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Biographical Note

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VICTORIO D. CARPIO

Victorio D. Carpio, who was today elected the first Chairman of the General Assembly's seven-member Special Committee for South West Africa, has served on United Nations committees for the South African mandated territory since 1959.

He represented the Philippines on the nine-member UN Committee on South West Africa from 1959 until it was dissolved in December 1961 and superseded by the present Special Committee. He was elected Rapporteur of the original committee in 1960 and Vice-Chairman in 1961; in 1959, he was Chairman of the Subcommittee on Legal Action created by the Committee on South West Africa.

Mr. Carpio has been a member of the Philippine Mission to the United Nations since 1948, serving in particular as that country's representative in the fields of trusteeship and non-self-governing territories.

In 1950 he visited the trust territories in the Pacific as a member of the Trusteeship Council's visiting mission and in 1951 was appointed to the Council's Advisory Council for Somaliland (then a trust territory under Italian administration). In 1957 he was a member of the UN Commission on Togoland under French Administration.

He held the rank of Minister in the Philippine delegation to the United Nations up to January 1962, when he was appointed Ambassador to Cairo. He will take up the new post later this year.

Mr. Carpio was born in June 1898 in Paoay, Ilocos Norte, the Philippines, where he completed his early education. In 1922 he obtained his B.A. degree at the University of Minnesota, United States, and in 1925 his law degree at the University of Michigan.

On his return to the Philippines in 1928 he entered a legal firm in Manila as an assistant attorney and then set up his own practice in 1930. In 1945 he was appointed a Special Prosecutor of the People's Court, dealing with the prosecution of wartime collaborators. In addition, he served as Professor of Corporation Law at the Far Eastern University in Manila.

He joined the Philippine foreign service in 1948.

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