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FIRST SESSION

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE THIRTEENTH MEETING

Held at Lake Success, New York, on Friday, 7 February 1947, at 11:20 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: Mr. H. Marshall	(Canada)
Mr. G. Darrois	(France)
Mr. P. C. Mahalanobis	(India)
Mr. P. J. Idenburg	(Netherlands)
Mr. E. Erichsen*	(Norway)
Mr. R. G. D. Allen	(United Kingdom)
Mr. I. S. Malyshev	(Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
Mr. S. A. Rice	(United States of America)
Mr. V. A. Rabichko	(Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic)

Representatives of Specialized Agencies:

Mr. S. V. Arnaldo (UNESCO)

Non-Governmental Organizations:

Mr. L. Teper (American Federation of Labor)

Secretariat:

Mr. H. Campion	(Representing the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Affairs)
Mr. W. J. Bruce	(Secretary to Commission)

Arrival of the Delegate from the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic

The CHAIRMAN welcomed Mr. Rabichko, member from the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic.

* Mr. Erichsen was present as observer for Mr. G. Jahn of Norway.

/Adoption

Adoption of the Report to the Economic and Social Council
(Item 17 of the Agenda)

The Commission agreed, at the Chairman's suggestion, that there would be no substantive changes made in the Draft Report E/CN.3/20/Rev.17, but that the Report would be read chapter by chapter, in order to permit members to make any editing or drafting changes considered necessary. During the discussion of each chapter, the Secretary was instructed to make a number of drafting changes, including the re-numbering of some paragraphs.

The Report was adopted by unanimous vote of the Commission. Mr. DARMOIS requested the opportunity to review the French text when it became available.

Concluding Remarks

Mr. ALLEN, speaking on behalf of the members of the Commission, thanked the officers for the efficient and tactful manner in which they had conducted the Session and expressed his appreciation to the Secretariat for its efforts which made it possible to conduct the business of the Commission expeditiously.

Mr. L. TEPER, speaking on behalf of the American Federation of Labor, expressed his appreciation for the consideration given to the views of his organization and the workers it represented. He felt that the Commission had made a vital contribution toward the development and improvement of statistics. Mr. S. V. ARNALDO wished to associate himself with these views.

Mr. MALYSHEV thanked the Chairman and the officers of the Commission for the efficient manner in which they had conducted the affairs of the Commission. It was his view that the language barrier had been made much less formidable because the members of the Commission had been able to find a common language to their mutual interest in statistical problems.

Mr. DARMOIS felt that the membership of the Commission could take great satisfaction in having experienced within the United Nations a really united and magnificent spirit of co-operation and cordiality. It was Mr. RICE's view that in its work of this session, the Statistical Commission had realized the best aspirations of the nucleus Commission.

Mr. Jan STANCZYK, speaking on behalf of the Secretariat, thanked the Commission for its kind words and assured the members that they would continue to receive the same kind of assistance from the Secretariat.

Mr. MARSHALL thanked the members of the Commission for their assistance and co-operation in making the work of this first Session of the Statistical Commission a success. He paid particular tribute to the interpreting staff who had made it possible for the Commission to proceed at a rapid pace and yet enable all of the members to have a full appreciation of the proceedings.

It was suggested that the Chairman might wish to incorporate the remarks he made at the conclusion of the meeting, in the covering letter he would send with the Commission's Report to the Economic and Social Council.

The meeting rose at 1:25 p.m.
