Cuban Textile Report Noted

The Contracting Parties took note of the report of the working party appointed to examine the difficulties encountered by the Cuban textile industry and the request by the Cuban Government to be allowed to increase the tariff duties on a series of items at their meeting yesterday.

It was agreed, the delegate of Czechoslovakia dissenting, to recommend that the governments of the United States and Cuba should proceed to renegotiation of some of the duties on textile products, as soon as possible after the end of the current session.

In order to recommend a solution to the problem of the Cuban textile industry, the Working Party had to establish the facts of the case. Unfortunately the Cuban and U.S. delegations were unable to agree on the facts and the Working Party itself was not in a position to assess the nature, causes and extent of the difficulties faced by the Cuban textile industry. In the circumstances the Working Party - except the representative of Cuba - considered that no solution could be reached unless substantial agreement were arrived at between the U.S. and Cuba.

Having withdrawn from the current session of the Contracting Parties, Cuba was not represented at yesterday's session, when the matter was discussed.