

## COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

## Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press

## Third Session

SUMMARY OF CONTENTS OF DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION  
OF FREE JOURNALISTS OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE AND BALTIC AND BALKAN  
COUNTRIES<sup>1/</sup> AS SUPPORTING EVIDENCE ACCOMPANYING ITS REQUEST TO BE  
HEARD BY THE SUB-COMMISSION

The documents comprise the following:

1. An account of the "First Congress of Free Journalists" held in Paris on 27 and 28 November 1948, and attended by "about 100 delegates, representing free Bulgarian, Czech, Estonian, Lithuanian, Latvian, Hungarian, Polish, Roumanian, Slovak, Ukrainian, Byelorussian and Yugoslav journalists. The delegates came from three countries, viz.: Great Britain, France and Germany, where larger centres of free journalists exist."
2. Copy of Statute of the Federation incorporating a statement of principle and details of name and seat<sup>2/</sup>, objects<sup>3/</sup>, membership, subscriptions, authorities of the Federation and voluntary dissolution.
3. Copy of Resolutions adopted by the Press Congress of the Federation. These comprise a General Resolution; Resolution on the Professional Status of Members of the Federation; Resolution on Social Problems; Resolution on the Collaboration of Members of the Federation; Resolution on the International Organization of Journalists; and Resolution on the Freedom of the Press.

<sup>1/</sup> The address of the Federation is 28 Beaufort Gardens, London, S.W.3.

<sup>2/</sup> "The seat of the Federation is chosen for every year by the Congress."

<sup>3/</sup> The objects of the Federation are stated to be:

- "a) "To oppose any totalitarian doctrines which misrepresent the principles of the freedom of the press, and the task and obligations of the press towards the nations and towards humanity, and which violate the basic freedoms of Man and nations.
- b) To restore their proper meaning to the traditional ideas of truth, honesty, freedom and democracy, in the relations between individuals as well as nations
- c) To secure the right of every individual to a free access to proper sources of information, and his right to obtain and to impart freely a true information."

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