

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PROPOSED ECONOMIC COMMISSION
FOR LATIN AMERICA

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE NINTH MEETING

Held at Lake Success, New York
on Monday, 8 December, 1947, at 11.00 a.m.Present:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. Carlos E. Stolk	(Venezuela)
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Mr. H. M. Phillips	(United Kingdom)
	Mr. H. Santa Cruz	(Chile)
	Mr. T. Y. Wu	(China)
	Miss U. Manas	(Cuba)
	Mr. J. de Folin	(France)
	Mr. K. Azkoul	(Lebanon)
	Mr. W. Fowler	(United States of America)

Representatives of Specialized Agencies:

Mr. R. Arollano-Bonilla (FAO)

Non-Governmental Organizations having Consultative Status:

Mr. Peter Garvan (AFL)

Secretariat:Mr. H. E. Caustin (Deputy Director, Division
of Economic Stability and
Development)

Mr. E. Castillo (Joint Secretaries)

Mr. H. Daniel

Further Consideration of Working Paper No. 5Page 10: 1st paragraph

The proposal by Mr. FOWLER (United States of America) that the words
"of recovery from the effects of the war and" be inserted after the word
"rate" in the third line, was accepted. The representative of the United
States

States suggested further that the first part of the following sentence be redrafted to read "Some have advanced towards a substantial degree of industrialization;". This suggestion was also accepted by the Committee.

Page 10: 2nd paragraph

Referring to Point 3 in the list of factors drawn up by the four Latin American members of the Committee, he repeated the statement made at an earlier meeting by the representative of the United States that it gave no indication that foreign investment had also been helpful to Latin America. Mr. PHILLIPS (United Kingdom) largely agreed with his United States colleague and considered that the root of the problem lay in the absence of domestic capital. This was the point which should be emphasized.

Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Chile) felt that as this was a statement by the Latin American members of the Committee, it might stand. However, the Latin American members would attempt, before the afternoon meeting, to find a new formulation of this point which would be acceptable to the representatives of the United States and of the United Kingdom.

Page 11: fourth last line

Mr. FOWLER (United States of America) considered that the phrase "exports of a single crop" might be expanded as in certain cases the exports consisted of minerals. He stated, too, that he could not agree that the last stages of production were always the "more remunerative". As these statements in the draft were considered to be too sweeping, the Chairman suggested that the Secretariat might redraft them.

Page 12: third paragraph

Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Chile) thought that this paragraph might be expanded to incorporate the suggestion made earlier by the Chinese representative that emphasis should be given to the importance of economic development in Latin America rather than to recovery to the position which these countries had occupied before the war. In the light of these remarks the CHAIRMAN asked the Secretariat to redraft the paragraph.

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Mr. FOWLER (United States) suggested the insertion in the first line of the words "as well as consumer" after "investment". This suggestion was accepted by the Committee. The representative of the United States felt, too, that the first paragraph did not adequately reflect the tight supply situation in the United States. It was agreed that the paragraph be redrafted by the Secretariat to take this view into account.

The Committee then agreed to the suggestion by the representative of the United States that the opening of the third paragraph be recast to remove the implication that it was disadvantageous for the Latin American countries to have accumulated substantial foreign exchange reserves.

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This page was accepted without discussion.

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It was agreed that the first full paragraph be amplified to include a reference to the debates in the Second Committee of the Second Session of the General Assembly.

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Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Chile) wished to see a suitable reference embodying the ideas expressed in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of Section IV of the working paper prepared by the four Latin American members of the Committee. (Document E/AC.21/W.2/Rev.1) It was agreed that the Secretariat be asked to draft the necessary paragraphs.

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This page was accepted by the Committee without discussion.

Pages 18 and 19

As Working Paper No. 5 was drafted before the Committee had heard statements from the Observer from the Interim Commission of the World Health Organization and from the Consultant for the American Federation of Labor, the Secretariat was asked to draft appropriate paragraphs.

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This page was approved without discussion.

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After a brief discussion in which the Chairman and the representatives of the United States and Chile participated, it was agreed to ask the Secretariat to draft a new paragraph noting the responsibilities of certain of the Council's functional commissions and Sub-Commissions and also noting that the Draft Charter of the ITO provided for international action regarding some problems of concern to the Latin American countries.

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Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Chile) proposed the insertion of a new paragraph at the end of this page pointing out that collaboration in the economic field between the Specialized Agencies, the interested Commissions of the Council and the proposed Commission would permit the establishing of priorities corresponding to the needs of the Latin American countries.

General

In adjourning the meeting until 3.00 p.m. that afternoon, the CHAIRMAN stated that the Committee would then proceed to consider the new texts drafted by the Secretariat as well as working Papers No. 3, 6 and 7 on the economic machinery of the Inter-American System.

The meeting rose at 1.00 p.m.
