

Mr. Fraser's speech turned into an impassioned representation of the South-East Pacific zone on the Security Council, and the request that the delegates consider Australia as a suitable candidate. Just before the election by secret ballot commenced, Mr. Gromyko requested that there should be an opportunity to have nominations made, and Mr. Manuilsky then proposed the State of Brazil, New Zealand and Poland for the 2-year term, and Egypt, Norway and Mexico for 1-year term. As a result of the first ballot, Brazil, Egypt, Mexico, Poland and the Netherlands received the requisite number of votes for a clear majority, Canada receiving 33, which is one less than the required majority. Australia received 28. It is now known that the delegate of Nicaragua voted for Canada but signed his ballot, therefore making it invalid. It then became necessary to take another vote as between Canada and Australia. The first ballot gave 27 votes to Australia and 23 to Canada, and a further ballot was necessary which gave Australia 28 and Canada 23. Mr. St. Laurent then made a brief speech withdrawing in favour of Australia. Col. Hodgson made a rather less gravisous speech thanking Canada but also indicating that they were quite convinced they were receiving nothing more than their just due. A final ballot was necessary and it resulted in 46 votes for Australia and 3 for Canada.

Another ballot was then required to determine which states should have a 2-year term, as a result of which Brazil and Australia were elected, the Netherlands and Poland being tied for the third place. A further ballot resulted in a tie, and according to the rules a procedure, the President was then required to decide by lot, with the result that Poland was elected the third member, to sit for 2 years.

It might be useful to examine the reasons why we failed to secure a seat on the Security Council. Before the intervention of Mr. Manuilsky and Mr. Fraser, I am convinced that we would easily have won a place. We made a mistake perhaps in not voting with the U.S.S.R. in favour of nominations, since, as it turned out, the "secret diplomacy" worked against us. The value of a well placed piece of oratory on waverers cannot be doubted. The plea of Mr. Rzymuowski just before the election of members to the 2-year term undoubtedly had an influence in securing

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