

2. The Committee on Technology will deal with specific problems on the development and proper utilization of the fisheries with special reference to (1) the capture, preservation, processing, distribution, marketing, and consumption of fish and fishery products; (2) fish-pond engineering and management; (3) statistics; (4) equipment, facilities and techniques; and (5) economic factors such as financing and manpower.

These Committees will prepare detailed reports on the national programmes now being followed by various member countries in their respective areas, and suggest for the consideration of the Council at its next session, parts of such programmes as could best be carried out by various member nations with a view to conserving resources and achieving results at the earliest possible date.

During the plenary sessions of the Council, 15 technical papers dealing with such varied subjects as hydrology, biology, habits and food of fishes, fish culture, refrigeration, processing of fish, preparation of oils and bye-products, assessment of stocks and economics of the industry were read and discussed. A symposium on Pelagic Fisheries, to which a number of papers were contributed by the delegations from India, United States of America, Netherlands and Australia was held in three after-dinner meetings.

Special excursions were arranged for the delegates to study types of fishing methods and fish-culture practices in the Singapore area. A film on methods of Hydrological Research with a commentary by Dr. H. Thompson of Australia was shown, and specimens of the important food fishes of Malaya with photographs of the fish and the fishing methods were exhibited.

The Executive Committee during the first year will have as its members:—

Dr. Baini Prashad (India)—*Chairman*.

Dr. J. F. D. Hardenberg (Netherlands)  
—*Vice-Chairman*.

Dr. G. L. Kesteven (F.A.O. Regional Representative for Fisheries)  
—*Secretary*.

The following were elected Office-bearers of the two Technical Committees:—

1. *Hydrology and Biology*:—

Dr. N. K. Panikkar (India)

—*Chairman*.

Mr. W. H. Schuster (Netherlands)

—*Rapporteur*.

2. *Technology*:—

Dr. C. Amirthalingam (Ceylon)

—*Chairman*.

Mr. Claro Martin (Philippines)

—*Rapporteur*.

An invitation was received from the Government of Australia for the Council to hold its 1950 session in Australia, and it is very likely that this invitation will be accepted.

## EASTERN STUDIES AT OXFORD

OXFORD University has approved a statute making permanent the Spalding Professorship of Eastern Religions and Ethics and expressed gratitude to the benefactors, Mr. and Mrs. K. N. Spalding, whose new gift of £ 42,000 had made this possible.

This particular Chair was first established for a provisional period in 1935 and has been held since then by Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, who is a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, and has been Vice-Chancellor of Andhra and

Benares Universities and is recognised as one of the greatest Asian educationists.

He is at present Chairman of the Executive Board of UNESCO and of the Indian Universities Commission recently appointed by the Indian Government.

The new statute making the endowment of the Chair permanent reiterates the desire of the founders to promote closer understanding between the world's great religions and makes it clear that the intention is normally to appoint an Asian in the Chair.