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SUMMARY REPORT, SECOND MEETING OF COMMITTEE I/II

MAY 8, 1945, 10:30 A.M., ROOM 303, VETERANS BUILDING

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The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Bonilla Luna

~~The~~ The Chairman reported on
(Costa Rica) at 10:45. There was general discussion of the number of amend-
ments received pertaining to matters within the jurisdiction of this committee.

At eleven o'clock the committee observed one minute of silence in
memory of those who gave their lives to make possible the victory celebrated
at this time.

1. Consideration of Joint Amendments of Sponsoring Powers.
on the morning of May 7, 1945,

The Chairman reported that at an informal meeting of the Officers of
the Presidents' Chairman had agreed to recommend
the Commission and Committee it was agreed that in order to expedite the work
to recommend that the twenty-seven joint amendments submitted by
of the Conference the twenty-seven amendments of the sponsoring powers should
be embodied in the Dumbarton Oaks proposals. He asked for the opinion of the
committee on this matter.

In support of this suggestion, it was pointed out by several delegates
that this procedure would speed up the work, observing
submitted by other states, it was also observed that many
of the amendments were covered, in part at least, by the amendments of the
sponsoring powers.

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On the other hand, it was argued that the amendments of all States
should be treated in the same way, and pointed out that incorporating
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~~these amendments would have a different status than those presented by the~~
that
~~other States.~~ Since these amendments did not constitute a part of the
original agenda of the Conference, *It was suggested* they should be considered, discussed,
in the same way
and voted on ~~on the same basis~~ as all other amendments.

The Committee
~~It was agreed~~ that this was a matter to be decided by the Steering
Committee or Executive Committee, and that ~~Committee I/II~~ in the meantime
discussion *on* *of the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals*
should proceed to a ~~discussion of~~ Chapters III and IV to which the sponsoring
Governments had not suggested amendments.

The meeting adjourned at

2. Consideration of Chapter II (Membership).

After some discussion of the work of the Committee, it was agreed

^{to}
~~that the committee should begin with the consideration of Chapter III~~
(membership).

The delegate from Australia presented ^{an amendment to} the present text of Chapter
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~~III which read as follows:~~
III to be amended to read:

"Membership of the United Nations shall be open to any
State which accepts the obligation of this Charter and which
is admitted to membership in accordance with the Charter."

He felt that this amendment avoided the possibility of uncertainty
^{interpretation which}
of ~~meaning such as~~ might result from the use of the term "peace-loving
nations" ~~as found~~ in the Dumbarton Oaks proposals.

The delegate from Norway submitted the following amendment for considera-
tion:

"Membership of the organization should be open to all
peace-loving States whose governments can be relied upon to
work in harmony with the purposes and principles of the organiza-
tion."

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He explained that this amendment, like that proposed by Australia, was

inspired by the need for clarity.

The delegate from Uruguay spoke in favor of universal and permanent membership. He also pointed ^{ing} out the need for ~~a~~ precise juridical definition of ~~the criteria of~~ ^{a state.} ~~membership.~~

It was ~~that~~ agreed, owing to the lateness of the hour, to resume discussion at the next meeting of the Committee, tentatively scheduled for May 9.

The meeting adjourned at 12.30 p.m.

SUMMARY REPORT. SECOND MEETING OF COMMITTEE I/2

May 8, 1945, 10.⁴⁵~~30~~ a.m., Room 303, Veterans Building

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. ~~San~~ Bonilla Lara (Costa Rica), at ~~10.45~~^{10.45}. The Chairman reported on the number of amendments received pertaining to matters within the jurisdiction of this Committee.

At eleven o'clock the Committee observed one minute of silence in memory of those who gave their lives to make possible the victory celebrated at this time.

1. Consideration of Joint Amendments of Sponsoring Powers

The Chairman reported that at an informal meeting on the morning of May 7, 1945, the Commission Presidents and Committee Chairmen had agreed, in order to expedite the work of the Conference, to recommend that the twenty-seven joint amendments submitted by the sponsoring powers (Doc.2,6/29) should be embodied in the Dumbarton Oaks proposals. He asked for the opinion of the Committee on this matter. Several delegates agreed that this procedure would speed up the work, observing that many of the amendments submitted by other States were covered, at least in part, by these joint amendments. Other delegates felt that the amendments of all States should be treated in the same way, and pointed out that incorporating the joint amendments in the Dumbarton Oaks proposals would give them a different status. It was also suggested that since these amendments did not constitute a part of the original agenda of the Conference, they should be considered, discussed, and voted on in the same way as all other amendments.

The Committee agreed that this was a matter to be decided by the Steering Committee or Executive Committee, and that in the meantime discussion should proceed on Chapters III and IV of the Dumbarton Oaks

proposals to which the sponsoring governments had not suggested amendments.

2. Consideration of Chapter III (Membership)

After some discussion of the work of the Committee, it was agreed to begin with the consideration of Chapter III (Membership). The delegate from Australia presented an amendment to the present text of Chapter III as follows:

"Membership of the United Nations shall be open to any State which accepts the obligation of this Charter and which ~~is~~ is admitted to membership in accordance with the Charter."

He felt that this amendment avoided the possibility of uncertainty of interpretation which might result from the term "peace-loving nations" in the Dumbarton Oaks proposals.

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"Membership of the Organization should be open to all peace-loving States whose governments can be relied upon to work in harmony with the purposes and principles of the Organization."

He explained that this amendment, like that proposed by Australia, was inspired by the need for clarity.

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The Committee then proceeded to a discussion of
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The Committee considered the suggestions of the Commission Presidents and Committee Chairmen that the twenty-seven amendments proposed by the sponsoring powers be embodied in the Dumbarton Oaks proposals. It was agreed that this was a matter to be decided by the Executive Committee or the Steering Committee.

Discussion on Chapter III (Membership) of the Dumbarton Oaks proposals was then begun, and three amendments to that chapter were presented.

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May 5, 1945

REPORT OF FIRST MEETING
of
COMMISSION I/2

Veterans' Building, Room 303, May 5, 1945, 3:15 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Bonilla Lara (Costa Rica), at 3:15 p.m.

Fellow delegates, following the decision of May 3, taken by the Chairman and officers of Commission I, we are holding our first meeting today. You have the minutes of that meeting before you. A great number of you ~~WERE~~ in attendance here were at that meeting.

It is unnecessary for me to underline the importance of our Committee.

The Chairman expressed the gratitude of his country for the appointment of Costa Rica to the Chairmanship and promised to do his best. He stressed the importance of expediting the work of the Committee.

The Chairman introduced the two Rapporteurs and the Secretary, who in turn introduced the Associate Executive Officers of Commission I and the Assistant Secretaries of Committee I/2. The Chairman explained that the Committee was composed of one or more representatives of each delegation. As regards the procedure of meetings, he suggested that this Committee should follow the rules fixed by the President of Commission I, Mr. Rolin, at the meeting of May 3. The Chairman pointed out that the terms of reference of this Committee were Chapters III, IV, X and XI of the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals. Chapter IV includes other questions which are not within the jurisdiction of this Committee. This Committee will deal only with the Secretariat

and other subsidiary organs. The Chairman further explained that the Committee must decide on the important question ~~of~~ relating to what matters fall within its jurisdiction, and within the jurisdiction of Committee II/1. Chapter V includes Admission, Suspension and Expulsion of Members. The Presidents of Commissions I and II, Mr. Rolin and Field Marshal Smuts, decided that the principles, conditions of admittance, and considerations of ~~ex~~ suspension and expulsion would be within the jurisdiction of Committee I/2. The competence of organs to decide on these matters would come within the jurisdiction of Committee II/2. The Chairman referred to a letter from Mr. Rolin to Field Marshal Smuts in which this recommendation was stated.

Mr. Rolin explained that he and Field Marshal Smuts had reached a tentative agreement on this matter and that they merely made this as a suggestion which, if agreeable to the two Committees concerned, they would refer to the Steering Committee for ratification.

The delegate from New Zealand stated that his country has an amendment to the effect that the Assembly should decide on the restitution of membership. He asked what Committee would be concerned with this matter.

Mr. Rolin said that Commission II, dealing with the Assembly, would take up this matter;

There was no objection to the suggestion made by Mr. Rolin and Field Marshal Smuts.

The Secretary explained that the basic documents of the Committee are the Dumbarton Oaks and Chinese Proposals and the comments submitted thereon by the governments, prior to midnight Friday, May 4. She explained that an index to these comments is being prepared and that all of the comments will be put together in one volume for the convenience of the delegates. She further explained that the Secretariat is at the disposal of the Committee in aiding its work, but that it would be ~~very~~ helpful if all delegates would bring such documents as they need to all meetings. The delegate from Brazil asked the meaning of the word "general" as it related to Committee I/2. The Chairman replied that this word covered matters dealing with in Chapters IV, X and XI.

The delegate from Egypt said that his delegation was offering an amendment making an Economic and Social Council a principal organ. And he wished to direct the attention of the Committee to this matter at this time. Mr. Rolin answered that other delegations were submitting similar amendments and that as a consequence there would be too important Councils, one dealing with specific cooperation and the second with the Security Council. This matter has already been taken up by Committee II/3 and Mr. Rolin said that he would speak further with Field Marshal Smuts. The detailed functions of the Economic and Social Council are within the jurisdiction of Commission II. He suggested that it would be wise to wait until that Commission terminates its

work on the Economic and Social Council before this Committee take any further action.

The Chairman said that there would probably be three meetings a week, on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday in the afternoon, at an hour to be arranged so as to avoid conflict with other meetings. The next meeting will be on Tuesday at an hour to be announced. There was no comment.

The delegate from Egypt said he would appreciate receiving a list of amendments to be taken up. The Chairman replied that the Secretary would try to have this list by Tuesday, but the Committee did not yet know the number of amendments which had been made on matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Mr. Rolin pointed out that approximately 50 amendments were received in the last 24 hours (some in Spanish, some in French and some in English), and that a huge task of translation and preparation faced the Secretariat. He pointed out that it was desirable to have the completed volume and index, but that since time would be required in their preparation, the delegates might take notes on amendments already submitted to them. It also would be helpful if the Chairman were to indicate in the Agenda in advance the topics he proposed to take up at each meeting; then the delegates could come prepared.

The delegate from Brazil suggested that the Presidents of Commissions I and II might hold further conversations before Tuesday in order to clarify exactly the jurisdiction of their respective Commissions. She pointed out that if changes of jurisdiction weremade ~~from~~ some/4 delegations might wish to

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The Chairman then commented on the procedure to be followed. He suggested that the meetings should open with a brief statement by the Rapporteur summarizing the work in hand, followed by comments from delegates who have submitted amendments, speaking in alphabetical order, and ~~that~~ then comments from other delegates, in ^g/ alphabetical order.

The delegate from Greece did not favor following alphabetical order. He agreed that such procedure was satisfactory in large meetings; but in committee meetings such as this, where an interchange of views was necessary, such a procedure would be awkward. Therefore he recommended that the Chairman recognize speakers expressing a desire to speak on a particular point. The Chairman replied that his rule was to apply only if there was some ~~conflict~~ ~~in~~ conflict, but that here, as in other Committees, the suggestion of the delegate from Greece would be followed. He also pointed out that his rule might be followed in cases where several delegates asked for permission to speak before the convening of a meeting. In such a case he would follow the alphabetical order.

The delegate from Greece said that while he did not wish to press his point he felt that in this latter case, the order in which the delegates applied would be a more satisfactory order to follow. The delegate from The Netherlands supported the view of the delegate from Greece. Otherwise the Committee would put debate in a harness. It would be more efficient to follow the usual procedure. The Chairman again said that he would use the alphabetical order only in those rare cases where there might otherwise be conflict and that the debate at the next meeting would not follow alphabetical order.

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The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Bonilla Lara (Costa Rica), at 3:15 p.m.

The Chairman explained that the first meeting of Committee 2 of Commission I was being held in accordance with the decision of the President and other officers of Commission I taken on May 3. He expressed the gratitude of his country for the appointment of Costa Rica to the chairmanship of the Committee. The Chairman also stressed the importance of expediting the work of the Committee.

The Chairman introduced the two Rapporteurs, Mr. Liataud^u (Haiti) who was attending on behalf of Mr. Lescot, and Sayyid Jamil Daud (Saudi Arabia). The Chairman then presented the Secretary of the Committee, Miss Elizabeth Armstrong, who in turn presented the Associate Executive Officers of Commission I and the Assistant Secretaries of Committee 2.

The Chairman suggested that the Committee follow the rules of procedure which had been recommended at the meeting of the officers of Commission I on May 3 by Mr. Rolin, the President.

The Chairman pointed out that the terms of reference of Committee I/2 were Chapters III, IV, X and XI of the

Dumbarton Oaks Proposals dealing respectively with Membership, the Secretariat, and Amendments, together with relevant comments and observations on the subject matters of these sections, made in the official comments and observations of governments participating in the present Conference.

A matter of overlapping jurisdiction between Committee I/2 and Committee II/1 was ^{noted} brought to attention by the Chairman. Chapter V, which had been assigned to Committee II/1, included admission and suspension of members. The President of the Commission explained that since this was a matter related directly to Membership, he and the President of Commission II had consulted together and recommended that the provisions of Chapter V dealing with admission and suspension and expulsion of members should be assigned to Committee I/2, and that questions as to the competence of organs to decide on such matters, and as to voting, should be taken up by Committee II/1. If the Committees concerned agreed to this decision, the Presidents of the two Commissions would recommend to the Steering Committee that this clarification of the terms of reference be validated. The Committee agreed to the recommendation of the Presidents.

The Chairman explained that there would probably be three meetings a week, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, in the afternoon. The next meeting would be held

on Tuesday, May 8, at an hour to be announced.

In regard to the possibility of having a list of all amendments to be considered by this Committee, it was pointed out that approximately fifty proposals had been received in the last twenty-four hours and that time would be required for translations, reproduction of copies, compilation and indexing. It was suggested, therefore, that in the meantime, the delegates take notes on such amendments as had been submitted and that the Chairman indicate in the Agenda of the Committee the topics which he proposed to take up at each meeting.

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In regard to the possibility of having a list of all amendments to be considered by this Committee, it was pointed out that approximately fifty proposals had been received in the last twenty-four hours and that time would be required for translations, reproduction of copies, compilation and indexing. It was suggested, therefore, that in the meantime, the delegates take notes on such amendments as had been submitted and that the Chairman indicate in the Agenda of the Committee the topics which he proposed to take up at each meeting.

2 After discussion of the procedure to be followed in considering the commentaries and proposals of governments, it was agreed that delegates would speak in the order in which they asked for recognition, except that in rare instances where conflict might arise, the alphabetical order in English would be followed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15.

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