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GENERAL COMMITTEE
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OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OFFICIAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

There are a number of distinguished representatives of official international organizations present at the General Assembly and I should like to obtain a ruling from the General Committee about their status at this session.

In the first place there is His Excellency Dr. J. Gustavo Guerrero, President of the International Court of Justice. I think it would be agreed that Dr. Guerrero, as President of one of the principal organs of the United Nations, has a right to a place of honour in the General Assembly and that it is unnecessary for any formal invitation to be extended to him.

In the second place there are the following chief executives of important specialized agencies and other international bodies:

- Mr. Edward Phelan, Director-General of the International Labour Office
- Dr. Julian Huxley, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- Sir John Boyd Orr, Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization
- Mr. Edward Warner, President of the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization
- Mr. Camille Gutt, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund
- Mr. Eugene Meyer, President of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- Dr. Brock Chisholm, Executive Secretary of the Interim Commission of the World Health Organization
- Mr. Fiorenzo LaGuardia, Director-General of United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration
- Mr. Sean Lester, Secretary-General of the League of Nations

With the authorization of the President I invited these gentlemen as guests to the opening of the Session of the General Assembly.

Article 3 of the Draft Agreements concluded with the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization and the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization provides that representatives of

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these Organizations "shall be invited to attend all meetings of the General Assembly of the United Nations for purposes of consultation" on the matters with which they are respectively concerned. Pending the approval of these Agreements by the General Assembly and the conclusion of similar agreements with the other important specialized agencies, I felt that the Assembly would wish such invitations to be issued. I felt, too, that the Assembly would wish to have the benefit of the presence of Mr. LaGuardia and Mr. Lester, since no less than seven separate items on the Assembly's Provisional Agenda relate to the transfer of assets, powers and functions of the League of Nations or UNRRR to the United Nations.

What I now ask is the authorization of the General Committee to extend these invitations for the whole period of the session.