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"Section C" was incorporated in the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals as the result of the Crimea Conference. It comprises, among others, the following provisions:

"Section C. Voting. 1- Each member of the Security Council should have one vote.

"2- Decisions of the Security Council on procedural matters should be made by an affirmative vote of seven members.

"3- Decisions of the Security Council on all other matters should be made by an affirmative vote of seven members including the concurring votes of the permanent members; provided that, in decisions under Chapter VIII, Section A, and under the second sentence of Paragraph 1 of Chapter VIII, Section C, a party to a dispute should abstain from voting."

It is only natural for us to expect that the proper amplification of the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals by this Conference will answer many important questions relative to the Security Council.

The fact that the great majority of the United Nations will not be represented in the Council by their own representatives at any given time, makes the proper functioning of the Council their special concern.

I am sure that we all agree in regard to the desirability of having the Security Council fully united in its vital mission of adopting measures to preserve the peace of the world. We cannot but be deeply concerned by the possibility of any deadlock that may impair the work of the Council. I have at least one instance in mind, which is suggested by the very text of section C, as already quoted.

If any nation which has a permanent seat in the Security Council is a party to an international dispute submitted to the decision of the Council, the representative of such a nation will have to refrain from voting, and a deadlock will ensue because the issue cannot be decided unless the necessary majority vote includes the concurring votes of all permanent members. I feel sure that this matter has been subject to discussion at the Crimea Conference; but it is very likely that a solution has not yet been found. To end a deadlock of this nature, and to do so in a way that may fully agree with the democratic ideals of all of our