

PART II

The developments which led to the adoption of
Recommendation 56 and Resolution 41

1. As soon as the Council of Europe came into being numerous enquiries were received as to the nature of the Council's emblem. Sometimes the emblems of unofficial movements were taken for official emblems. A number of spontaneous proposals were also made.
2. The matter was brought to the knowledge of the Bureau of the Assembly by the Secretary-General at the end of 1949, when the Bureau took the view that the opinion of the Assembly as a whole should be obtained and that a sub-committee might be appointed to prepare a report on the matter.
3. At the beginning of 1950 the European Parliamentary Union proposed to the Secretary-General that the emblem of the Pan-European Movement should be adopted.
4. On 23rd June, 1950, the Committee on General Affairs requested the Secretary-General to draw up a Report on the practical steps which might be taken to make public opinion directly aware of the reality of European union. This Report was prepared and submitted to the Assembly as Appendix II to Document AS (2) 85.
5. On 18th August, 1950, the Consultative Assembly confirmed the Resolution of the Committee of General Affairs and on 28th August it requested each of its committees concerned to consider the suggestions contained in the document of the Secretariat-General. The first of these proposals concerned a "European flag" and was referred to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges.