

at which officials would be present until it had been discussed by the principal Delegates. There were three main groups of subjects involved under this heading: First, there was the idea of a Declaration carrying the Declaration of 1926 somewhat further, and connected with this was the subject of the Registration of Treaties at the League of Nations. He put these two questions together because they both affected the question which was uppermost in the minds of the Australian Delegation, namely, not to diminish the united front of the British Commonwealth during the present Imperial Conference. They felt that for the future of the world much depended on the maintenance of a united front by all the nations of the Commonwealth as well as, of course, on the attitude of Great Britain itself. From this point of view, they had felt it best that the Delegates should hear the statement by Mr. Eden before they discussed these questions and that they should not be remitted to a subsidiary body until the principal Delegates had had an opportunity to discuss them in the light of wider International considerations. So far as the Registration of Treaties was concerned, the Australian Delegation had felt that they would be, to some extent, a flag to the world indicating that the nations of the Commonwealth were less united after than they had been before the Conference. They hoped that no such impression would be given to the world. The second group of questions related to nationality and were regarded by the Australian Delegation in much the same light as the first. It was understood that the Union of South Africa and Canada had found some difficulties in the present situation which had not been encountered in Australia. Australia attached the greatest