

Document No. 2THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.Suggestion for Editorial Assistance

At the Second Annual Meeting the following recommendation was passed:

"That, in view of the Executive Secretary's possible need for editorial assistance, this subject be reviewed at the time of the next annual meeting of the Commission, and that in the meanwhile the Executive Secretary obtain such assistance as he needs through the Chairman and other members of the Committee on Research and Statistics."

The question of editorial assistance arises mainly from the following:

- a) That the Commission has chosen its Executive Secretary from a non-British nation.
- b) The necessity of ensuring that the language and the terms used in the Commission papers and documents are as clear and concise as possible.

The Executive Secretary is well aware of the need for editorial assistance and of the advantages to be obtained from such help.

The general procedure in such cases is to set down a small committee to supervise the documents to be issued or the papers for publication. However, as committees as a rule work rather slowly, it should in this case be considered to let only one person take charge of the editorial assistance. Owing to the technical and confidential nature of most of the Commission papers and documents, the person chosen should be one connected with the Commission, and further, which is quite obvious, one with English as his native tongue. Finally, the person should, in order that the editorial help can be given without too much loss of time, be one living not too distant from Commission headquarters, i.e. at any rate in the country where the permanent headquarters is established. This, of course, involves that the question of editorial assistance can only be decided after the question of site of permanent headquarters has been settled.

Erik M. Poulsen,
Executive Secretary.

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