

THIRD COMMITTEE: COMMERCIAL POLICY

SUB-COMMITTEE J (STATE TRADING)

NOTES ON FOURTH MEETING

Hold on Wednesday, 21 January 1948, at 6.00 p.m.

Chairman: Right Hon. Walter HASE (New Zealand)

1. Consideration of Items 3, 7 and 8 (a), 8 (b), 13 and the New Item (liquidation of stockpiles) was deferred, the working group dealing with these items not having concluded their work.
2. Item 10 (Note): The representative of Pakistan withdrew the reservation made in Sub-Committee. It was agreed to delete the note attached to paragraph 2 as superfluous.
3. Item 14 (Cuba): The decision taken provisionally at a previous meeting that the present text of Article 31, paragraph 2 (b) should be maintained was unanimously confirmed.
4. New Item (Czechoslovakia): The representative of Czechoslovakia withdrew his proposal to add a new sub-paragraph to paragraph 3 of Article 31.
5. New Item (Canada): The proposal to substitute, in the seventh line of paragraph 4, the words "exclusive of" for the words "after due allowance for" was approved.
6. Item 16 (Note): It was agreed to retain the principle contained in the Note and to include it, if possible in the text. Working Party I was asked to consider in what way this decision could best be implemented.
7. Item 17 (Denmark): The proposal for addition to paragraph 5 of a new proviso finding no support, it was decided to leave the present text unchanged. The representative of Denmark made withdrawal of the amendment dependent on the remarks which would be included in the Report.
8. Item 18 (Switzerland): It was pointed out that even if the amendment were adopted in this context, at least a major part of its purpose would not be achieved. The Sub-Committee also considered that the

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monopolies mentioned in paragraph 6 did involve some trade aspects and should not be entirely excluded from Article 31. It was decided that Working Party II would give the representative of Switzerland and opportunity of discussing the matter.

9. Item 19 (Mexico): The Sub-Committee expressed the view that paragraph 6 was deliberately worded vaguely since its purpose was mainly to serve as a guide for judging whether a Member had fulfilled its general obligations under the Charter. The representative of Mexico having stated that he was considering the withdrawal of the proposal, discussion was deferred.
10. Item 20 (Note and New Zealand reservation): The Chairman, as representative of New Zealand, stated that the fate of the reservation depended on the final shape of Article 20 at present under discussion in another Sub-Committee. In view of this, consideration was deferred for the time being.

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