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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE SIX HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVENTH MEETING

Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Monday, 20 February 1961, at 11.30 a.m.

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PRESENT:

<u>Acting Chairman:</u>	Mr. AMADEO	Argentina
<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. JHA	India
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mr. DELGADO	Philippines
<u>Members:</u>	Mr. PAZEWAK	Afghanistan
	Mr. MATSCH	Austria
	Mr. CHENG	China
	Mr. MADSEN	Denmark
	Mr. CASSIN	France
	Mr. BHADKAMKAR	India
	Miss KAMAL	Iraq
	Mr. BEAUFORT	Netherlands
	Mr. HAKIM	Pakistan
	Mr. ILLUECA	Panama
	Mr. WYZNER	Poland
	Mr. NEUBAILLO	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
	Mr. MOROZOV	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
	Sir Samuel HOARE	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
	Mr. KLUTZNICK	United States of America
	Mr. ARRAIZ	Venezuela
<u>Also present:</u>	Mr. PLAJA	Italy
	Mr. NAGASHIMA	Japan
<u>Representatives of specialized agencies:</u>		
	Mr. ZMIROU	International Labour Organisation
	Mr. GJESDAL	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
	Mr. BEHRSTOCK	
	Mr. SALSAMENDI	
<u>Secretariat</u>	Mr. NARASIMHAN	Under-Secretary for Special Political Affairs
	Mr. SCHWELB	Deputy Director, Division of Human Rights
	Mr. DAS	Secretary of the Commission

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OPENING OF THE SESSION

The ACTING CHAIRMAN declared the seventeenth session of the Commission on Human Rights open and welcomed the members of the Commission.

QUESTION OF THE REPRESENTATION OF CHINA

Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) drew attention to the fact that China's seat in the Commission was occupied by a person who had not been appointed by the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China.

Mr. KLUTZNICK (United States of America) thought it regrettable that the USSR delegation had seen fit to raise the issue of the representation of China. The Commission had repeatedly refused to consider the question as being outside its competence.

Mr. CHENG (China) said that, at its fifteenth session, the General Assembly, following the example it had set at many previous sessions, had rejected proposals for the discussion of the so-called question of the representation of China. It was therefore entirely out of order for a tertiary organ of the United Nations even to touch upon that question.

His Government was a founding Member of the United Nations and had fulfilled with honour and distinction all its obligations under the Charter. It was the only democratically and legally constituted Government of China. It represented and spoke on behalf of all the Chinese people in all United Nations organs. The Chinese Communist regime had been imposed on the Chinese people from outside. It maintained its precarious hold by oppression within China and by aggression against all its neighbours. It had been condemned as an aggressor by specific resolutions of the General Assembly. The actions of such a regime did not reflect the true character and culture of the peace-loving Chinese people.

Mr. WYZNER (Poland) stated that the Central People's Government was the only legal Government of China. He considered it detrimental to the prestige of the United Nations for China's seat in the Commission to be occupied by a person representing no one.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. PAZHWAQ (Afghanistan) nominated Mr. JHA (India) for the office of Chairman.

Mr. DELGADO (Philippines), Mr. ARRAIZ (Venezuela) and Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) supported the nomination.

Mr. Jha (India) was elected Chairman by acclamation and took the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN thanked the Commission for the honour done to him and to his country.

Mr. MADSEN (Denmark) nominated Mr. Ermacora (Austria) for the office of First Vice-Chairman.

Mr. KLUTZNIK (United States of America) seconded the nomination.

Mr. Ermacora (Austria) was elected First Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

Miss KAMAL (Iraq) nominated Mr. Nedbailo (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic) for the office of Second Vice-Chairman.

Mr. CASSIN (France) and Mr. WYZNER (Poland) supported the nomination.

Mr. Nedbailo (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic) was elected Second Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

Mr. AMADEO (Argentina) nominated Mr. Delgado (Philippines) for the office of Rapporteur.

Mr. HAKIM (Pakistan) seconded the nomination.

Mr. Delgado (Philippines) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF PRINCE ALY KHAN AND MR. PEDRO DE ALBA

Mr. CASSIN (France) said that, speaking as the oldest member of the Commission, he would ask the members to spare a thought for those of their former colleagues who had passed away. He would mention in particular Prince Aly Khan, of Pakistan, and Mr. Pedro de Alba, of Mexico, both of whom had died in the course of the previous year.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the members of the Commission stood in silence in memory of Prince Aly Khan and Mr. Pedro de Alba.

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (E/CN.4/805)

Mr. AMADEO (Argentina) proposed that the consideration of the Commission's agenda should be postponed to the following meeting.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 12.25 p.m.