THIRD COMMITTEE: COMMERCIAL POLICY

SUB-COMMITTEE J (STATE TRADING)

NOTES ON SECOND MEETING

Held Thursday, 15 January 1948 at 10.30 a.m.

(Reference: E/CONF.2/C.3/9)

Chairman: Right Hon. Walter NASH (New Zealand)

1. Item 13 (United States): After prolonged debate the representative of the United States suggested that an alternative amendment of the last phrase of paragraph 1 (b), to read: ".....imports, which is comparable with a limitation that is subject to negotiation in the case of private enterprises elsewhere in the Charter", might be generally acceptable. It was decided to refer this proposal to Working Group I dealing with the Note on "privileges" (Item 3), consisting of the representatives of Czechoslovakia, Mexico and the United States, and to add to it as further members the representatives of Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

2. Item 8 (b): The note on "different prices in different markets" was also referred to Working Group I.

3. Item 14 (Cuba): The delegate of Cuba explained the proposal and stated that there was no objection to it being redrafted. He undertook to submit a written statement. The discussion was accordingly deferred until the next meeting.

4. A question raised by the delegate of Czechoslovakia relating to the final paragraph of paragraph 2 was referred to Working Group I.

5. Items 7 and 8 (a) (New Zealand proposal and Note): The delegate of the United States was added to the Working Group II which is considering this question.

6. New Item (Joint Sub-Committee V and VI): The Sub-Committee discussed the recommendation for insertion in Section D of a new provision concerning the liquidation of stock piles. The principle having been agreed, the question of the location and wording of the provision was referred to a third Working Group consisting of the representatives of the Netherlands, United Kingdom and United States.