THIRD COMMITTEE: COMMERCIAL POLICY

SUB-COMMITTEE J (STATE TRADING)

NOTES ON THIRD MEETING

Held Saturday, 17 January 1948, at 6.00 p.m.

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

Chairman: Right Hon. Walter NASH (New Zealand)

1. Consideration of Items 3, 7 and 8 (a), 8 (b), 13 and the New Item (liquidation of stockpiles) was deferred, the reports of the Working Groups dealing with these items not being ready.

2. Item 10 (Note): The delegate of Pakistan being absent, discussion was deferred.

3. Item 14 (Cuba): The representative of Cuba having explained the proposal in its amended form, the Sub-Committee expressed the view that the wording of sub-paragraph (b) was not intended to preclude a negotiation under that sub-paragraph in conjunction with, or in addition to, a negotiation under sub-paragraph (a). It was also considered that the proposed change in the wording of sub-paragraph (b) would not add anything to its present scope. The delegate of Cuba reserved his comment for the next meeting.

4. The representative of Czechoslovakia submitted a proposal for addition to paragraph 3 of a new sub-paragraph to cover the case of sliding-scale duties maintained as part of a price stabilization scheme. After some discussion, consideration was deferred to the next meeting.

5. Item 15 (Note): The Sub-Committee decided not to maintain the Note, but to include it in the Report. The representative of the Netherlands agreed with this decision.

6. The representative of Canada proposed to substitute "exclusive of" for the words "after due allowance for" in the seventh line. Discussion was deferred until the next meeting.

7. Item 16 (Note): The representative of Australia not being present discussion was deferred.

8. Item 18 (Denmark): The delegate of Denmark stated that he was considering withdrawing the amendment in view of the discussion in Committee. He reserved his final attitude until the next meeting.