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PRESENT:

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| <u>President:</u> | U Tin MAUNG | (Burma) |
| <u>Members:</u> | Mr. FORSYTHE | Australia |
| | Mr. CLAEYS BOUUAERT | Belgium |
| | Mr. SALAMANCA | Bolivia |
| | U Pyo NYEIN | Burma |
| | Mr. KIANG | China |
| | Mr. KOSCZIUSKO-MORIZET | France |
| | Mr. JHA | India |
| | Mr. EDMONDS | New Zealand |
| | Mr. SOLANO LOPEZ | Paraguay |
| | Mr. OBEREMKO | Union of Soviet Socialist Republics |
| | Mr. ASHA | United Arab Republic |
| | Sir Andrew COHEN | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland |
| | Mr. BINGHAM | United States of America |
| <u>Also present:</u> | Mr. ABDOL | United Nations Commissioner for the supervision of the plebiscites in the southern and northern parts of the Trust Territory of Cameroons under United Kingdom administration |
| <u>Secretariat:</u> | Mr. PROTITCH | Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self- Governing Territories |
| | Mr. RAPOPORT | Secretary of the Council |

OPENING OF THE ELEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION

The PRESIDENT declared the eleventh special session of the Trusteeship Council open.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (T/1558)

The provisional agenda (T/1558) was adopted.

THE FUTURE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE CAMEROONS UNDER UNITED KINGDOM ADMINISTRATION: REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER FOR THE SUPERVISION OF THE PLEBISCITES IN THE SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN PARTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY (T/1556, T/1556/Appendix and Add.1; T/L.1008)

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Abdch, United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner, took a place at the Council table.

Mr. ABDON (United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner), presenting his report (T/1556, T/1556/Appendix and Add.1), said that he was aware of the Council's desire to finish its work as soon as possible in order to give the General Assembly ample opportunity to examine its report before the end of the fifteenth session. The report, which had been drawn up in pursuance of General Assembly resolutions 1350 (XIII), 1352 (XIV) and 1473 (XIV), gave considerable information on the southern and northern parts of the Cameroons and all the pertinent facts about the organization, conduct and results of the plebiscites. He thanked the Secretariat for its devoted, unbiased and competent assistance, which had greatly contributed to the mission's success.

Sir Andrew COHEN (United Kingdom) said that in view of the circumstances, he thought that the Trusteeship Council should confine itself to transmitting the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner's report to the General Assembly. As the representative of the Administering Authority, he reserved the right to revert to the substance of the question in detail when it was discussed in the Fourth Committee.

Mr. SALAMANCA (Bolivia), presenting the joint draft resolution of Bolivia and India (T/L.1008), said that the sponsors had reproduced the terms of a draft resolution submitted on 2 December 1959. The joint draft resolution

(Mr. Salaranca, Bolivia)

took no position on the plebiscites or on the manner in which they had been conducted, and it did not express any opinion on the report of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner, which would be examined by the Fourth Committee. It did, however, express to the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner, whose great experience and exceptional ability it had had many opportunities to admire, the Trusteeship Council's warm appreciation of the way in which he had carried out the delicate mission entrusted to him by the General Assembly.

Mr. KOSCIUSKO-MORIZET (France) supported the draft resolution. The exceptional procedure which the Trusteeship Council was following in the present instance was due to the little time available to the General Assembly and the impatience with which each of the interested parties awaited the Assembly's decisions; it should not, however, constitute a precedent. It was fitting that the draft resolution should express the Council's warm appreciation to the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner, who had done a great deal of work and shown great conscientiousness in the discharge of a difficult task. That did not mean, however, that he accepted the substance of the report or the results of the plebiscites, especially in the Northern Cameroons. On the contrary, he found that the Commissioner's report afforded sufficient ground for requesting, when the question came before the Fourth Committee, that the plebiscite in that part of the Territory should be declared invalid.

Mr. OBEREMKO (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) agreed that the substance of the Commissioner's report should be examined not by the Trusteeship Council but by the General Assembly, which was the appropriate body to study it in detail and take decisions on it. He associated himself with the Bolivian representative and agreed with him that in taking note of the Commissioner's report the Council would not be prejudging the question as far as substance was concerned.

Mr. ASHA (United Arab Republic), Mr. SOLANO LOPEZ (Paraguay), Mr. KIANG (China) and Mr. BINGHAM (United States of America) shared that view and associated themselves with the expressions of appreciation addressed to the Commissioner.

The joint draft resolution (T/L.1C08) was adopted.

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ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(T/L.1009)

The PRESIDENT suggested that in order to save time, the Council should proceed to adopt its report. The report would be supplemented in order to take account of the views expressed during the discussion and in particular to take note of the reservation stated by the French representative.

After an exchange of views between Mr. KOSCZIUSKO-MORIZET (France), Sir Andrew COHEN (United Kingdom), Mr. JHA (India), Mr. SALAMANCA (Bolivia), Mr. KIANG (China) and Mr. BINGHAM (United States of America), the PRESIDENT suggested that the words "was considered by the Trusteeship Council" in paragraph 6 of the report should be replaced by the words "was presented by the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner to the Trusteeship Council", and that, as suggested by the Indian representative, a sentence should be added, possibly at the end of that paragraph, along the following lines: "In view of the concurrent session of the General Assembly, the Council preferred not to discuss the substance of the matter".

It was so decided.

DATE OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

Mr. PROTITCH (Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories) proposed that the opening date of the twenty-seventh session of the Trusteeship Council should be Thursday, 1 June.

Mr. KOSCZIUSKO-MORIZET (France) said that he understood that the agenda of the session would be quite heavy. He therefore wondered whether it would not be advisable to advance the opening date to 25 May, for example.

Mr. PROTITCH (Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories) recalled the provisions of rule 1 of the Council's rules of procedure. A further reason for not advancing the Council's opening date was the fact that the session of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories was due to open barely four days after the end of the General Assembly's session and some delegations were short of staff.

Mr. FORSYTHE (Australia) said that his delegation would prefer the session of the Council to open on 1 June, in view of the pressure of work on delegations and the need to study the annual reports.

Mr. KOSCZIUSKO-MORIZET (France) said that he would not press his suggestion.

The PRESIDENT set 1 June as the tentative opening date for the twenty-seventh session of the Council.

CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

The PRESIDENT declared the Council's eleventh special session closed.

The meeting rose at 3.55 p.m.