THIRD COMMITTEE: COMMERCIAL POLICY

SUB-COMMITTEE J (STATE TRADING)

NOTES ON FIRST MEETING

Held Monday, 12 January 1948, at 6.00 p.m.


Chairman: Hon. Walter Nash (New Zealand)

1. The Hon. Walter Nash (New Zealand) was unanimously elected Chairman.

2. Item 2 (United Kingdom): The proposed drafting change was approved, the wording in lines 8 and 9 of paragraph 1 (a) to be amended to read: "......treatment [applied] prescribed in this Charter [to] for governmental measures....."

3. Item 3 (Note to Geneva draft): Several delegates having declared in favour of retaining the Note or incorporating all or part of its substance in the text, a Working Party consisting of the representatives of Czechoslovakia, Mexico and the United States was appointed to examine the Note and report to the Sub-Committee.

4. Item 5 (United Kingdom): The drafting change, substituting, in line 7 the word "price" for "prices", was agreed.

5. Item 6 (Note to Geneva draft): It was provisionally agreed that the Note referring to "tied loans" should be deleted as superfluous.

6. Items 7 and 8 (a) (New Zealand proposal and Note relating to Marketing Boards): A Working Party consisting of the representatives of the Netherlands, New Zealand and the United Kingdom was appointed to consider both items in relation to each other and the desirability and form of their inclusion in the Charter.

7. Item 8 (b) (Note to Geneva draft): The delegate of Switzerland wished to see purchases as well as sales included in the Note, the substance of which several delegates preferred to see incorporated in the text. It being pointed out that there might be a conflict with the proposed text of Article 33 at present under discussion, it was agreed to hold the question over and to refer it to the next Working Party to be established.

8. Item 9 (Mexico): The representative of Mexico withdrew the proposal for the deletion of paragraph 2.