

mind we feel that we cannot postpone this question. We voted wholeheartedly for the acceptance of the Ukraine Republic and Byelo-Russian Republic as initial members of the international organization. We had expected that the Soviet Delegation would support the Argentine question.

Fellow Delegates, in the flags here present there is one missing, the blue and white flag of Argentina, that crossed the Andes liberating three nations. I feel that along with the figures of Washington and Bolívar we must have the eminent figure of San Martín of Argentina.

MR. EDEN: Fellow Delegates, I have been asked to recognize the Delegation of the United States of America. I call upon Mr. Stettinius, Secretary of State of the United States.

MR. STETTINIUS: Mr. Chairman, Fellow Delegates, I wish to refer to the fact that last Saturday evening the Foreign Ministers of the four sponsoring governments met with a committee representing the American republics, the Foreign Ministers of Mexico, Brazil, and Chile, in my private living quarters, at which time this matter was thoroughly discussed. I also wish to refer to the fact that this matter was referred to the Executive Committee for attention on a suggestion of the Soviet Union, and was dealt with by the Executive Committee this morning. At the recent Mexico City Conference of the American republics, there was unanimously passed a resolution urging Argentina to declare war against the Axis powers and to align her policy to coincide with her other sister-republics in the prosecution of the war against the Axis, and to sign the Act agreed upon at the Conference, the Act of Chapultepec, many of the provisions of which related to the prosecution of the war, as you will all recall. The American republics feel that Argentina has complied with this resolution, and earnestly desire to have Argentina associated with them at this Conference in San Francisco. The United States Government is in entire accord with this desire of its sister American republics.

Mr. Chairman, Fellow Delegates, I should like also to refer to the fact that this question was thoroughly thrashed out this morning at the Executive Committee meeting, and that at the Executive Committee meeting a favorable vote was taken that Argentina should be permitted to attend this Conference. It was then thoroughly thrashed out at the Steering Committee, which was attended by all the

chairmen of all the delegations, and a favorable vote was taken that Argentina should be permitted to take her place at this Conference. Ladies and Gentlemen, I plead with you to reach a decision in this matter and act now in order that we may get on with our sacred task for which we have met.

MR. EDEN: Fellow Delegates, you have heard the appeal of the Secretary of State of the United States that we should now come to a decision on this issue. May I remind you what the decision is to which we have to come? Whether the question of the admission of Argentina should be postponed for some days, as suggested by Mr. Molotov on behalf of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics or whether that decision should be taken now. Now, the first question I have to put to you is, "Are you prepared to take a decision upon the matter," that is to say, to vote upon whether to postpone or not? Are you prepared to do that now, without any further speeches? Those in favor, please say "Aye". Those to the contrary? (pause) Good.

Now, therefore, we come to take our decision, and I repeat, the issue is whether we should defer the question for a few days on the motion of the representative of the Soviet Socialist Republics, or whether we should admit Argentina now. I suggest that the most convenient way of taking the vote will be if those who wish to defer decision, if the leaders of the delegations who wish to defer the decision, will first stand up when I call on them to do so, and after that I will call on those who wish admission to take place now. There are two questions. I hope that is clear. Now will those in favor, the heads of delegations in favor of postponing this issue in accordance with the motion moved by Mr. Molotov, be good enough to rise in their places? (pause) Thank you, Gentlemen. I am obliged. The number is seven.

Will those who wish for the present, immediate admission of the Argentine, please rise--leaders of delegations--please rise in their seats to be counted? Thank you, Gentlemen. The number is 28.

Is there a representative of France that we did not recognize? Thank you. The representative of France declares the desire of his delegation to abstain from the vote. Isn't that right?

MR. BIDAULT, Head of the French Delegation: I request an explanation on a point of procedure. In what manner should a delegation manifest its decision to abstain from voting?