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MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION
OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

Nominations of candidates submitted by members of the

Commission on Human Rights

Memorandum by the Secretary-General

1. The Commission decided on 21 May 1953 (E/CN.4/SR.395) to elect new members of the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities and requested members of the Commission to submit their nominations of candidates for election by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 27 May 1953.
2. Communications containing nominations made by members of the Commission, together with curriculum vitae, where supplied, are reproduced in the annex to this document.
3. The names of the persons nominated are as follows:

1. Mr. Charles D. AMMOUN (Lebanon)
nominated by France and Lebanon
2. Mr. Jorge BOCOBO (Philippines)
nominated by India and the Philippines
3. Mr. Laro CERMELJ (Yugoslavia)
nominated by India and Yugoslavia
4. Mr. CHANG Chunming (China)
nominated by China
5. Mr. P. CHATENET (France)
nominated by France
6. Mr. Nikolai Petrovich EMELYANOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
nominated by Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
7. Mr. R. HISCOCKS (United Kingdom)
nominated by United Kingdom
8. Mrs. Oswald B. LORD (United States of America)
nominated by United States of America
9. Mr. M.R. MASANI (India)
nominated by France
10. Mr. Mohammed Awad MOHAMMED (Egypt)
nominated by Egypt and India
11. Mr. J. NISOT (Belgium)
nominated by Belgium
12. Mr. J. ROBINSON (Israel)
nominated by France
13. Mr. H. ROY (Haiti)
nominated by Egypt, France and India
14. Mr. Hernan SANTA CRUZ (Chile)
nominated by Egypt and India
15. Mr. Max SORENSEN (Denmark)
nominated by France and Sweden
16. Mr. Joseph WINIEWICZ (Poland)
nominated by Poland

A N N E X

BELGIUM

From Mr. G. Kaeckenbeeck, Alternate

"I have the honour to inform you that the Belgian Government proposes Mr. Nisot, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, and member of the permanent delegation of Belgium in New York, as a candidate for election to the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. Mr. Nisot was for many years one of the legal advisers to the League of Nations and has been a member of the Sub-Commission until now."

CHINA

From Mr. Cheng Paonan, Member

"The representative of China on the Commission on Human Rights has the honour to propose Dr. CHANG Chunming for election to the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

Dr. Chang was born in 1904. He is an M.A. of the University of Illinois (1927) and Ph.D. of Yale University (1931). He was Professor of Political Science, Nankai University and member of Legislative Yuan. He has been adviser to the Permanent Chinese Delegation to the United Nations since 1952."

EGYPT

From Mr. Mahmoud Azmi, Member

"I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the names of the candidates proposed by Egypt for election as new members of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities:

1. Dr. Mohammed Awad Mohammed, aged 55, Rector of the University of Alexandria, Professor of Ethnography and Human Geography, member of the Egyptian delegation to the San Francisco Conference of the United Nations in 1945, ex-Head of the Department of Social Sciences at UNESCO;
2. His Excellency, Mr. Hernan Santa Cruz, formerly permanent delegate of Chile to the United Nations;
3. Mr. H. Roy, present Chairman of the Sub-Commission."

FRANCE

From Mr. René Cassin, Member

"In response to your invitation, I have the honour to submit the following list of eminent persons whom the French delegation nominates as candidates for election to the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities:

Mr. P. Chatenet (France)
Mr. M. Sørensen (Denmark)
Mr. H. Roy (Haiti)
Mr. M.R. Masani (India)
Mr. J. Robinson (Israel)
Mr. Charles D. Ammoun (Lebanon)

Needless to say, the omission of certain names from the above list in no wise implies that the French delegation is not prepared to support candidates whom it has not itself nominated."

See also document E/CN.4/687, which contains the text of a letter dated 28 April 1953 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations concerning the nomination of Mr. Chatenet.

INDIA

From Mrs. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay, Member

"I have the honour to submit the following names for the Membership of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities:

1. Dr. Jorge Bocobo (Philippines)
2. Dr. Mohammed Awad Mohammed (Egypt)
3. M. le Dr. Lavo Cermelj (Yugoslavia)
4. Mr. Santa Cruz (Chile)
5. Mr. H. Roy (Haiti)"

LEBANON

From Mr. J. Harfouche, Alternate

"I have the honour to inform you that my Government has instructed me to submit to the Commission on Human Rights the name of Mr. Charles D. Ammoun as a candidate for election to the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

Mr. Charles D. Ammoun was born in 1906. He is a barrister-at-law and was formerly editor of the Beirut newspaper "Le Jour" and a member of the Lebanese Parliament. He is at present permanent delegate of Lebanon to UNESCO, but my Government would have no objection, if he is elected, to his combining the two functions."

PHILIPPINES

From M. José D. Inglés, Member

"In my capacity as representative of the Philippines to the Commission on Human Rights, I have the honour to nominate Dr. Jorge Bocobo for membership in the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

Pending the arrival of the curriculum vitae of Dr. Bocobo, I wish to inform you that he was formerly Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of the Philippines, President of the same University, Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, and Chairman of the Code Committee appointed by law to revise and codify the civil, commercial and penal laws of the Philippines."

POLAND

From Mr. Jean Druto, Alternate

"The delegation of the Polish People's Republic to the Ninth session of the Commission on Human Rights has the honour to nominate Mr. Joseph Winiewicz for election as an expert to the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

Mr. J. Winiewicz was born in 1905. He is a publicist specializing in minority questions. He has been Ambassador of the Polish People's Republic to Washington since 1947, was a member of the Polish delegation to several sessions of the UN General Assembly, and has been until now an expert on the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities."

SWEDEN

From Mrs. Agda Rössel, Member

"In my capacity as Representative of Sweden to the Commission on Human Rights, I have the honour to nominate Mr. Max Sörensen (Denmark) for membership in the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

This nomination is presented after consultation between the Swedish Foreign Office and the Danish Foreign Office.

I am enclosing herewith the curriculum vitae of Mr. Max Sörensen."

Curriculum vitae

Max Sörensen

Born: 19 February 1913, in Copenhagen (Denmark)

Legal studies at the University of Copenhagen, 1931-1938;

Awarded the golden medal of the University of Copenhagen for a monograph on conclusion of treaties, 1935;

Secretary to the Danish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, 1938;

Attaché to the Danish Legation in Bern;

Studies at Geneva Post Graduate Institute of International Affairs, 1943;

Secretary to the Danish Legation in London, 1944;

Assistant Chief of Section, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, 1945;

Doctor of Law, University of Copenhagen (title of theses:

"Les sources du droit international"), 1946;

Professor of Constitutional, Administrative and International Law at the University of Aarhus, 1947;

Representative of Denmark on the Commission on Human Rights, 1949-1951

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

From Mr. P. Morosov, Member

"The delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, with the agreement of its Government, proposes Mr. Nikolai Petrovich Emelyanov as candidate for membership of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. A brief biographical note on the candidate is appended."

Curriculum vitae

Nikolai Petrovich Emelyanov

Born 1909, at Volsk, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.
1933, completed course at Saratov Teachers' Training College.
1933 to 1939 engaged in teaching and scientific research work.
1939 to 1943, TASS correspondent in the USSR and Finland.
1943 to 1945 Second Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in Iran.
1945 to 1950, First Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in France.
1950 to 1952, worked on cultural questions in Moscow.
Since 1952 to date, Counsellor to the USSR Permanent Delegation
to the United Nations.

UNITED KINGDOM

From Mr. S. Hoare, Member

"The United Kingdom delegation to the Commission on Human Rights has the honour to propose Mr. R. Hiscocks for election to the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

Mr. Hiscocks, who is a professor at the University of Michigan, served on the Sub-Commission at its fifth session as an alternate member."

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

From Mr. J.F. Green, Alternate

"On instructions from the Government of the United States of America, I have the honour to nominate Mrs. Oswald B. Lord as a candidate for membership in the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

There is enclosed some biographical information concerning Mrs. Lord. It will be noted that her term as United States Representative in the Commission on Human Rights expires on 31 December 1953".

Curriculum vitae

Mrs. Oswald B. Lord

Case worker, Community Service Society, New York, 1930-1935

Member of the Board, New York Urban League, 1935-1939

Vice-President and Member of the Board, East Side Settlement House,
New York, 1939-1943

National Chairman, Civilian Advisory Committee for the Women's Army
Corps, 1944-1947

Member of the Women's Advisory Committee, United Negro College Fund, 1948-1952

Chairman of the United States Committee for UNICEF, 1949-1953

Representative of UNICEF on Special Missions, 1948-

Member of the National Advisory Committee for Women in the Armed Services, 1951

Secretary and Member of the Board, National Community Chests and Councils
(of Social Welfare Agencies)

United States Representative in the United Nations Commission on Human Rights;
term expires 31 December 1953.

FEDERAL PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA

From Mr. Branko D. Jevremović, Member

"As representative of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia on the
Commission on Human Rights, I have the honour to propose Dr. Lavo Cermelj, a
Yugoslav national, as a member of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of
Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. I append his curriculum vitae.

Dr. Cermelj was born in 1889. He studied and obtained his doctorate at
the University of Vienna. He was a high-school teacher until the outbreak of
war. During the war he was held for a long time by the occupation authorities
in a concentration camp on account of his patriotic attitude.

At the end of hostilities he was elected Vice-Chairman of the People's
Executive Committee for the Adriatic Area of the People's Republic of Slovenia,
and later appointed Director of the Department of Frontier Affairs.

After the war he became a member of the Institute for Questions relating to
the Rights of Minorities, and, in the same capacity, scientific adviser to the
University of Ljubljana. In 1946 he served as expert on the subject with the
Yugoslav delegation to the Peace Conference.

Dr. Cermelj has so far published 31 scientific works, 12 of which deal with
various minority questions."