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VERBATIM RECORD OF THE TWENTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE THIRD SESSION  
OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Flushing Meadows, New York  
Tuesday, 10 December 1946 at 3:00 o'clock pm

PRESENT:

THE PRESIDENT: MR. EDUARDO ZULETA ANGEL (Colombia)

Mr. Lebeau	(Belgium)
Mr. Papanek	(Czechoslovakia)
Mr. Soto	(Chile)
Mr. Martin	(Canada)
Mr. Belt	(Cuba)
Mr. Chang	(China)
Mr. Hoffherr	(France)
Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai	(India)
Mr. Malik	(Lebanon)
Mr. Colbjornsen	(Norway)
Mr. Chavez	(Peru)
Mr. Baronovsky	(Ukrainian SSR)
Mr. Morozov	(USSR)
Mr. Phillips	(United Kingdom)
Mr. Stinebower	(United States of America)
Mr. Mattes	(Yugoslavia)

The PRESIDENT: (Interpretation from French): The meeting is called  
to order.

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As you all know, gentlemen, we are here in accordance with the resolution approved by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, and we are here to proceed to a confirmation of nominees appointed to the various Commissions set up by the Economic and Social Council.

In order to ensure a well-balanced representation, it has been arranged that the Secretary-General shall consult with each interested Government before formal appointments are made and confirmed by the Economic and Social Council. In accordance with this decision, we have to study today the list of nominees which have been presented by each of the respective Governments for confirmation. Such list appears in Document E/250, with two additions, additions one and two of the same document. I do not think it is necessary to read the whole list since the document has been circulated, but if anyone here so wishes, we could read the list, of course.

CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation from French): In addition to the list appearing under document E/250 and two additional documents, I have just received two additional lists, one from a list of nominees, one from the Soviet Union which is as follows:

For the Economic and Employment Commission:	Mr. A. P. Morozov
For the Fiscal Commission:	Mr. P. M. Charnyshov
For the Commission of Human Rights:	Mr. V. F. Tepliakov
For the Population Commission:	Mr. I. S. Malyshev

I have a second list from Byelorussia:

For the Economic and Employment Commission:	Mr. S. N. Malinine
For the Human Rights Commission:	Mr. V. K. Prokoudovitch
For the Commission of Rights of Women:	Mrs. E. J. Ouralova

CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation from French): We can now proceed to confirming these nominations. I would ask the Economic and Social Council the following question: There are still twenty-two names of nominees missing in order to complete the members of the personnel to serve on all commissions. We have the list now received. Therefore, the list of nominees are received and even if we confirm these nominees, the commission will not yet get the complete personnel. In these conditions, I would like to ask the following two questions:

First of all, can we and must we confirm the nominees without having a complete list of such nominees? And, second, if the commissions start operating, meeting and so on, can they start without having a complete staff on each Commission, and can they start, for instance, with a two-thirds of the total number of members or a majority or something like that?

MR. COLBJORNSEN (Norway): Mr. Chairman, I wish to make some observations with regard to the question of alternates or substitutes for commission members. I don't know whether it is in order to do that right away or whether I should wait.

CHAIRMAN (Interpretation from French): Mr. Representative, I believe this is a question which we had better settle after confirmation of the nominees. I would like you to ask it again, then.

MR. CHANG (China): Mr. Chairman, this Document E/250--before we approve or confirm the names here listed, I suppose we would like to know who they are, and surely the information given here, concerning the Chinese nominees mostly show who they are not.

Page 2, China, Dr. Franklin Ho, a Member of the Central Planning Board. He is not. He was the Vice-Minister of Economics, Ministry of Economics, and Deputy-Secretary-General of the Central Planning Board. That is one mistake.

Then page 4, China, Mr. Frank Kefung, Railway and Highway Director in China. He is not.

Well, sir, it is extremely confusing. Statistical Member Mr. Lieu, formerly Director of Statistics, Central Bank of China. Not exactly this wording.

Fiscal Commission, Mr. S. K. Fong, Member Tariff Commission of China. No, no he is not.

Human Rights--There is a humble gentleman by the name of Dr. P. C. Chang, He was some years ago Minister to Chile. I do not know why they should pick that up. Of course it was a great honour, I realize. I will always feel with a great deal of satisfaction that I was once in the honoured country of the neighbor to my left, but why should they pick that alone. It is really odd.

And again, gentlemen, page 8, the Chinese nominee, Dr. Yang, President of Soochow University, Adviser to the Chinese Government. Where? Never.

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It is really uniformly incorrect.

So, Mr. Chairman, you look at this and on page 10 the same gentleman, Dr. Franklin L. Ho, given another title, Adviser, Kin Chenk Banking Corporation. It is really most, most wonderfully uniform in being not what they are.

Well, however, I am not criticizing anyone in particular, but please, when you consider these names, just delete all the qualifications as attached in this Document--that is, especially for the Press and for the information. Please do not announce them as these high offices given to them in this Document.

THE PRESIDENT (Interpretation from French) : I wish to thank the representative from China for the information he has given us on the various Chinese nominees appearing on the list prepared by the Secretariat

I would like to invite all of our representatives to make any observations they wish on this list of nominees.

MR. MARTIN (Canada) : Mr. President, since you have invited us to comment on the list of nominees, may I point out that the complaint of our Chinese colleague is a perfectly legitimate one--he complains that his country's nominees have been incorrectly described. I would point out to you, sir, that in respect to the Canadian nominees on the Economic and Employment Commission, I would not mind so much if we were incorrectly described, but we are not described at all.

MR. PAPANÉK (Czechoslovakia) : Mr. President, I thought that it was our duty to give the necessary information to the Secretary General about the nominations. If they are not correctly presented, I think all of us should give the necessary information to the Secretariat. I cannot understand how they proceeded on some information that is either years old or not exact at all.

The best way, it seems to me--and I propose it--would be for the Members to give the information on each name to the Secretariat, in order that after they are approved, the correct qualifications will be in the document

MR. FAUSTO SOTO (Chile): Mr. Chairman, fortunately my delegation is in a better position than my neighbors to the right and to the left of me. The two Chilean nominees appear in Document E/250/Add. 1, the information about Mr. Alfonse Grez is correct.

Mr. Rio is correct also, that he has been appointed now ambassador to Washington. But the real reason for being in this Commission as I had just explained to the Secretariat, is that he has been for many years a member of the Inter-American Committee of Jurists in Rio de Janeiro and he is one of the Committee authors of the project on human rights presented by that Committee.



MR. BARANOVSKY (Ukrainian SSR) (Second interpretation; original in Russian): Mr. President, the information presented to us in E/250 with respect to occupations and qualifications of the persons named for Commissions is of course <sup>of</sup> great importance. It seems to me it would be important, particularly in this discussion of candidacies of these nominees, but I feel it is not necessary to indicate them in our recommendation to the Economic and Social Council. It seems to me in that recommendation we need only note the name of the nominee and his country. I repeat, Mr. President, I think this information is important for discussion purposes only, especially as the representative of China pointed out that in many cases the information is either incorrect or out of date. Therefore, in the recommendation to the Economic and Social Council I think we should list only the name and the country of the nominee.

MR. CHAVEZ (Interpretation from French) (Peru): Mr. President, if the statement just made by the representative of the Ukraine is correct -- that is to say, if we don't have to vote on the nominees -- I would agree to his opinion that it would be unnecessary to prolong these debates by giving information on each nominee. But I think the point has to be clarified because if we have to proceed to vote on the composition of each Commission I would have to present some reservations on the nominees presented by the Peruvian delegation.

MR. PHILLIPS (United Kingdom): Mr. President, it seems to me there are two points before us. The first is whether these names are accurately described -- and I would have some little difficulty, though not as much as Dr. Chang, in relation to the names from the United Kingdom. On that part of the matter before the Council I think our Czechoslovak colleague has made the right comment, which is that we should ask the various delegations to put in



precise descriptions of their nominations so that the world-at-large can be told in a document which may be prepared by the Secretary-General within a few days. In the statement made by our Ukrainian colleague I gained the impression that he didn't think it was necessary to give information about the candidates, but I would urge that the world-at-large is very interested to know who are the members of these commissions, what is their background; and I think it would be very useful if the Secretary-General did issue a statement after, of course, we had confirmed these names, showing who the people were and what their backgrounds were.

I come now to the second part of the matter before us which also, I think, was raised by the Ukrainian representative, as to whether the information as to who these people are has any bearing on our decision, as to whether to confirm these names or not. Now, Sir, when I remember this being discussed in June I think that was in the mind of the Council in deciding that the Council should confirm the names put in by governments, was the desire to exercise some kind of co-relation from the technical standpoint.

Suppose, for instance, on the Transport Commission, every country, not knowing what the other countries had done, had put in an expert on, say, canals and the whole Committee consisted of experts on canals because there was no coordination in the nominations. Well, clearly, the Transport Commission could not work adequately if it consisted of 18 experts who were experts on canals and there were no experts on shipping, railways, and roads and other matters. I understood that it would be for the Secretary-General to look over these names, and I thought that our procedure might be that the Secretary-General would tell us whether he has in fact looked over these names, and whether the very unlikely contingency had occurred of the Members all being technically competent in one field and not in other fields, in which case it might be possible for him to go back to a Government and to say, I am not instructing you to make any alteration, but if you can make an alteration to improve the balance of the Committee, maybe you would like to do so.

I would like to know from the Secretary-General whether there is any difficulty of that kind. It seems to me that if there isn't any difficulty of that kind, I would be prepared to go along with the suggestion from our Ukrainian colleague, which is that we approve the nominations and then issue the information about them in due course.

MR. LEBEAU (Belgium) (Interpretation from French): As far as my delegation is concerned, I wish to say that I support the suggestion made by my honourable colleague from Czechoslovakia, namely, that each delegation has the obligation of presenting accurate information, regarding the nominees of each country, to the Secretariat.

Having said this, I would like to add that even the presentation of this information by a delegation is not necessarily conclusive. For instance, it does not mean that it will appear published as it is turned in.

The delegation of Belgium for the Commission on Human Rights submitted as a nominee for Belgium the name of Ferdinand de Housse, and the information that appears on page 7 regarding his qualifications as the Belgian representative on the Economic and Social Council says that Mr. de Housse was present at numerous sessions of the International Labor Organization. However, the ILO is not holding sessions now.

Now, the important qualifications that I suggested regarding the personality of Mr. de Housse is that he is a Professor in the University of Liege and this in my mind is the principle qualification permitting him to serve on this Commission of Human Rights. Therefore, in this connection, I support the appropriate suggestion made by my Honorable colleague of Czechoslovakia. I would also like to support the suggestion made by the Honourable Representative of the United Kingdom as regards the composition of the Economic and Social Council.

But there must be room for a certain discrimination to be exercised by the Economic and Social Council in order to establish the desirable equilibrium within the composition of commissions. In fact, this was one of the tasks assigned to the Secretary-General, and on the opening page of this document, E/250, in number 2, it states the designations in this list have been made by the Governments elected to the Commissions concerned and have been the object of consultation between these governments and the Secretary-General, so the Secretary General himself informs us of the application of this principle of consultation in order to obtain that desirable balance in the composition of the Commissions.

...(The Verbatim Reporters were withdrawn from this meeting of the Economic and Social Council in order that they could cover a meeting of the Plenary Session of the General Assembly; therefore, this report includes only that material discussed prior to 3:50 o'clock p.m.)...