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SUMMARY REPORT OF SEVENTH MEETING OF COMMITTEE II/4

Veterans Building, Room 223, May 18, 1945, 3:30 p.m.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

1. Form of Summary Record

On the motion of the Delegate for China, seconded by the Delegate for the United States, the Committee agreed that delegations proposing resolutions and amendments should be mentioned by name in the record.

2. Documentation

The Secretary announced that the subcommittee appointed at the last meeting had made recommendations to the Translating Staff of the Secretariat, who were preparing a revised French text of the Committee's Working Paper.

3. Discussion of Working Paper

In view of the fact that informal discussions were still proceeding between certain delegations on the terms of paragraph A 1 ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ ~~(II)~~, the Committee decided to postpone consideration of this subparagraph. It was decided that this would also involve the postponement of paragraph B 2.

Decisions: On the motion of the Delegate for
Iraq, seconded by the ^DDelegate
from Australia, it was decided to
substitute the words "social and
educational" for the words "and

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COMMITTEE II/4

(Veterans Building, Room 223, 3:30 p.m.)

The Committee adopted the rule that the Summary Reports should indicate by name the delegations originating motions and amendments. Discussion of the Working Paper was resumed. Clauses A 1 (I) and (III), A 2, and B 1 were adopted. The consideration of clauses A 1 (II) and B 2 was postponed until the conclusion of consultations now in progress on the wording of these clauses.

PROGRESS REPORT

(Committee II/4, Seventh Meeting)

May 18, 1945 3:30 p.m.

The Committee decided that the summary record of its proceedings should name the delegations responsible for motions and amendments.

On the resumption of discussion on Section A of the working paper on trusteeship, Mr. Stassen announced that informal discussions were still in progress with the object of reconciling the different views expressed at the previous meeting on the proposed introduction of the word "independence" into paragraph A 1 (ii). Consideration of this subparagraph, and consequentially of paragraph B 2, was therefore postponed. The Committee then adopted paragraph A 1 (i), with the addition of the word "educational", and paragraphs A 1 (iii), A 2 and B 1 without amendment. The Chairman assured the Committee, when these votes were taken, that it would have the power to make a final review of the whole of its work before the results passed beyond its control, and that all its decisions were to that extent provisional.

Most of the time at the seventh meeting was occupied in discussing an Egyptian proposal, supported only by Greece, to delete from paragraph B 1 the reference to "subsequent individual agreements", which Badawi Pasha considered to be both obscure in itself and out of place in the general enacting

clause. There was also an inconclusive discussion on the juridical status of existing Mandates, in which the moral responsibility of mandatory powers was emphasized by the Chairman, and their rights by the South African delegate.

Notes for Chairman

SEVENTH MEETING OF COMMITTEE II/4

MAY 18, 1945

- I Statement by Secretary as to revised translation of working document.
- II Continuation of discussion of working document.
Motion before the Committee is that of Dr. Koo to amend A.1. (ii) to read as follows:
" to promote development toward independence or self-government as may be appropriate to the particular circumstances of each territory and its people."
Bedawi Pasha, the Delegate of Egypt has asked to speak.
- III Next meeting, Tuesday May 22, 1945 at 10:30 AM.

May 18, 1945

Dear Prime Minister,

Certain questions of Conference procedure need to be examined in relation to the Trusteeship Committee.

I The general rule is that all proposals agreed to by any Committee, as soon as the Committee votes them, go by way of the Executive Committee to the Coordination Committee which has the responsibility for drafting the Charter. From this Committee they do not return.

Two consequences follow for our Committee:

- (1) Any proposal which a Delegation ^{wishes} moves to make should be made very specifically at the proper place in the consideration of the working document for it will be at least more difficult to bring it up later.
- (2) It might be useful to determine to set up a drafting sub-committee of Committee II/4 and to send all texts and motions adopted by the Committee to the sub-committee. The sub-committee could be instructed to refer them back to the full Committee.

II Mr. Naggiar of France raised the question on May 17 whether the Trusteeship Committee was the proper place to discuss the general principles applying to Trusteeship. In accordance with your ruling as Chairman, the Committee will presumably continue to consider these principles unless a motion is carried to prevent its' doing so. But even if the Trusteeship Committee should discuss and approve proposals which belong elsewhere in the Charter, the Coordination Committee has as one of its functions the duty of placing the proposals in their correct places in the final draft of the Charter.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary, Committee II/4

The Right Honorable Peter Fraser

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AMENDMENT MOVED BY DR. WELLINGTON KOO, DELEGATE FOR CHINA

A. 1. (ii). "to promote development toward independence or self-government as may be appropriate to the particular circumstances of each territory and its people."