

THIRD COMMITTEE: COMMERCIAL POLICY

SUB-COMMITTEE C ON GENERAL COMMERCIAL PROVISIONS
(Articles 32 - 39)

NOTES ON FOURTH MEETING

Held on 30 December 1947, 4.00 p.m. in Room K

Chairman: Mr. C. E. MORTON (Australia)

Committee III having elected the representative of the Union of South Africa to the membership of the Sub-Committee, Mr. J. G. Cherry was called upon by the Chairman to take part in the work of the Sub-Committee.

Article 32 - Freedom of Transit (E/CONF.2/C.3/10 and E/CONF.2/C.3/C/4)

1. Item 6 - The Working Party consisting of Czechoslovakia, Netherlands and the United States recommends tentatively the following changes in Article 32.

- (a) Delete in paragraph 3, line 3 from the end, the words 'for transportation or those'.
- (b) Delete Note to paragraph 5 of the Geneva Draft.
- (c) Add a new paragraph 8 as follows:
"8. Transportation charges on traffic in transit shall not be considered as falling within the purview of this Article but shall be subject to the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article 18."

Reference was made to possible future changes of paragraph 2 of Article 18 (E/CONF.2/C.3/6 - Items 57 and 58) which was not yet discussed by Sub-Committee A of Committee III.

2. Item 7 - The French proposal for the deletion of the qualification of 'direct consignment' for the purpose of maintaining present national legislation, extended during the discussion by a further tentative proposal of the representative of France to add at the end of paragraph 6 after the words 'at preferential rates of duty', the words 'or for exemption from surtaxes' was discussed.

The Chairman stated that neither of the French proposals received any support in the Sub-Committee. The representative of France reserved his

/position

position.

3. Items 8 and 9 - The Discussion of the Costa Rican proposal to limit the time of transit facilities for grazing stock and the additional Afghanistan proposal was postponed until the presence of the representative of Costa Rica at the next Sub-Committee meeting.
4. Paragraph 7 - The Sub-Committee adopted this paragraph without change.
5. The Chairman stated that the Sub-Committee may return to the examination of Article 32 in the light of the International Conventions of Barcelona, Geneva and Berne, if such examination should be considered necessary.
Article 33 - Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties (E/CONF.2/C.3/10 and E/CONF.2/C.3/C/4)
6. Item 10 - The Sub-Committee discussed the Cuban amendment to the whole Article. The representatives of Argentina and Mexico expressed their wish to withdraw their amendments (items 12 and 14) in favour of the Cuban amendment. The Sub-Committee discussed the advisability of a paragraph condemning the use of dumping.

The discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

NOTE: The Sub-Committee is now composed of the representatives of the following countries: Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Canada, Cuba, France, Lebanon, Mexico, Netherlands, Pakistan, Portugal, Union of South Africa, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay.
