

with the resolution previously adopted.

Alexandre Parodi (France) suggested the names of Belgium and Colombia, whose delegations, he said, had actively participated in all consultations and negotiations in the Kashmir question.

General A.G.L. McNaughton (Canada) seconded this proposal.

Joseph Nisot (Belgium) said he would refer this matter to his Government. He feared, however, that it would be difficult to accept the nomination due to severe lack of personnel.

The President, Dr. Alfonso Lopez of Colombia expressed thanks for the honor accorded to his country and said he would refer the matter to his Government. He hoped the nomination could be accepted.

The French proposal was adopted by 7 votes to none. Belgium, Colombia, Ukraine and the U.S.S.R. abstained.

**MR. MARSHALL CHOSEN:** At the first meeting of its Third Session on April 26, the Statistical Commission adopted its provisional agenda, elected its officers, and held preliminary discussion of item 3 and sub-items (a) and (b) of item 4 of its agenda. These deal respectively with regional organizations for the coordination of statistics and coordination of plans for the 1950 censuses of population and agriculture.

Mr. Herbert Marshall (Canada), Mr. P.C. Mahalanobis (India), and Mr. Stuart A. Rice (U.S.A.), officers of the Second Session of the Commission, were re-elected respectively Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur for the Third Session. The nominations were made by Mr. H. Champion (U.K.) and seconded by Mr. G. Jahan (Norway).

**CANADA AT FORESTRY TALKS:** At the end of the first week, delegates to the Latin American Forestry and Forest Products Conference expressed the view that there had already been fruitful discussion of forest problems.

Representatives of three continents and 19 countries are meeting at Teresopolis Brazil, under the auspices of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to organize and plan the utilization of Latin American Forest resources.

Nations represented as members of the Conference are Brazil, Chile, Cuba, France, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Netherlands, Paraguay, Peru, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela. Argentina, Canada, Italy and Portugal are represented by observers.

**DR. CHISHOLM ADDRESS:** Responsibilities of the World Health Organization in relation to mental health and the work to be done by the International Congress for Mental Health which meets in London next August, were discussed by Dr. Brock Chisholm, Executive Secretary of the World Health Organization Interim Commission

at the meeting of the Governing Board of the International Committee on Mental Hygiene at the Beekman Hotel, 575 Park Avenue, New York, on Monday evening, April 26.

Dr. Frank Fremont-Smith, Chairman of the Governing Board of the International Committee, presided at the meeting.

It is specified in the constitution that the World Health Organization will undertake important responsibilities for mental and social health, Dr. Chisholm said. The Interim Commission will recommend to the World Health Assembly that an active beginning in this field be undertaken in 1949.

"It is of the greatest importance," Dr. Chisholm said, "that there should be some agreement on the part of the various branches of the human sciences concerned in this field as to what approaches should be made first and what studies undertaken. The organization of the International Congress on Mental Health and World Citizenship in London is well advanced. In this country alone some 200 study groups are actively engaged in preparatory work for the Congress. Almost all these study groups are composed for a mixture representing the various fields of mental health. Bringing these people together, in itself, would justify all the work that has or will be done, quite apart from the concrete recommendations which it is hoped will come out of the Congress."

**TRUCE COMMISSION STATEMENT:** Following is text of a statement by General A.G.L. McNaughton on a Truce Commission for Palestine, in the Security Council, on April 23, 1948:-

"I wish to support the proposal for a Truce Commission for Palestine which is contained in the draft Resolution submitted by the United States with the changes of wording which have been indicated by the representative of France and as amended by the representative of Belgium.

"Up to date, conflicting reports, charges and counter-charges have been made by the parties. This is perhaps inevitable, bearing in mind their different points of view, and certainly this does not provide a sound basis on which the Security Council can proceed in future. For this purpose, it is important that we have before us information received from a body created by the Security Council itself for the purpose.

"We must have agents who are available to undertake this task at once, who are impartial, and who are already fully aware of the complicated situation in Palestine. All these considerations are fully satisfied by the draft Resolution submitted by the representative of the United States.

"I should like to make one further observation, and that is that the remarks made by the representative of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic in reference to the confused and belated information presently available to the Security Council add force and urgency to the adoption of this draft Resolution."