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THIRD SESSION

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE FORTY-FIRST MEETING

Lake Success, New York
Monday, 19 April 1948, at 2.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr. R. WILSON	Australia
*Mr. J. WOULBROUN	Belgium
*Mr. J. B. TORRES	Brazil
*Mr. L. KAMINSKY	Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic
Mr. J. DEUTSCH	Canada
Mr. F. HO	China
*Mr. N. SILVERIO	Cuba
Mr. R. BYSTRICKY	Czechoslovakia
Mr. J. RUEFF	France
Mr. R. K. NEHRU	India
Mr. G. BOE	Norway
*Mr. G. LUTOSLOWSKI	Poland
Mr. A. MOROZOV	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
*Mr. M. FLEMING	United Kingdom
Mr. I. LUBIN	United States of America

Representatives of Specialized Agencies:

Mr. A. A. EVANS	ILO
Mr. D. GORDON	BANK

Consultants from Non-Governmental Organizations:

Miss T. SENDER	American Federation of Labor
Miss L. SPIEGEL	World Federation of Trade Unions
Mr. P. VASSEUR	International Chamber of Commerce
Mr. J. BOTTON	International Federation of Christian Trade Unions

*Alternates for the third session.

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Secretariat:

Mr. A. GOLDET (For the Assistant Secretary-General)
Mr. D. WEINTRAUB Commission Secretary

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. GOLDET, representative of the Assistant Secretary-General, opened the third session of the Economic and Employment Commission, and asked for nominations for the chairmanship of the Commission.

Mr. RUEFF (France) nominated Mr. Wilson (Australia) as Chairman.

The Commission unanimously elected Mr. Wilson (Australia) Chairman.

Mr. Wilson (Australia) took the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Commission should decide whether to have one or two Vice-Chairmen.

Mr. LUBIN (United States of America), supported by Mr. NEHRU (India), proposed that the Commission should adopt the procedure followed in the past and should have two Vice-Chairmen.

The Commission decided to elect a first and a second Vice-Chairman.

Mr. FLEMING (United Kingdom), supported by Mr. RUEFF (France), nominated Mr. Morozov (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) as first Vice-Chairman.

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The Commission/elected Mr. Morozov (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) first Vice-Chairman.

Mr. NEHRU (India), supported by Mr. LUBIN (United States of America), nominated Mr. Ho (China) as second Vice-Chairman.

/The Commission

The Commission unanimously elected Mr. Ho (China) second Vice-Chairman.

Mr. DEUTSCH (Canada), supported by Mr. RUEFF (France), nominated Mr. Lubin (United States of America) as Rapporteur.

The Commission ^{unanimously} elected Mr. Lubin (United States of America) Rapporteur.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

At the suggestion of the CHAIRMAN, Mr. WEINTRAUB (Commission Secretary) read the document entitled "Information and Documentation related to the Work of the Third Session of the Economic and Employment Commission" (document E/CN.1/54).

Referring to paragraph III, Mr. Weintraub stated that a cablegram had been received from Mr. Guimaraes expressing regret that illness prevented his attendance at the meeting and his hope that the session would be a fruitful one.

The CHAIRMAN asked that the Secretariat should send an appropriate reply to Mr. Guimaraes.

Mr. EVANS (ILO) suggested that in connection with item 8 of the provisional agenda, the Commission might be interested in document E/CN.1/44, Addendum 1, which contained decisions taken at the thirtieth session of the International Labour Conference and views expressed by the Industrial Committees of the ILO.

The CHAIRMAN asked the Secretariat to arrange for distribution of the document.

In reply to a point raised by Mr. RUEFF (France), Mr. WEINTRAUB (Commission Secretary) explained that the Secretariat had begun the preliminary work for the survey mentioned in section VII, paragraph 4, sub-paragraph (a) of document E/CN.1/54, but before

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sending out questionnaires to Governments, it hoped to benefit by comments on the subject made by the present Commission.

Referring to paragraph IX, Mr. FLEMING (United Kingdom) thought it would be useful for the Commission to have before it the report recently published by the Economic Commission for Europe.

Mr. RUEFF (France) wondered whether there was any duplication of work done by the Secretariat and by the Economic Commission for Europe in preparing reports on economic conditions.

Mr. GOLDET (Secretariat) assured the Commission that there was the closest collaboration between the United Nations Secretariat and the Economic Commission for Europe. In view of the important work done by the Department of Economic Affairs for the Economic Commission for Europe in Geneva, only a very small staff dealing with European questions was maintained at Headquarters.

He regretted that there had been a delay in receiving the report of the Economic Commission for Europe, but hoped that copies could be distributed to members of the present Commission within a very short time.

Mr. NEHRU (India) urged that undue attention should not be paid to one particular area, and asked that relevant documents of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East should also be distributed.

Mr. WEINTRAUB (Commission Secretary) explained that the Commission's attention had been drawn to the report of the Economic Commission for Europe because it had only recently been published. The Secretariat would be glad to circulate also some of the papers considered by the second session of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, which already had been circulated previously to Governments.

/The CHAIRMAN

The CHAIRMAN asked for amendments on the agenda, time of meetings and order of examination of the different items.

Mr. NEHRU (India) recalled that at the Commission's last session a list of names with biographical summaries was circulated among the members of the Commission to enable them to choose members of Sub-Commissions. He wondered whether that list could be circulated again with reference to item 3 of the agenda.

Mr. WEINTRAUB (Commission Secretary) believed that a sufficient number of copies of that list were still available (document E/CN.1/W.17) and would be circulated. He wished to point out, however, that the Secretariat could not answer for the availability of the persons mentioned.

In reply to Mr. RUEFF (France), who wondered whether a list that was more than a year old could be of much value in making a selection, the CHAIRMAN said that it might be of some help to consider the list prior to making nominations but that members of the Commission were in no way bound to choose only from among the names listed.

Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) proposed that the wording of item 3 of the agenda should be changed to read "Selection of members of the Sub-Commissions of the Economic and Employment Commission to replace members who resigned", so as to provide for other possible vacancies which might have occurred.

The Commission adopted the wording proposed by Mr. Morozov.

Mr. NEHRU (India) drew attention to the self-contradictory nature of the two Economic and Social Council Resolutions mentioned in document E/CN.1/54 in connection with item 6 of the agenda and

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requested the representative of the Secretariat to explain them.

Mr. WEINTRAUB (Commission Secretary) did not think that the resolutions were actually self-contradictory; in the later one the Council merely took into account certain developments which had occurred in the interim, and requested the Commission to postpone consideration of the general questions involved in the creation of regional economic commissions until it had further data at its disposal.

Mr. NEHRU (India) moved the deletion of item 6 from the agenda.

The Commission agreed to delete item 6 from the agenda and defer it for consideration at a subsequent session of the Commission.

Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) thought that item 13 of the agenda should be left out when the agenda was adopted if no members proposed the consideration of a new item.

The agenda, as amended, was adopted unanimously.

Relative order of agenda items

After a brief discussion, the Commission agreed to keep the agenda items in the order in which they were presented in document E/CN.1/48.

Reports of the Sub-Commissions

The CHAIRMAN drew the attention of members of the Commission to the provisions of rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of Functional Commissions under which they could invite an officer or a designated member of the Sub-Commission to participate without

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vote in the discussion of the Sub-Commission's report to the Commission.

Owing to various circumstances, such as the ill health of some of the individuals involved, and the failure of the Sub-Commissions to designate members for the task, it was agreed that the Commission would have to rely on information furnished by the Secretariat.

Time of meetings

After a brief discussion the Commission agreed to have two daily meetings with a luncheon interval of one hour and thirty minutes, the next meeting being scheduled for Tuesday at 11.30.

The meeting rose at 5 p.m.