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## UNITED NATIONS TEMPORARY COMMISSION ON KOREA

## TELETYPE INFORMATION REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION\*\*

(Period 16 May - 5 June 1948)

## I. GENERAL

1. In accordance with the decision of the Commission at its thirty-ninth meeting on 12 May 1948\*\*\*, the Commission proceeded from Seoul to Shanghai in four groups during the week ending 22 May 1948, for the purpose of preparing the first part of its report to the General Assembly.
2. At the forty-fifth meeting in Shanghai on 27 May 1948, the Commission decided to return to Seoul on 7 June.
3. During the three-week period covered by this report, seventeen plenary meetings of the Commission were held on the following dates:

Forty-second - 24 May 1948  
Forty-third - 26 May 1948  
Forty-fourth - 26 May 1948  
Forty-fifth - 27 May 1948  
Forty-sixth - 27 May 1948  
Forty-seventh - 28 May 1948  
Forty-eighth - 28 May 1948  
Forty-ninth - 29 May 1948  
Fiftieth - 29 May 1948  
Fifty-first - 31 May 1948  
Fifty-second - 31 May 1948  
Fifty-third - 1 June 1948  
Fifty-fourth - 2 June 1948  
Fifty-fifth - 2 June 1948  
Fifty-sixth - 3 June 1948  
Fifty-seventh - 4 June 1948  
Fifty-eighth - 4 June 1948

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\* First issued at Seoul as document A/AC.19/63.

\*\* For the last report, see document A/563.

\*\*\* Document A/563, paragraph 8.

4. In accordance with the decision of the Commission at its twenty-sixth meeting, the representative of Australia served as Chairman during the period 16 - 30 May inclusive; the representative of Canada succeeded to the chairmanship on 31 May for a period of fifteen days.

5. The Main Committee held two meetings on the following dates:

Eleventh - 21 May 1948

Twelfth -- 3 June 1948

6. The representative of Syria, Mr. Yasin Mughir, left Shanghai for Washington, D. C., on 3 June. The representative of the Philippines, Mr. Rufino Luna, left Shanghai for Manila on 31 May and rejoined the Commission at Shanghai immediately prior to its departure for Seoul on 7 June 1948.

7. The representative of France, Mr. Jean Paul-Boncour, had asked the Commission to authorize the French delegation to remain in Shanghai for a few days more since he was expecting an important pouch due in Shanghai at the beginning of the second week of June. He hoped to be back in Seoul not later than Monday, 14 June.

## II. PLENNARY MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION

Discussion of the draft chapters of the first part of the report of the Commission to the General Assembly (forty-second to fifty-eighth meetings inclusive).

8. Chapters I and II of the first part of the report to the General Assembly, dealing respectively with the creation of the Commission, its terms of reference and composition, and the organization of the Commission were adopted in their second and final reading at the fifty-third meeting, on 1 June, in Shanghai.

9. Chapters III, IV\*, and V\*, dealing respectively with (a) the political situation in Korea; (b) the main activities of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies; and (c) the conclusions of the Commission, were discussed at the forty-second through the fifty-eighth meetings held in Shanghai between 24 May and 4 June 1948.

10. At the forty-fifth meeting, on 27 May, the Commission established a Drafting Sub-Committee, composed of representatives of China, France and India, to redraft portions of the report referred to it by the Commission.

11. Chapter III was adopted in its first reading at the forty-seventh meeting on 24 May, and in its second and final reading at the fifty-third meeting, on 1 June 1948.

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\* Chapter IV was later separated into two new Chapters IV and V; the original Chapter V became Chapter VI.

12. Chapter IV was adopted in its first reading at the fifty-second meeting on 31 May, with the proviso that it be separated into two chapters.

Chapter IV, as separated into two new chapters IV and V, was adopted in its final reading at the fifty-seventh meeting on 4 June 1948.

13. The composition of volume III (Annexes) was approved by the Commission at the fifty-third meeting.

14. The contents of chapter VI (Conclusions) were introduced by the Drafting Sub-Committee at the fifty-seventh meeting. After discussing this chapter at the fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth meetings, the Commission decided that the chapter would be further considered following the return of the Commission to Seoul on 7 June 1948.

15. Chapters I, II, III, IV and V, together with the list of Annexes (volume II), as adopted by the Commission, were signed by the Chairman and the Rapporteur and transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 5 June 1948 (Annex I).

Discussion of the cablegram from the Secretary-General concerning the Tokyo incident (forty-second meeting).

16. At the forty-second meeting on 24 May, the Commission discussed briefly the cablegram from the Secretary-General concerning the "Tokyo" incident\*. It was finally decided to regard the incident as closed.

Discussion of representation of the Commission at the first meeting of the elected representatives in Seoul, Korea (forty-third and forty-eighth meetings).

17. At the forty-third meeting on 26 May, the Commission decided, after some discussion, that the Principal Secretary should send a cablegram to the United Nations Liaison group in Seoul requesting the Chinese and French members to represent the Commission at the first meeting of the elected representatives of the Korean people, and to take seats as representatives of the Commission and not as consular officials.

18. At the forty-eighth meeting on 28 May, the Commission decided to ask only the representative of France on its liaison group in Seoul to represent the Commission at the first meeting of elected representatives to be held in Seoul on 31 May 1948.

Communication regarding the relationship of the Commission with the elected representatives in Seoul (fifty-second meeting).

19. The Commission considered the question of sending a communication to the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in Korea, stating that the Commission intended to return to Seoul on 7 June and that it would hold itself ready to participate in consultations with the elected representatives

\* Document A/563, paragraph 11.

20. It was decided, following considerable discussion, that a cable should be sent to the Commanding General, stating that the Commission would return to Seoul on 7 June. It was further decided that the Commission would discuss the nature of its work upon arrival there.

Consideration of two press releases (fifty-eighth meeting).

21. At its fifty-eighth meeting, the Commission considered two press releases, Numbers 65 and 66, the first to be issued upon the departure of the Commission from Shanghai on 7 June and the other upon its arrival in Seoul on the same day. After some discussion and amendments, the two press releases were approved. (Annex 2).

III. MAIN COMMITTEE

Consideration of the summary records of the observation groups for the period 7 to 12 May 1948.

22. At the eleventh meeting on 21 May 1948, the Main Committee approved the summary records of the observation groups as follows:

Group I

Group II

Group III

Group IV

Group V (with minor amendments)

Group VI (with deletion of conclusions)

Group VII

Group VIII\*

23. At the twelfth meeting on 3 June 1948, the Main Committee approved the revised text of the previously adopted summary record of observation group VIII, and the summary record of observation group IX, after some discussion and amendments.

24. The records of the nine observation groups, as approved by the Main Committee, are reproduced in documents:\*\*

A/AC.19/SC.5/SR.8

A/AC.19/SC.6/SR.7

A/AC.19/SC.7/SR.7 and Corr.1

A/AC.19/SC.8/SR.2

A/AC.19/SC.9/SR.1

A/AC.19/SC.10/SR.1

A/AC.19/SC.11/SR.1

A/AC.19/SC.12/SR.1

A/AC.19/SC.13/SR.1

\* The representative of France subsequently requested the substitution of revised text of the summary record approved by the Main Committee at its eleventh meeting on 21 May 1948.

\*\* The records of the observation groups will be issued later as annexes to the final report of the Commission to the General Assembly.

ANNEX 1\*

REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS TEMPORARY COMMISSION ON KOREA  
TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND RAPPORTEUR OF THE COMMISSION  
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

5 June 1948

The United Nations Temporary Commission on Korea, established by the resolutions of the General Assembly of 14 November 1947 decided, at its thirty-ninth meeting, on 12 May 1948, to proceed to Shanghai to prepare the first part of its report to the General Assembly to cover the period up to and including the elections.

As a result of the deliberations in Shanghai, the undersigned, George S. Patterson, Chairman, and Liu Yu-Wan, Rapporteur, now have the honour, on behalf of the Commission, to enclose with this letter Chapters I, II, III, IV and V, together with the list of Annexes, as approved by the Commission.

Chapter VI, containing the final conclusions of the Commission, and a brief Introduction to the report, will be forwarded to you at a later date.

The Commission decided not to release the above chapters for publication until the report is completed, which, we hope, will not be later than 1 August 1948. However, as the above-mentioned five chapters and the attached list of annexes have been adopted in their final readings, the preparatory work for putting these chapters and annexes in the required form for the General Assembly could, if you so desire, be initiated by the Secretariat immediately.

(signed) George S. Patterson,  
Chairman

(signed) Liu Yu-Wan,  
Rapporteur

ANNEX 2

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PRESS RELEASE NO. 65

7 June 1948

The United Nations Temporary Commission on Korea left Shanghai on 7 June to return by special and direct plane to Korea.

The United Nations Temporary Commission on Korea arrived in Shanghai on 19 May, met for the first time on 21 May, and completed the first five chapters of its report to the General Assembly on 5 June.

The United Nations Temporary Commission on Korea wishes to express its heartfelt thanks for the Chinese Government for the liberal facilities and courtesies extended to the Commission which was thus able to adhere closely to the schedule it had fixed before leaving Seoul.

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PRESS RELEASE NO. 66

7 June 1948

The United Nations Temporary Commission on Korea, in accordance with its decision, returned to Seoul on 7 June.

The United Nations Temporary Commission on Korea completed the first five chapters of its report to the General Assembly on 5 June, having met twice daily since 21 May in the United Nations Building in Shanghai.

This part of its report to the General Assembly which has been adopted by the Commission, consists of a review of the political situation in Korea, the work of the Commission since its arrival in Seoul on 8 January 1948, and the Commission's observation of the election of 10 May 1948.

The Commission returned to Seoul, Korea, in order to consider the further implementation of its terms of reference as defined in the resolutions of the General Assembly on 14 November 1947.

Having as its objective the prompt attainment of the freedom and independence of the Korean people, the Commission will proceed to a study of the political situation in Korea in the light of developments following the elections.

The representative of Syria, Mr. Yasin Mughir, will temporarily not be able to attend the meetings of the Commission, having returned for urgent consultation with his delegation in Washington.