

in view of the information available in London as to the character of the various delegations, you may wish to suggest a second adviser as well.¹⁸²

I have etc.

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We attended a Commonwealth meeting yesterday at the Foreign Office to discuss the forthcoming UNRRA Conference, presided over, in the absence of Noel-Baker, who had not then taken up his duties, by Sir George Rendell.¹⁸³ Nothing of particular interest to us arose at the meeting, except a reference to the fact that the item on the agenda nominating France for membership on the Central Committee had been withdrawn by the United States so that it could be amended to read "France and Canada."

2. The United Kingdom people showed me afterwards the list of nominations they had agreed on with the United States for membership on the Steering Committee and the other Committees of the Conference. They felt that they could not put us forward for the Steering Committee in view of the fact that we have been a member of that Committee twice before. This time they think that South Africa should be represented on it. Of course, on strictly functional grounds, we should not be asked to withdraw from this Committee and, no doubt, if we insisted, we could be included, but I assume that you will have no very strong views on this point and that we should make no efforts to get the slate changed, especially as our election to the Central Committee would, I think, automatically put us on the Steering Committee. With this in view, I asked Marris yesterday to see that the item regarding election of France and Canada to the Central Committee be put at the top of the agenda.

¹⁸²Seulement un conseiller fut désigné.

Only one adviser was designated.

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