card index system, recording information on the production and distribution of films of the United Nations".

Paragraph 9:- it was decided to delete this paragraph.

The meeting rose at 12.30 p.m..

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