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Third Session

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	Mr. EKSTRAND	Sweden
	Mr. FORMASHEV	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
	Miss MONROE	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
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COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

1. The CHAIRMAN stated that the Sub-Commission had to consider the list of communications (E/CN.4/Sub.2/SR.2) at a closed meeting, in accordance with resolution 75 (V) of the Economic and Social Council. He pointed out that the list was of a strictly confidential nature and he called upon the members of the Sub-Commission to exercise the utmost discretion on the matter.
2. Mr. DANIELS (United States of America) proposed that the Sub-Commission should appoint a committee of five members to examine the communications and to present a report containing its recommendations and observations thereon. He suggested that the committee might be composed of the Chairman of the Sub-Commission, together with Mr. Roy, Mr. Spanien, Mr. Shafaq and Mr. Ekstrand.
3. Miss MONROE (United Kingdom) supported Mr. Daniels' proposal.
4. Mr. FORMASHEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) had no objection to the establishment of such a committee; the principle of geographical distribution ought, however, to be adhered to more closely in the committee's composition.
5. He therefore proposed the addition of Mr. Winiewicz, Vice-Chairman of the Sub-Commission, to the committee.

/6. Mr. ROY

6. Mr. ROY (Haiti) would not oppose the nomination of Mr. Winiewicz. He felt, however, that a committee of five members would be adequately representative of the Sub-Commission and that there was no need to enlarge the committee's composition. He therefore proposed that Mr. Winiewicz should serve on the committee instead of himself.
7. The CHAIRMAN invited the comments of the author of the proposal, Mr. Daniels, on the point in question.
8. Mr. DANIELS (United States of America) did not wish to exclude anyone from the committee. He thought, however, that the five members whom he had proposed were fully qualified to carry out the task that would be entrusted to them and he felt, moreover, that the committee should be limited to five members.
9. Mr. WINIEWICZ (Poland) withdrew his candidature. Under Economic and Social Council resolution 75 (V) of 5 August 1947, the possibilities members had of making suggestions were so limited that it would have been better for the Sub-Commission itself to undertake an immediate consideration of the question which it wished to refer to the committee.
10. In any case, he would be able to state his point of view when the Sub-Commission considered the committee's report. In that connexion he recalled that, in resolution 75 (V), the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General "to furnish each Member State not represented on the Commission (on Human Rights) with a brief indication of the substance of any communication concerning human rights which refers explicitly to that State or to territories under its jurisdiction...". He asked when that summary would be furnished.
11. Mr. HUMPEREY (Secretariat) stated that it was customary to communicate the summary after the confidential list of communications had been presented to the Sub-Commission. Now that the list had been distributed to the members of the Sub-Commission, arrangements would be made forthwith for the distribution of the information in question.

12. Mr. FORMASHEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) thought that all questions concerning the study of petitions ought to be dealt with according to ~~the~~ established rules of the Economic and Social Council and the terms of its resolutions. The Sub-Commission had, it was true, taken a decision at its second session concerning the consideration of petitions, but that decision had not yet been endorsed either by the Commission on Human Rights or by the Economic and Social Council and could not therefore be taken into consideration.

13. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the committee suggested by Mr. Daniels should be set up.

It was so agreed.

The meeting rose at 3.15 p.m.