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In accordance with the decision of the Economic and Social Council
at its ad hoc meeting on 10 December 1946 the following biographical
details of the Members of the Commission on Human Rights have been
received from the delegations concerned and are hereby circulated.

/AUSTRALIA

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Lt. Col. W.R. Hodgson, O.B.E., LL.B.

Australian Minister to Paris

1935 - Secretary Australian Department of External Affairs.
1945

1945 Acting High Commissioner for Australia in Canada.

Participation in international conferences as a representative of the Australian Government include the following:

1937 Imperial Conference.

1945 Deputy leader Australian Delegation to the Preparatory Commission of the United Nations.

1946 Delegate, Australian Delegation to the First Part of the First General Assembly of the United Nations.

April, Temporary representative of Australia on the United Nations
1946 Security Council.

1946 Member of Australian Delegation to Paris Peace Conference.

BELGIUM

Professor Fernand Dehousse

Born at Liege in 1906.

Professor of International Law at the University of Liege and at the Academy of International Law at The Hague.

A former Principal Assistant to the Belgian Minister of Labour, he is one of the editors of Le Monde du Travail (Labour World), a Belgian daily newspaper.

Author of several books dealing with international law and international problems.

Participation in international conferences as a representative of Belgium include the following:

1945 San Francisco Conference

1945 Preparatory Commission of the United Nations, London.

1946 First part of the first session of the General Assembly in London

Regular delegate of Belgium to the Economic and Social Council

1946 Member of the Belgian delegation to the Paris Peace Conference

Member of the Belgian Commission on War Crimes

Member of the Conseil Culturel, in Brussels

BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC

Mr. V.K. PROKOUDOVITCH

Data not yet received

CHILE

Felix Nieto Del Rio

Born 1880.

Studied law at the University of Chile and the Catholic University.

1918 Sent to the United States of America where he was in charge of the Chilean Information Committee. Was Secretary of the Chilean Embassy in that country for four years.

1920 Chilean delegate to the First International Labour Conference.

1923 Secretary of the Fifth Pan American Conference held at Santiago de Chile. Returned to the United States of America in the same year in order to take part in the Chilean defence regarding the problem of Tacna and Arica.

1925 Appointed Chilean Consul General in Austria, then Secretary of the Chilean delegation to the League of Nations and Secretary of the Legation in Belgium.

1927 Appointed Director of the Diplomatic Department of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

1930 Appointed Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs and President of the Commercial Treaties Commission.

1932 Political Adviser to the Chancellery.

1933 Took part in the Inter-American Conference at Montevideo as Chilean delegate.

1935 Appointed Envoy Plenipotentiary to Bolivia to obtain acceptance by that country of the mediation of Chile, Brazil and Argentina in the Chaco War. Appointed Chilean representative to the Mediation Group at Buenos Aires the same year, as Delegate Plenipotentiary and later as Special Ambassador.

1936 Appointed Chilean Ambassador to Brazil. Took part, as Chilean delegate, in the Inter-American Conference for the Consolidation of Peace, held at Buenos Aires in December of that year.

1941 Called to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs to become Political Adviser.

1942 Appointed Chilean delegate to the Inter-American Juridical Committee at Rio de Janeiro, which position he occupied until his appointment as Chilean delegate to the United Nations.

CHINA

Dr. P.C. Chang

Born in Tientsin, 1892.

Education at Clark and Columbia Universities.

Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1923.

1923 -
1926 Dean of Tsing Hua College.

1926 Professor at Nankai University.

Visiting Professor at Chicago University (1931).

University of Hawaii (1933 and 1934), Columbia University (1945);

Exchange Professor at various British Universities (1936).

1938 -
1940 Member of the people's Political Council.

1940 Minister of China to Turkey.

1942 Minister of China to Chile.

1946 Delegate of China to the General Assembly of the United Nations

January-February 1947 Vice-Chairman of First Session of the Commission
on Human Rights.

EGYPT.

Mr. Osman Ebeid

Born in Alexandria, 1901.

Diploma in Laws

Diplomatic posts and missions in: Hedjaz, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey, England, Sweden, Tehran, Afghanistan, Washington, D.C. and now Consul General in New York.

Participated Civil Aviation Conference, Chicago.

Egyptian Delegate on Committee of Experts August, 1946.

Publications: Articles on different subjects in Egyptian newspapers and magazines.

FRANCE

Professor René Cassin

Vice-President of the Council of State

Born at Bayonne on 5 October 1887.

Licencié ès Lettres. Doctor of Legal and Economic Sciences.

Professor of Civil and International Law in the Faculties of Law of Aix (1917), Lille (1919), Paris (since 1929), and at the Academy of International Law at The Hague (1930-1934), at the Institute of International Studies at Geneva (1928-1929), and at the University Institute of Advanced Studies at Geneva (1933-1939).

National Commissioner for Justice and Public Instruction during the last war.

Since 1944 has directed the work of the Council of State.

French Delegate to the League of Nations from 1924-1928 (took part in the establishment of the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation), at the Conference for the Reduction of Armaments (1932-1933). (Member of the Committee on Moral Disarmament).

Member of the Conference of Allied Ministers of Education from 1942 to 1944 and presided over the work of the French Provisional Committees on Intellectual Co-operation (1945 etc.).

French Delegate to the London Conference which set up UNESCO (November 1945), and to the First Assembly of the United Nations.

Vice-Chairman of the first Commission on Human Rights of the United Nations.

Professor René Cassin has founded or been president of important national organizations (Ex-Servicemen, Leagues for the Organization of Peace) and is President of the International Association of Jurists. His works, articles and lectures have been devoted mainly to law, international relations and the education of peoples.

INDIA

Mehta, Mrs. Hansa Manubhai, B.A. (Philosophy, Hons.), 1918, (Winner of Chatfield prize the Matriculation, 1913, and Gangabai Bhat scholarship in International Arts, 1916);

Born 1897;

Married Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta in 1924;

Educated: at Baroda;

Member, Bombay Municipal Schools Committee, 1926; Pres., B.P.C.C. 1930;

Gujarati Stri Sahakari Mandal since 1928; The Bhagjan Samji, Provincial

Hindustan Scouts Association, South Bombay; Fellow of the Senate of University

of Bombay, from 1931 till to-day; Member, Board of Studies in Gujarati,

University of Bombay, 1935; President, Bombay Provincial Primary Education

Board 1939-42; Senate and Syndicate of the Indian Women's University;

Legal Council, 1937 and again in 1940; Parliamentary Secretary, Education

and Health, 1937-39; Vice-President, All India Women's Conference, 1930 and

off and on; The New Education and Fellowship since 1937; Secretary, National

Council of Women, 1930; Member of the Nuclear Sub-Commission on Women's

Rights, 1946; President, All India Women's Conference, December 1945 to

December 1946.

Publications: In Gujarati, Balwaratavali, Kishorvartavali, Rukmini. Bavalana

Parakramo, Golibarni Musafri, Arn nuh adbhut swapnu, Tran natako, Himalya

swarup ne bijan natako Hamlet (translated from Shakespeare), Venice no vepari

(Merchant of Venice); In English, "Women under the Hindu Law of Marriage and

Succession," Tract on "Postwar Educational Reconstruction" and "Civil

Liberties."

IRAN

Dr. Ghassemo Ghani

Born 1895, Sabzevar, Iran

Education: M.D. (Internal Disease)

Professor in the Faculty of Medicine University of Teheran

Member of Iranian Academy, member of Egyptian Academy of Arabic Language

1933-

1941 Deputy in Parliament

1941 Minister of Public Health

1942 Minister of Education

1945 Delegate at the San Francisco Conference

1946 Delegate at the General Assembly of the United Nations in New York

Delegate at the Commission of the International Health Conference

1947 Delegate at the Commission on Human Rights

Publications: "Avicenna", "History of Mysticism in Islam"

"Hafiz and his Time", translations into Persian of some of
the works of Anatole Franco.

LEBANON

Dr. Charles Habib Malik

Born: 1906 in Bitirram, El-Koura, Lebanon.

Education:

Secondary:

1920- American Mission School for Boys, in Tripoli, Lebanon.

1923

College:

1923- American University of Beirut, Lebanon; B.A. 1927 in Mathematics and
1927 Physics.

Post-Graduate:

1932- Department of Philosophy, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts;
1935 M.A. in Philosophy, 1934 and Ph.D. in Philosophy, 1937, both from Harvard

1935- Sheldon Travelling fellow from Harvard in the University of Freiburg,
1935 in Baden, Germany.

Professional Career:

1927- Instructor in Mathematics and Physics at the American University of
1929 Beirut, Lebanon

1929- Al-Hilal Publishing House, Cairo, Egypt.
1930

1930- Rockefeller Foundation Unit on Bilharzia, Cairo, Egypt.
1932

1936- Assistant in Philosophy at the Department of Philosophy,
1937 Harvard University.

1937- Instructor in Philosophy at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon.
1939

1939- Professor and Head of the Department of Philosophy at the
1945 American University of Beirut, Lebanon.

Diplomatic Career:

March, 1945: Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Lebanon
in the United States.

April-June, 1945: Delegate of Lebanon at the United Nations Conference in
San Francisco.

May-June, 1946: Delegate of Lebanon at the Second and Third Sessions of
the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations
in New York.

July, 1946: Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Lebanon
in Cuba.

/October to December 1946.

Diplomatic Career (Continued):

October-December, 1946: Delegate of Lebanon to the General Assembly of the United Nations, Lake Success, New York.
Reappointed representative of Lebanon for the second term on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

January-February, 1947: Rapporteur of first session of the Commission on Human Rights.

Publications, Writings

and Public Interest : Numerous articles on scientific, social and philosophical questions in Arabic papers. Served on government educational Committees in Beirut. Founder of Philosophical Association of Beirut. Made intensive studies of social, political, religious, intellectual and philosophical problems of Lebanon and the Near East.

PANAMA

Mr. Ricardo Joaquin Alfaro

Minister of Foreign Affairs for Panama since 1945, Mr. Alfaro was born in the city of Panama in 1882.

He received his Doctorate of Law from the National Faculty of Law, Panama, and held the positions of professor of history at the National Institute and of civil law at the National School of Law and has been its Secretary-General since 1938.

In 1905 Dr. Alfaro was appointed Assistant Secretary for Foreign Affairs and his subsequent appointments include:

1918-1922 Premier of the cabinet of Panama

1922-1930 Panamanian Minister to the
and
1933-1936 United States

1928-1930 Vice-President of the Republic of Panama

January 1931 President of the Republic of Panama
to
October 1932

Since 1929 Dr. Alfaro has been a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration of The Hague. He was chairman of the Panamanian delegations to the 6th Pan-American Conference in Havana (1928); Chief of the UNRRA mission to the Caribbean and Central American Republics and a member of the delegation of Panama to the San Francisco Conference in 1945.

Publications: Life of General T. Herrera (1908)

The Judicial Code of the Republic of Panama (1916)

On Fideicommissum (1920)

Carabobo (1921)

PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC

Brigadier-General Carlos P. Romulo

Born in 1901

Educated in the Philippines and at Columbia University.

1922 Secretary to Senate President Quezon.

Then newspaper publisher and editor.

During the Second World War served as Press Relations Officer on the staff of General MacArthur. Later was General MacArthur's aide-de-camp on Bataan, Corregidor and in Australia.

1943 Secretary of Information and Public Relations in the war cabinet of President Quezon's Government-in-Exile.

1944 Resident Commissioner of the Philippines to the United States.

1946 Permanent Delegate of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations.

Chief Delegate of the Philippines to the Far Eastern Commission.

UKRAINIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC

Mr. G.D. Stadnik

Data not yet received.

UNITED KINGDOM

Mr. Charles Dukes C.B.E.

Member of the British Trades Union Congress General Council since 1934; President of Congress 1946.

General Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers until October 1946.

Member of Parliament for Warrington 1923/4 and 1929/31.

Chairman of the National Joint Industrial Council for the Gas Industry.

Member of the British Institute of Management; The National Civil Aviation Consultative Council; The British Council (Film Committee) and member of many Government Committees, including National Advisory Committee; and National Joint Consultative Committee to the Ministry of Labour.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Born New York City. Married Franklin D. Roosevelt, March 17, 1905.

Finance Chairman, Women's Division, New York Democratic State Committee, 1924-28. Member, Advisory Committee in Charge of Women's Activities, Democratic National Campaign Committee, 1928. Assistant Director, Office of Civilian Defense, 1941-42.

Author of When You Grow up to Vote; It's Up to the Women; This is My Story; My Day. Editor, The Moral Basis of Democracy.

United States Delegate to the General Assembly, First Session, First Part, London 1946; United States Delegate to the United Nations General Assembly, First Session, Second Part, New York, November, December 1946; in each case United States representative on Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural); United States Member and Chairman of Nuclear Commission on Human Rights, April, May 1946; United States Member and Chairman, Commission on Human Rights, First Session, January and February 1947.

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

Mr. Valentino F. Tepliakov

Born in the district of Voroneje. Graduated from Technical School 1928. (Railway Engineer) February 1939, degree from the Institute of Foreign Trade (Faculty of International Law).

Chief of Legal Department at the Ministry of Foreign Trade. Came to the United States in January 1942 as a Member of the Staff of the Government Purchasing Commission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United States (Chief of the Legal Department).

Adviser to the Soviet delegation to the following conferences:

1943 Hot Springs Conference

1st Conference of UNRRA in Atlantic City

1944 2nd " " " " Montreal

1945 3rd " " " " London

1946 4th " " " " Atlantic City

2nd and 3rd Sessions of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Member from the beginning of the Standing Technical Committee of Displaced Persons.

He also attended the meetings of a Committee of ten Members to assist the Secretary-General in Negotiations with the United States Government Regarding the Arrangements Necessary as a result of the Establishment of the Seat of the United Nations in the United States (meetings held in New York and Washington in May and June 1946).

URUGUAY

Dr. Jose A. Mora

Born in Montevideo, Uruguay.

- 1923 Received from the Faculty of Law, Montevideo, the title of Doctor of Law and Social Sciences.
- Designated Secretary of Legation, Second Class, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 1926 First Secretary of Legation in Spain and Portugal, with residence in Madrid.
- 1928 First Secretary of the Uruguayan Legation at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- 1929-1930 First Secretary of the Uruguayan Legation in the United States of America.
- 1931 In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 1933 Chief of the Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 1935 Secretary-General of the Uruguayan Delegation to the Commercial Conference (Buenos Aires).
- 1936 Secretary-General of the Uruguayan Delegation to the Conference for the Consolidation of Peace (Buenos Aires).
- 1938 Temporary collaborator in the Society of Nations (Geneva).
- 1939 Adviser of the Uruguayan Delegation to the Conference of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Panama).
- 1940 Adviser of the Uruguayan Delegation to the Conference of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Havana).
- 1942 Adviser of the Uruguayan Delegation to the Conference of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Rio de Janeiro).
- Adviser of the Inter-American Council of Commerce and Production.
- 1942-1944 Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Uruguay to Bolivia.

/1944 Chairman

URUGUAY

Dr. Jose A. Mora (continued)

1944 Chairman of the Uruguayan Delegation to the Conference of Inter-American Development Commissions (New York).

1945 Director of the Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Montevideo, Uruguay.

Adviser of the Uruguayan Delegation to the Conference of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Chapultepec, Mexico).

Adviser of the Uruguayan Delegation to the Conference of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (San Francisco).

Alternate of the Uruguayan Delegation to the Jurists Committee that prepared the statute of the International Court of Justice (Washington, D.C.).

1946 Minister Plenipotentiary in the Uruguayan Embassy, Washington, D.C.
Chairman of the Uruguayan Delegation to the International Health Conference of the United Nations (New York).

Delegate Plenipotentiary of Uruguay to the Second Part of the First General Assembly of the United Nations (New York).

Published Works:

"SENILDO INTERNACIONAL DEL URUGUAY" (Montevideo, 1938).

"LA ORGANIZACION JUDICIAL EN LA CONFERENCIA DE SAN FRANCISCO" (Montevideo, 1946).

YUGOSLAVIA

Mr. Marjan Stilinovic

Born 1904

Studied in Zagreb, Croatia.

Specialized in History, especially Modern Political History and in the theory and history of art and aesthetics.

Editor of one newspaper in Belgrade and collaborator of many Yugoslav newspapers and magazines.

Secretary of the Organization of Journalists of Yugoslavia.