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FIRST MEETING OF DELEGATES TO UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

The Delegates to the United Nations Conference at San Francisco met for the first time today with the Secretary of State in his office at the State Department.

The meeting was attended by Senator Connally, Senator Vandenberg, Representative Bloom, Representative Eaton, Commander Stassen, and Dean Gildersleeve. Former Secretary Hull, who is still convalescing in the Naval Hospital at Bethesda, was not present. In addition to the Secretary the following officers of the Department were present: Mr. Grew, Mr. Acheson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Hackworth, Mr. Pasvolsky, Mr. Raynor, Mr. Hiss and Mr. Sandifer.

The future work of the Delegation was discussed and plans were made to hold meetings from time to time.

The Delegates were furnished with background documentation concerning the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals and the discussion included a preliminary outline of practical details concerning their participation. After a preliminary meeting the Delegates adjourned to the White House where they were received by the President. They then returned to the Department of State for further discussions.

The following are in part the remarks made by Secretary of State Stettinius in greeting his co-workers on the United States Delegation:

"I feel greatly encouraged as I look around this table, by the character and composition of the Delegation which the President has appointed. I am sure it would be difficult to find a more representative, a more highly qualified group in the country. Most of you have already had a prominent part in the shaping of the Proposals which are to serve as a basis for the drafting of the United Nations Charter. All of you have an expert knowledge of the issues involved, both national and international. And we are all prompted by the same desire to succeed. I am confident, therefore, that while free in pursuing our personal views and convictions, we shall be able to work as one team."

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UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

Third Meeting of American Delegation

Secretary's Office  
Friday, March 30, 1945, 11 a.m.

Present: The Secretary, Senator Connally, Senator Vandenberg, Representative Bloon, Representative Eaton, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Acheson, Mr. MacLeish, Mr. Hackworth, Mr. Pasvolsky, Mr. Baynor, Mr. Kiss, Mr. Sandifer, Miss Fosdick, Secretary.

The Secretary opened the meeting at 11 a.m. and indicated that he was prepared to discuss frankly any matter that the Delegation wished to discuss.

PROPOSAL FOR THE REPRESENTATION  
OF CERTAIN SOVIET REPUBLICS IN  
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General discussion followed concerning the proposal for representation of certain Soviet republics in the General Assembly. It was emphasized in the discussion that the ultimate decision with respect to this proposal will be made at the San Francisco Conference. The delegates agreed that nothing should be allowed to interfere with the success of the effort to establish the general organization at San Francisco. The delegates advised the Secretary to emphasize these two points in particular in his statement to the press following the meeting.

The Secretary was asked whether there were any further unexpected disclosures to be made. He assured the delegates that there was nothing agreed to at Yalta in connection with the international organization that they did not now know, but that there were certain military matters concerning which he was not free to speak.

PRESIDENT TO OPEN CONFERENCE

The Secretary explained that he had discussed with the President the President's plans with regard to the Conference and that the President had said that he would

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cooperate in any way that the delegates felt would be satisfactory. It was decided to announce that the President will open the United Nations Conference and to leave for decision at a later time the question of his also closing the Conference.

#### LIST OF ADVISERS

The Secretary reported that he had talked over with the President the list of advisers for the United States Delegation. A copy of the List of Advisers, March 29, 1945, was then distributed to each member. After discussion this list was agreed to with the understanding that it would be broken down to indicate clearly the groups in the government that were represented.

The Secretary requested that the Departments of Justice, Commerce, Labor and PMA be communicated with immediately in order to secure from them the names of the advisers they wished to nominate. He also directed that a communication be sent to the President, as promptly as possible, with the names of these new advisers so that the final list could be approved and a meeting of both delegates and advisers be called on Tuesday, April 3.

#### UNOFFICIAL OBSERVERS FROM NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

A classified List of Private National Organizations was distributed to the members.

The Secretary reported that he had talked over with the President the whole question of representation of national organizations at San Francisco and that, while the President realized the difficulties of the plan previously suggested by the Department, he had felt it would do considerable harm if no recognition was given to the leading national organizations.

After discussion it was agreed that there should be a limited list of national organizations who would be invited to send observers to San Francisco. These observers would be free to attend the plenary sessions and the commission meetings and a liaison office would be

established

established to facilitate communication with them. The Secretary requested that a revised list of national organizations be prepared for consideration at the next meeting, taking into account the comments and suggestions made during the discussion.

#### ASSIGNMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION TO COMMISSIONS

The Secretary suggested that the delegates might wish to consider their tentative assignments to the several commissions of the Conference, as listed in the paper Tentative assignment of Delegates. A brief explanation was made of the organization of the commissions and committees of the Conference.

It was agreed that, since the real work of the Conference would be done in the committees rather than in the commissions which would be open to the public, it would be vitally important to assure at all times that a delegate from the United States was present at every meeting of the several committees. It was further agreed to postpone a decision on the assignment of members of the Delegation to the several commissions until the next meeting.

#### JURISTS' MEETING

The Secretary announced that the jurists would meet here in Washington on April 9 to draw up a draft statute of the international court for consideration at San Francisco and that Mr. Hackworth would represent the United States.

#### TRUSTEESHIP

The Secretary also announced that the question of trusteeship was still under consultation with other governmental departments, particularly the Army and Navy, and that he would meet with Mr. Stimson at 11 a.m. on Monday to discuss this problem.

#### MEETINGS ON SUBSTANCE

The Secretary stated that the delegates would receive documentation early next week which would form the basis for the discussions at the daily meetings of the Delegation starting April 9.

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It was agreed that the next meeting of the Delegation would be held on Tuesday, April 3, at 10 a.m. in the Secretary's Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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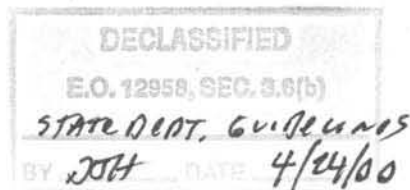
UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE  
ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Fourth Meeting of the American Delegation

The Secretary's Office  
April 3, 1945, 10 a.m.

THE AGENDA

1. Introduction of Advisers
2. Assignment to Commissions of Delegates, Advisers,  
and Technical Experts (List attached)
3. Representation of National Organizations (Revised  
list attached)
4. Presentation of Draft Statute of the Court with  
Revisions Proposed  
  
Explanation by Mr. Hackworth of draft
5. Distribution of Documentation  
  
Explanation of nature of documentation
6. Schedule of Delegation Meetings
7. Handling of Economic and Social Matters at San  
Francisco  
  
Restrict to setting up Economic and Social Council.  
Avoid detailed discussion of economic problems,  
resolutions on economic policy, etc.
8. Formation of Committee on Security Aspects of Pre-  
parations for Conference
9. Conference Arrangements  
  
Explanation by Mr. Hiss





Secret

April 3, 1945

TENTATIVE ASSIGNMENT TO COMMISSIONS OF  
DELEGATES, ADVISERS, AND TECHNICAL EXPERTS

COMMISSION I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Delegates

Representative Bloom  
Representative Eaton  
Dean Gildersleeve

Advisers

Mr. Taft  
Mr. Armstrong  
Mr. Dulles

Technical Experts

Mr. Hartley  
Miss Maylott  
Mr. Tomlinson

COMMISSION II - THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Delegates

Senator Vandenberg  
Representative Bloom  
Dean Gildersleeve

Advisers

General

Mr. Pasvolksy  
Mr. Bowman  
Mr. Dulles

Special for Economic and Social Cooperation  
Problems

Mr. Taft  
Mr. White (Treasury)  
Mr. Brannan (Agriculture)

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Special for Economic and Social Cooperation  
Problems (Continued)

Mr. Waring (Commerce)  
Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ (Labor)  
Mr. Cox (FEA)

Special for Trusteeship System Problems

Mr. Fortas (Interior)  
Mr. Taussig  
Admiral Willson  
General Embick

Technical Experts

Mr. Notter  
Mrs. Brunauer  
Mr. Kotschnig  
Mr. Stinebower  
Mr. Hovde  
Mr. Ledy  
Mr. Mulliken  
Mr. Gerig  
Mr. Bunche

COMMISSION III - THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Delegates

Mr. Hull  
Senator Connally  
Senator Vandenberg  
Commander Stassen

Advisers

General

Mr. Pasvolsky  
Mr. Hackworth  
Mr. Armstrong  
Mr. Hickerson

Special for Military Problems

Admiral Hepburn  
Admiral Train



Special for Military Problems (Continued)

Admiral Willson  
General Embick  
General Fairchild  
General Hertford

Technical Experts

Mr. Blaisdell  
Miss Fosdick  
Mr. Sandifer  
Mr. Eagleton  
Mr. Johnson  
Mr. Adams (alternate with Mr. Roberts)  
Mr. Sanders  
Mr. Howard

COMMISSION IV - JUDICIAL ORGANIZATION

Delegates

Senator Connally  
Commander Stassen

Advisers

Mr. Hackworth  
Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ (Justice)

Technical Experts

Mr. Preuss  
Miss Whitman  
Mr. Reiff

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LIST OF NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Business

U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
National Association of Manufacturers  
American Section International Chamber of Commerce  
National Foreign Trade Council

Lawyers

American Bar Association  
National Lawyers Guild

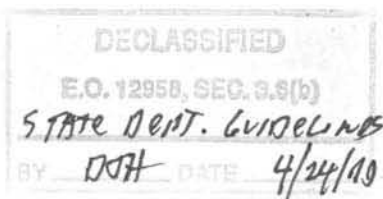
Labor

American Federation of Labor  
Congress of Industrial Organizations  
National Railway Labor Executives Association

Veterans

American Legion  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Disabled American Veterans  
American Veterans Committee (World War II)

Farmers



Farmers

American Farm Bureau Federation  
Farmers Union  
National Grange  
National Council of Farmers Cooperatives

Women's Organizations

General Federation of Women's Clubs  
League of Women Voters  
American Association of University Women

Religious

American Jewish Group  
Federal Council of Churches of Christ of America  
National Catholic Welfare Conference and  
Catholic Peace Society

Peace and Foreign Policy Groups

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Com- 1. (Commission to Study Organization of Peace  
bine (American Association for the United Nations  
(National Peace Conference  
2. Americans United for World Organization  
3. Foreign Policy Association

Civic

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Kiwanis International

Rotary International

Lions International

National Association for Advancement of Colored People

Education

National Education Association

National Congress of Parent-Teachers Association

American Council on Education

April 2, 1945



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