

# NOTES & NEWS

## CONVENTION OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANISATION

Intimation has been received that the 30th instrument of ratification of the new World Meteorological Convention was deposited with the States Department of the U. S. A. on the 21st February 1950. India is a signatory to this Convention and the instrument of ratification by the Government of India was deposited on the 27th April 1949.

Article 35 of the Convention provides that it shall come into force on the 30th day after the date of deposit of the 30th instrument of ratification or accession. The Convention has therefore come into force on the 23rd March 1950.

In accordance with a resolution which was recorded in the final act of the Conference of Directors of Meteorological Services, Washington 1947, at which this Convention was signed, the existing Meteorological Organisation will carry on its usual functions during the period between the entry into force of the new Convention and the first meeting of the World Meteorological Congress. Arrangements for holding this Congress are now being made by the Executive Council of the International Meteorological Organisation. Final decision regarding the date and place for the meeting of the Congress is expected to be taken shortly.

The purposes of the new World Meteorological Organisation as given in article 2 of the Convention are :—

- (a) To facilitate worldwide co-operation in the establishment of networks of stations for the making of meteorological observations or other geophysical observations related to meteorology and to promote the establishment and maintenance of meteorological centres charged with the provision of meteorological services ;
- (b) To promote the establishment and maintenance of systems for the rapid exchange of weather information ;
- (c) To promote standardization of meteorological observations and to ensure the uniform publication of observations and statistics ;
- (d) To further the application of meteorology to aviation, shipping, agriculture, and other human activities ; and
- (e) To encourage research and training in meteorology and to assist in co-ordinating the international aspects of such research and training.