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COMMITTEE I.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Preparatory Commission, Committee I, on Political and Security Questions, was requested by the Assembly to consider "among other items, appropriate aspects of the admission, suspension, and expulsion of members; in political and security matters within the scope of the Charter or relating to the powers and functions of any of the organs of the United Nations; the general principles of cooperation in the maintenance of international peace and security, and the principles covering disarmament and the regulation of armaments; the promotion of international cooperation in the political field, and the peaceful adjustment of situations likely to impair the general welfare and friendly relations among nations.

The first question coming before the Committee was the resolution on the establishment of a Commission to deal with the problems raised by the discovery of atomic energy, presented by Mr. Connally of the United States on behalf of all the permanent members of the Security Council and Canada. The resolution before the Committee was that of the Moscow Conference of the big three Foreign Ministers. Mr. St. Laurent supported the resolution as presented by Mr. Connally, stating that he hoped that the Commission would inspire universal and complete confidence, and that it was the desire of the powers concerned to use the forces of nature to raise the standard of human welfare. The resolution was adopted as it stood.

A subcommittee was appointed to study and report on rules of procedure concerning languages, consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Rapporteur, and the delegates of Brazil, Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, France, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, U.K., U.S. and U.S.S.R. After a long and acrimonious debate, a report was finally adopted unanimously and submitted to the Assembly for approval. The San Francisco language rules were the basis of the report with a recommendation that the Secretary-General should make a thorough inquiry into the question of the installation of telephonic systems of interpretation, if possible arranging for the establishment of such a system for the second part of the first session.