



Seventh session
Agenda item 42

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1953

Korean service medals

(Revised estimates for section 5 (Investigations and Inquiries))

Thirteenth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the seventh session of the General Assembly

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered a report by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/509) submitting revised estimates for section 5 in respect of the supply during 1953 of Korean service medals and ribbons, which were authorized by the General Assembly in resolution 483 (V) of 12 December 1950.
2. Due to a shortage of materials, it will not be possible to make full delivery during 1952 of orders placed under the existing contract. Consequently, the proposed 1953 provision of \$429,000 includes an unspent balance (\$174,500) of the 1952 appropriation.
3. The Advisory Committee considers that, since similar unavoidable delays during 1953 are likely to limit the volume of expenditure, the sum of \$300,000 should be provided in the 1953 budget, and that, if required, the balance of \$129,000 should be financed out of the Working Capital Fund. The Committee has been informed that the Secretary-General concurs in this view.
4. A further assurance was given to the Committee on behalf of the Secretary-General that, in view of the sharp increase in prices quoted, alternative sources of supply will be carefully explored before the letting of a new contract.
5. The Advisory Committee accordingly recommends an appropriation of \$300,000 under section 5 of the 1953 budget in respect of Korean service medals, and that

advances from the Working Capital Fund not exceeding \$129,000 in total should be authorized for the purposes indicated in the Secretary-General's report (A/C.5/509
6. The provisional appropriation already recommended by the Advisory Committee^{1/} for section 5 as a whole amounts to \$2,000,000. The estimates in document A/C.5/509 are the first of a series to be submitted as detailed justification for this tentative figure.

^{1/} A/2157, paragraphs 92 - 96, Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Session, Supplement No. 7.