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15 May 1950

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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent United Kingdom Delegation to the United Nations and has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of its letter of 6 May 1950 informing him that Mr. Francis Williams, member of the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press, will be unable to attend the forthcoming session of the Sub-Commission.

The Secretary-General understands that a letter from Mr. Williams is being transmitted to the Assistant Secretary-General for Social Affairs informing him that Mr. Williams wishes to designate Mr. Philip Jordan, Public Relations Officer to the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, as his alternate for this session.

In accordance with rule 79 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, Mr. Jordan will have the same status as a member of the Sub-Commission, including the right to vote.

United Kingdom Permanent Delegation
to the United Nations,
Empire State Building,
61st Floor,
New York 1, N.Y.

SOA 33/04 4th

3 May 1950

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary-General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 26 April 1950 in which you appoint, with the consent of your Government, as confirmed by the conversation with Mr. Chernyshev of the U.S.S.R. delegation to the United Nations, on 2 May 1950, Mr. P.F. Kotik, Second Secretary of the U.S.S.R. Legation in Uruguay, as your alternate to the fourth session of the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press.

In accordance with rule 70 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, Mr. Kotik will have the same status as a member of the Sub-Commission, including the right to vote.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G.E. Yates
Secretary
Economic and Social Council

Mr. V. Zenov,
U.S.S.R. Delegation
to the United Nations,
680 Park Avenue,
New York 21, N.Y.

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SOA 33/04

28 April 1950

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary-General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 24 April 1950 in which you transmitted a communication from Mr. Salvador P. Lopez relating to the appointment of Mr. M.P. Aquino as his alternate to the fourth session of the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information.

In accordance with rule 70 of the rules of procedure of the Functional Commissions of the Economic and Social Council, Mr. Aquino will have the same status as a member of the Sub-Commission, including the right to vote.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G.E. Yates
Secretary
Economic and Social Council

Mr. Carlos P. Romulo,
Philippine Mission to the United Nations,
6251 Empire State Building,
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York 1, N.Y.

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FROM DELEGATION OF USSR
TO SECRETARY GENERAL

26 APR 1950

THE SECRETARY GENERAL
UNITED NATIONS
LAKE SUCCESS NEW YORK
SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO ADVISE YOU AS FOLLOWS. AS I AM UNABLE
MYSELF TO ATTEND THE FORTH COMING FOURTH SESSION OF THE SUB-COM-
MISSION ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND OF THE PRESS, I NOMINATE
MR. PAVEL FADEEVICH KOTIK, SECOND SECRETARY OF THE USSR LEGATION
IN URUGUAY, TO TAKE MY PLACE AS A MEMBER OF THE SUB-COMMISSION AT
ITS FOURTH SESSION. I HAVE THE HONOUR ETC.

(SIGNED) V. ZONOV MEMBER OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON FREEDOM
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Le Secrétariat des Nations Unies
présente ses compliments au Bureau suisse
de liaison avec l'Organisation des Nations
Unies et a l'honneur d'accuser réception de
sa note No.Q.44 du 29 mars 1948 lui faisant
connaître la composition de la Délégation
suisse à la Conférence des Nations Unies sur
la liberté de l'Information.

Bureau suisse de liaison avec
l'Organisation des Nations Unies,
45 Middle Neck Road,
Great Neck, N.Y.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

17 March 1948

Dear Martin,

I meant to have a word with you about the following matter before you left, but circumstances were unpropitious.

There seems to be a basic fault with the organization of the Information Conference, as at present projected, which unlike some of the other troubles may be capable of adjustment. There would be, I think, general agreement that it is essential that in the running of any international meeting of any substantial degree of complication that some one person should put the substance and the mechanical sides together in planning and managing operations. This is what Andy does for the General Assembly, what Lukac did for the Maritime Conference, and what I try to do in the ECOSOC. Now as I gather Humphrey, whose job this should be, proposes to split it using Hogan on the substantive side and Lawson on the mechanical. Apart from the fact that the latter arrangement is likely to lead to duplication and friction with the Geneva Conference services and Lloyd Herman whom you also have presumably for this purpose, a split of this kind is not really possible. This is the job Humphrey should do himself, of course, instead of trying to operate in a sphere which is the business of delegations and for which, as regards the politics, he is not equipped in any case.

This may of course be vieux jeu to you, in which case better put this in the file. Better put it in the file in any case ex majore cautela.

Yours ever,

Martin Hill, Esq.,
Information Conference
Palais des Nations
Geneva, Switzerland

22 January 1948

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary-General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 16 January 1948 informing him of the approval by the Government of the United Kingdom of the designation of Mr. A. R. K. Mackenzie to replace Mr. R. J. Cruikshank at the second session of the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press.

The consultations required under Rule 60 of the Rules of Procedure of Functional Commissions of the Economic and Social Council (Document E/565) having taken place, Mr. Mackenzie may sit as an alternate at the second session of the Sub-Commission with the same status as a member, including the right to vote.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Henri Laugier
Assistant Secretary-General
in charge of Social Affairs

His Excellency
The Right Honourable Sir Alexander Cadogan
G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom
to the United Nations

Mr. Hogan

Mr. Yates

25 August 1947

REPLY TO SIGMA DELTA CHI
RE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Enclosed is a letter from Mr. Robert Brown of Sigma Delta
Chi society. Will you please draft a reply to this letter.

1 April

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION AND OF THE PRESS

Amendment submitted by the United Kingdom Delegation.

Revise heading for Item 5 of the Provisional Draft Agenda (Document E/441, page 13) for the World Conference to read:

"Measures concerning the free publication of information".

Item 5(a) of the Provisional Draft Agenda (Document E/441, page 13):

Omission of the words: "With due regard for the existing laws of
the various countries."

Item 5(a) of the Provisional Draft Agenda (Document E/441, page 14)

Insertion of a new sub-heading after sub-heading (ii) on Censorship:

"The limitation or regulation by Governments of the right
of all persons under their authority to possess and operate
radio receiving sets of their own choosing".

Add to Item 7 of the Draft Agenda for the World Conference (Document E/441, page 16):

"And if so to indicate in general terms the nature of the
facilities and safeguards for which such agreements should
provide".

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25 March 1947

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10. Roberto Fontaina (Uruguay) (12 votes)
11. Salvador P. Lopez (Philippine Republic) (9 votes)
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27. N. Rayis (Syria) (none)

25 March 1947

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
AND THE PRESS

Elected:

1. Andre Geraud (France) (18 votes)
2. R.J. Cruikshank (UK) (17 votes)
3. Z. Chafee (USA) (17 votes)
4. Lev Syohrava (Czechoslovakia) (17 votes)
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11. Salvador P. Lopez (Philippine Republic) (9 votes)
12. A.R. Christensen (Norway) (8 votes)
13. Jan-Albert Goris (Belgium) (7 votes)
14. Abdel Moneim Mostafa (Egypt) (7 votes)
15. X. Pruszyński (Poland) (5 votes)
16. A.J. Dalziel (Australia) (2 votes)
17. W.R. Hodgson (Australia) (2 votes)
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M. Laugier

4 June 1947

G.E. Yates

Representative of Lebanon on
Commission of Human Rights Sub-Commission

I find that owing to a misunderstanding no letter was actually sent at the time to Mr. Charles Malik about the candidature of Mr. Abdullah Mashruk for the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information. You will remember that he requested one for the purpose of covering himself with his government, as he was of course ... entitled to do. Perhaps the attached draft would be appropriate.

PROJET DE LETTRE DE M. LAUGIER A M. CHARLES MALIK;

Je tiens a vous dire combien je regrette que le nom de Monsieur Abdullah Mashnuk n'ait pas ete inclus dans la liste des candidats presentes au Conseil economique et social, conformement aux arrangements pris par la Commission des droits de l'homme, en vue des elections a la Sous-commission de la liberte de la presse.

La lettre par laquelle vous demandiez d'ajouter le nom de Monsieur Mashnuk a ceux aux noms des candidats que vous aviez communiquees anterieurement, a ete egaree par inadvertance au Secretariat, et je le regrette vivement. Quand la liste des candidats fut presentee au Conseil, cette omission n'a malheureusement pas ete signalee a l'attention du Secretariat, comme il est de regle de le faire a ce moment precis de la procedure; c'est ce qui explique pourquoi la candidature de Monsieur Mashnuk n'a pas ete soumise au Conseil.

J'espere que vous voudrez bien accepter l'expression de mes tres sinceres regrets pour cette malencontreuse omission.

Je vous prie d'agreer l'expression de mes sentiments distingues.

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J'espère que vous voudrez bien accepter l'expression de mes très sincères regrets pour cette malencontreuse omission.

~~Veuillez agréer l'expression~~
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sentiments distingués.

DRAFT OF LETTER FROM M. LAUGIER TO CHARLES MALIK

I wish to express regret that the name of Mr. Abdullah Mashnuk was not included on the list of names presented to the Economic and Social Council, according to arrangements made by the Commission on Human Rights, as a candidate for election to the Sub-Commission on the Freedom of the Press. Your letter forwarding his name, in addition to the nominations which you had previously ^made, was most unfortunately inadvertently mislaid in the secretariat. Attention was not drawn to the omission when the list of candidates was presented to the Council, which is according to the usual election practice the stage at which challenges regarding the presentation of names should be made; and his name did not therefore come before the Council. You will I am sure appreciate my sincere expression of regret regarding this unfortunate mistake.

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. G. E. Yates.

FROM: Dr. V. Fabry, Legal Department.

SUBJECT: Election of Sub-Commission on the Freedom of the Press.

Date 18 April 1947

The whole question is more a political than a legal one. From the legal point of view, in my opinion, the lack of nomination of Mr. Mashnuk should not constitute a reason for non-validity of the election of the sub-commission.

a) There are no definite rules for the election of members of sub-commissions of the Commissions of the Economic and Social Council in which the nomination of members to be elected would be given a substantive condition.

b) The election of the sub-commission has been made on the basis of a report of the Human Rights Commission (document E/259), in which the choice of members of the sub-commission from a list of nominations by members of the Human Rights Commission has been only recommended and has not been included among the rules upon which the Human Rights Commission has decided with respect to the composition of its sub-commissions (Part "A" of paragraphs 16 and 20).

c) The nomination by a member of the Human Rights Commission does not necessarily imply an inclusion on the list from which the Economic and Social Council had to choose prospective members of the sub-commission (necessity of concurrence of the Secretary-General with the nomination, necessity of consent of the representative Governments).

d) The purpose of nominations by members of the Human Rights Commission was only to facilitate the choice of the Economic and Social Council, especially with respect to nationals of countries not represented in the Council itself, and did not imply the establishment of a rostrum for balloting. This is apparent from the fact that nominations were not restricted to nationals of the country of origin of the member of the Human Rights Commission.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. A. H. Feller

COPIES TO: M. Laugier, Mr. William Stoneman, Mr. Weintraub, Mr. Hogan, Mr. George Barnes, ~~Mrs. Kahane~~, Mr. Cordier.
MR. SYMEONIDES

FROM: G. E. Yates

7 April 1947

Will you please advise on this case, particularly on the point in paragraph 5. below:

1. On Friday, 4 April, the Division of Human Rights informed me that a letter to the Secretary-General from Mr. Charles Malik, the representative of Lebanon on the Commission on Human Rights, requesting that the name of Mr. Abdullah Mashnuk should be added to the nominations of the Lebanese representative for the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press, had inadvertently been misplaced when received from the Secretary-General's office; and that Mr. Mashnuk's name had accordingly been omitted from the list of candidates for this Commission, forwarded to the Council Secretariat.

. The Human Rights Commission, at its session commencing 27 January last had arranged for nominations to be sent in for this Sub-Commission, but, owing to the lack of time, had requested the Council itself to make the election. This election by the Council took place on 25 and 26 March, a number of ballots being required to fill the last two places. Mr. Mashnuk's name was not on the list of candidates. A representative of Lebanon was in the Lebanese chair and did not challenge the list of candidates presented (unfortunately Mr. Malik himself was ill on the days in question, and his alternate was in his seat.).

3. When I heard of this, I asked Mr. Dumontet in my office, who happens to know Mr. Malik well personally, to call him and explain what had happened. Mr. Dumontet did so, and I also subsequently had a conversation with Mr. Malik. Mr. Malik expressed himself as much concerned by the fact that no representative of the Near East was elected to the Sub-Commission. He did not, however, link this with the omission of Mr. Mashnuk's name from the list, and expressed himself grateful for having been at once informed of the mistake. He asked for a letter explaining how the mistake had arisen, in order to cover himself with his government. He said he would take no further steps while we considered the matter further.

4. There is a potentially explosive political background to this which made me think it advisable to call Mr. Malik at once on Good Friday evening before he or some other person came upon this omission and possibly communicated with the press. The press have, of course, taken an immense amount of interest in this Sub-Commission. There was much dissatisfaction among a number of delegations with the results of the election and the failure to secure the election of either a) a candidate from Eastern Europe (other than USSR) or b) from the Near East. (This was due in fact to the US carrying their "slate" too far). In fact, a number of candidates other than Mr. Mashnuk from the Near East were included in the list, so it is unlikely that the omission had any real bearing on the result of the election; as Mr. Malik admitted unofficially in conversation. Nevertheless, the omission could, of course, easily be represented as having had such an effect.

5. I think the correct view is that the election is not invalidated by this mistake. There was a Lebanese representative at the election and he did not challenge the list presented. Unless this view were taken, it would, of course always be

possible for the validity of an election to be challenged by an allegation ^{for instance} that a name had been sent in and had been lost in the mail.

6. As regards action, the first point is to confirm or reject the view that the election is not invalid, a point that ^{must be made} seems now clear in our reply to Mr. Malik. The rest is to give him the letter he requested to which he is entitled. I suggest that we should at the same time report the incident to the President of the Council who will reach India shortly and suspend further action until he has had a chance to comment. It may well be that it would be better for any necessary action vis a vis the Council to be taken by the President rather than by a paper from the Secretariat. General.

7. It is for consideration at a later stage whether the proposal might not be made to the President while, of course, avoiding any formal linking between this incident and the result of the election, that the Council might wish to add to additional members to the Sub-Commission; on the assumption that delegations can come to some agreement informally that one of these should be elected from Eastern Europe and one for the Near East.

8. Mr. Laugier approves the general line indicated above, subject to advice on the legal issues.

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18 May 1947

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In the circumstances, I am sending you a copy of a letter which I have sent to the Chairmen of the Commissions of the Council, which may be of service to you, particularly in connection with the drawing up of the report of the Sub-Commission.

Yours sincerely,

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ADDITIONAL NOMINATION FOR SUB-COMMISSION ON FREEDOM
OF INFORMATION AND OF THE PRESS WITH BIOGRAPHICAL
MATERIAL.

A communication dated 27 March 1947 has been received by the Secretariat from the Egyptian Permanent Office for the United Nations nominating Dr. WAHID RAFAAT for the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press.

The following biographical details are included:

Doctor in Law from the University of Paris

Diplome! of the Institute of International Law and
the School of Political Science, Paris.

Consulting Counsellor at Law.

Ex-Professor of Public Law, Cairo University.

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TO:

M. Dumontet
Correspondence Unit,
Executive Office of the
Secretary-General

FROM:

Date

11-1-33
12-5-47

SUBJECT:

Attached Copy of Communication

The attached communication has been
despatched by the Correspondence Unit in accordance
with instructions received from you.

~~Your original draft is returned herewith.~~

P. J. Bolton
P. J. Bolton

HK Dumontet
H-133

605-4-1-3/GD

le 8 mai 1947

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

Je suis chargé par le Secrétaire général d'accuser réception de votre lettre numéro 125 du 26 avril 1947 relative à la date d'ouverture de la Sous-commission de la Liberté de la presse et de l'information.

J'ai l'honneur de porter à votre connaissance qu'après un nouvel échange de vues, la Délégation du Royaume-Uni a accepté que la Sous-commission qui devait se réunir le 5 mai 1947, se réunisse le 19 mai et non comme il avait été précédemment demandé le 23 juin. L'ajournement du 5 au 19 mai nécessité par la session extraordinaire de l'Assemblée générale ne réduira pas le délai de six semaines qui doit s'écouler entre l'envoi du rapport de cette Sous-commission aux Membres du Conseil économique et social et l'ouverture de la Cinquième session du Conseil, prévue pour le 19 juillet 1947.

Je vous prie, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, d'agréer l'assurance de ma très haute considération.

Henri Laugier
Secrétaire général adjoint
chargé du Département des Affaires sociales

Son Excellence
Monsieur Alexandre Parodi,
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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Messrs. Mumford, Yates, Dumontet and Shalom

FROM: John P. Humphrey

Date 6 September 1948

SUBJECT:

Herewith the draft working paper on the Conference on Freedom of Information and of the Press proposed at the interdepartmental meeting of August 12, 1946.

I have asked Mr. Perez-Guerrero to call another meeting shortly to discuss this draft.

The delegation of the Philippine Commonwealth submitted a draft resolution to the first part of the first session of the General Assembly which provides for the calling of an International Press Conference by the General Assembly. It was agreed that this be placed upon the agenda of the second part of its first session.

The draft resolution submitted states, "world peace and freedom can be maintained only by a determined, well-informed and enlightened world public opinion," and continues, "a free world press - deeply conscious of its responsibilities and obligations as well as of its rights and privileges, and properly provided with the necessary facilities and freedom to accomplish its mission - wields tremendous influence in moulding and giving expression to that opinion."

There are two courses open to the General Assembly once the principle has been accepted that an International Press Conference should be convened. The General Assembly can either, (a) call the Conference itself and fix the time and place of its meeting, the method of representation, number of delegates, and its general terms of reference, or, (b) instruct the Economic and Social Council to call such a Conference and make the necessary decisions concerning it.

With reference to the method of representation and selection of delegates, recommendations would be needed as to:

- a) Should the Conference consist of delegates in their individual capacity or as representatives of States.
- b) Should representation be limited to Member States of the United Nations.
- c) Should non-governmental organizations interested in the problem be permitted to attend as observers.

Consideration might also be given to the question whether the Conference should be held either at the site of the United Nations or at some other place.

With regard to terms of reference, recommendations might include the preparation of a draft convention on Freedom of Information and of the Press for submission both to the Economic and Social Council and to the Assembly.

A conference of such importance as the one contemplated will have worldwide repercussions and should achieve important results. Its proper preparation is therefore a matter of the utmost importance and full advantage should be taken of international machinery already established or to be established in the field. This machinery includes the Economic and Social Council with its Commission on Human Rights and the proposed Sub-commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press and U.N.E.S.C.O. The Secretary General might be requested to communicate with the

Acting Director of U.N.E.S.C.O., for the purpose of ensuring that close cooperation will be maintained by the staffs of the various organizations working in the field of Freedom of Information and of the Press.

Whether the Conference is called by the General Assembly or by the Economic and Social Council responsibility for preparatory work will probably therefore be vested in the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press. This Sub-Commission cannot be set up until the next meeting of the Commission on Human Rights which will probably not be before the end of 1946. The Conference should not meet therefore before late in 1947 by which time the Sub-Commission will have been constituted and be in a position to assume the secretarial duties in connection with the Conference. It is also doubtful if the Sub-Commission could complete the necessary preparatory work before that time.

The value of the Conference will largely depend upon the extended preparatory work in which the Sub-Commission will engage and upon the studies and reports made by or to it and which it may want to suggest for consideration by the Conference. The Sub-Commission could be instructed to prepare a draft agenda for the conference together with working papers. The Sub-Commission will probably want to review the work of the League of Nations' Advisory and Technical Committee for Communication and Transit, of the Conferences of Government Press Bureaux and of Press Representatives, of the Mass Media Committee of the Preparatory Commission of UNESCO, and of other official and non-official groups which have done work in this field.