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Chairman: Sir Leslie MUNRO (New Zealand).

Tribute to the memory of Marshal Alexandros Papagos, Prime Minister of Greece

1. The CHAIRMAN, on behalf of the Committee, extended to the representative of Greece and to the Greek people its deepest sympathy on the occasion of the death of the Prime Minister of Greece, Marshal Papagos.
2. Mr. MELAS (Greece) expressed the appreciation of his country and his Government for the Chairman's message of sympathy.

Election of the Vice-Chairman

3. The CHAIRMAN thanked the members of the Committee, and particularly the representatives of Colombia and Belgium, who had nominated and seconded him for election, for the honour conferred on him and on his country.
4. Mr. NUTTING (United Kingdom), expressing the pleasure felt by his delegation and by other members of the Commonwealth at the election of the Chairman, conveyed his best wishes for a successful tenure of that office.
5. The CHAIRMAN, on behalf of the Committee, welcomed the presence of the Secretary-General. He expressed the hope that Mr. Hammarskjöld would, as often as his many duties permitted, be able to be with the Committee. He announced that Mr. Protitch, Under-Secretary for Political and Security Council Affairs, would continue to serve the Committee as its Secretary, and that Mr. Narayanan would be the Deputy Secretary of the Committee.
6. He invited the Committee to elect its Vice-Chairman.
7. Mr. KHOURI (Lebanon) nominated Mr. Abdoh (Iran).
8. Mr. DE FREITAS VALLE (Brazil) supported the nomination.

Mr. Abdoh (Iran) was elected Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

9. Mr. ABDOH (Iran) thanked the Committee for the honour bestowed upon his country. In particular, he wished to thank the representatives of Lebanon and

Brazil for nominating him and for seconding the nomination. He would do his best to reward their confidence.

Election of the Rapporteur

10. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to elect its Rapporteur.
11. Mr. THORSING (Sweden) nominated Mr. Echeverri Cortés (Colombia).
12. Mr. BELAUNDE (Peru) supported the nomination.

Mr. Echeverri Cortés (Colombia) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.

13. Mr. ECHEVERRI CORTES (Colombia) thanked the Committee, and particularly the representatives of Sweden and Peru, for honouring his country by electing him Rapporteur and for the tributes that had been paid to Colombia. He hoped that he would be able to serve as Rapporteur with the impartiality which Mr. Thorsing had demonstrated in that position at the ninth session.

Order of discussion of agenda items (A/C.1/767 and Add.1)

14. The CHAIRMAN noted that all the items allocated to the Committee were of considerable importance. He would endeavour to maintain an atmosphere of courtesy and restraint in the discussion and hoped that the new political climate which had become evident would continue to pervade the Committee's work, despite the controversial nature of some of the items. The members of the Committee were aware that the first item listed in the letter from the President of the General Assembly (A/C.1/767), the question of disarmament, was to be discussed in the near future by the Foreign Ministers of the great Powers, and the Committee would no doubt want to consider the problem of timing in relation to that conference. The Committee would watch with interest and goodwill the progress of the parallel efforts to be made in Geneva.
15. Mr. URRUTIA (Colombia) proposed that, since it might be difficult to decide at the present stage on the order of discussion of all the items, the Committee should decide to discuss first item 2 of its agenda, "Peaceful uses of atomic energy" [18*], and to postpone any decision as to the order of discussion of the other items.
16. Mr. MENON (India) supported the proposal of the representative of Colombia. In view of the actual situation in world affairs, there could be no wiser choice with which to open the Committee's discussion than the item on peaceful uses of atomic energy.
17. Mr. KUZNETSOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) stressed that there were several important

* Indicates the item number on the agenda of the General Assembly.

items on the agenda of the Committee, of which that concerning peaceful uses of atomic energy was one. The question of disarmament was also important, and in the opinion of his delegation, called for careful consideration. He supported the proposal to discuss first the item on peaceful uses of atomic energy, but felt that the question of disarmament should be among the first items taken up thereafter.

18. The CHAIRMAN requested the Committee to decide on the Colombian proposal to discuss first the item "Peaceful uses of atomic energy" [18*], and to postpone a decision on the order of discussion of the other items.

The proposal was adopted.

The meeting rose at 3.45 p.m.