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## CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY



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EIGHTH ORDINARY SESSION

(Second Part)

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Twenty-seventh Sitting

Thursday, 25th October, 1956,

at 3 p.m.

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### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

The Sitting was opened at 3.20 p.m. with M. Dehousse, President of the Assembly, in the Chair.

1. Adoption of the Minutes

The Minutes of Proceedings of the previous Sitting were agreed to.

2. Attendance Register

The names of Representatives who signed the Register of Attendance in accordance with Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure are given in the Appendix.

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3. Alteration to the Order of Business

On the proposal of the Bureau, the Assembly decided that the Order of Business for Friday, 26th October, should be changed and that the Votes on the Amendments to the Draft Texts, and on the Texts themselves, contained in the Report of the Committee on Social Questions (Doc. 536) concerning the European Social Charter, should take place at the morning instead of the afternoon Sitting on that day.

4. Events in Central and Eastern Europe (Request for Urgent Procedure)

In accordance with Rule 44 of the Rules of Procedure, a Request was submitted by Sir James Hutchison and other Representatives for an Urgent Debate on a Motion for a Resolution on Events in Central and Eastern Europe (Doc. 578).

The Sitting was suspended at 3.25 p.m. and was resumed at 3.35 p.m.

Speakers: Sir James Hutchison (in support of the Request), MM. Paget (against the Request), Wistrand (Chairman of the Special Committee to watch over the Interests of European Nations not represented in the Council of Europe), Boggiano Pico (on behalf of the Bureau).

The Request was agreed to unanimously.

The Motion for a Resolution was referred to the Special Committee to watch over the Interests of European Nations not represented in the Council of Europe (Reference No. 128).

The President read to the Assembly the following telegram which he had received from M. Vilis Masens, President of the Assembly of European Captive Nations:

"Have honour inform you following telegram addressed to President Security Council, U.N. Secretary-General and Nations Represented on Security Council. Assembly of European Captive Nations Demands Immediate convening of Security Council to consider very grave situation created by political interference of Soviet Union in domestic affairs of Poland accompanied threat of force and brutal intervention of Soviet armed forces in Hungary in order to put end to

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struggle of Polish and Hungarian people and break their will to regain freedom and independence. This new Soviet aggression constitutes flagrant violation of (1) United Nations Charter, (2) rights of nations to self-determination, (3) fundamental conditions of peace and undertakings given by Soviet Union itself. Consider Security Council has duty to examine forthwith latest Soviet interference in domestic affairs of other countries and take positive measures to put an end to Soviet political and military interference and to guarantee to all nations enslaved by Soviet Union their inalienable rights to freedom and independence. On behalf of the Assembly of European Captive Nations ask you appeal to Consultative Assembly to support these requests transmitted Security Council. By courageous attitude during current session Consultative Assembly has earned gratitude of our peoples. Are confident it will listen to our appeal.

signed - Vilis Masens, President"

Speakers: M. Wistrand, Lord Layton, MM. Edwards, Nicolson, Oakshott, Le Bail, Wistrand, Paget.

On the proposal of the President, the Assembly decided to consider the Report of the Special Committee to watch over the Interests of European Nations not represented in the Council of Europe concerning Sir James Hutchison's Motion for a Resolution in the course of the present Sitting.

5. Rationalisation of the Constitution and the terms of reference of Assembly Committees (Debate on the Report of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges and Vote on the Draft Resolution) (Doc. 562).

The Debate was opened.

The Report of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges was presented by M. Kraft.

Speakers: MM. Federspiel, Van Cauwelaert, Radius, Van Cauwelaert.

The Debate was concluded.

The Draft Resolution was agreed to unanimously (Resolution No. 104).

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6. Events in Central and Eastern Europe (Urgent Debate on the Report of the Special Committee to watch over the Interests of European Nations not represented in the Council of Europe, and Vote on the Draft Resolution) (Doc. 578).

Speaker: M. Wistrand.

The Debate was opened.

The Report of the Special Committee to watch over the Interests of European Nations not represented in the Council of Europe was presented by M. de la Vallée Poussin.

The Debate was concluded.

The Draft Resolution was agreed to unanimously (Resolution No. 105).

On the proposal of the Committee, the Assembly decided to refer the telegram from M. Vilis Masens to the Committee on General Affairs (Reference No. 129).

Speakers: Lord Stonehaven, M. Pezet.

7. Interpretation to be put on paragraph 3 of Article 15 of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights (Debate on the Report of the Bureau of the Assembly and Vote on the Draft Recommendation) (Doc. 540).

The Debate was opened.

The Report of the Bureau was presented by M. Boggiano Pico.

The Debate was concluded.

The Draft Recommendation was agreed to unanimously (Recommendation No. 103).

8. Procedure for the appointment of Senior Officials of the Secretariat of the Council of Europe (Debate and Vote on the Report of the Bureau of the Assembly. Doc. 542)

The Debate was opened.

The Report of the Bureau was presented by Lord Layton.

Speaker: Mr. Oakshott.

The Debate was concluded.

The Report was agreed to unanimously.

On the proposal of the President, the Assembly authorised the Bureau to reach agreement with the Committee of Ministers on the basis of the Bureau's Report.

9. Action to secure the release of political prisoners in Eastern Europe (Debate on the Report of the Special Committee to watch over the Interests of European Nations not represented in the Council of Europe, and Votes on the proposed amendment and on the Draft Resolution) (Doc. 547)

The Debate was opened.

The Report of the Special Committee to watch over the Interests of European Nations not represented in the Council of Europe was presented by M. Goedhart.

Speakers: M. Wistrand, Mme. Fickenstein, M. Lannung.

The Debate was adjourned till the next Sitting.

10. Date, Time and Orders of the Day of the next Sitting

The next Sitting was fixed for Friday, 26th October, at 10 a.m. with the following Orders of the Day:

1. Action to secure the release of political prisoners in Eastern Europe (Resumed Debate on the Report of the Special Committee to watch over the Interests of European Nations not represented in the Council of Europe, and Votes on the Amendments and on the Draft Resolution, Doc 547, modified).
2. Reply to the Sixth Report of the International Labour Organisation to the Consultative Assembly (Debate on the Report of the Committee on Social Questions and Vote on the Draft Recommendation, Doc. 572).
3. Reply to the Report of the European Civil Aviation Conference (Debate on the Report of the Committee on Economic Questions and Vote on the Draft Resolution, Doc. 558).

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4. Reply to the Fourth Report on the activities of the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration (Debate on the Report of the Committee on Population and Refugees and Vote on the Draft Resolution, Doc. 569).

5. Distribution of Documents to Representatives and Substitutes (Vote without debate on the Draft Resolution contained in the Report of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, Doc. 533).

at 11 a.m.

6. European Social Charter and Proposal for the Creation of a Social and Economic Chamber (Debate and Vote on the Amendments to the Draft Recommendation in the Report of the Committee on General Affairs on the Establishment of a European Convention on Social and Economic Rights, and Vote on the Draft Recommendation, Doc. 536).

The Sitting was closed at 5.45 p.m.

## APPENDIX I

Names of Representatives or  
Substitutes who signed the register  
of attendance.

## ANNEXE I

Liste des Représentants ou  
Suppléants ayant signé le registre  
de présence.

MM. Aktas	MM. Fens	MM. Nicholson
Albrecht	<u>Hellwig</u>	Oakshott
Atademir	(Gerstenmaier)	<u>Dickson</u> (Ohlin)
<u>Basile</u> (Badini- Confalonieri)	<u>Goedhart</u>	Paget
<u>Reif</u> (Becker Max)	(v. d. Goes v. Naters)	Paul
Becker Richard	Haasler	<u>Laingo</u> (Pernot)
Bengtsson	Haekkerup	Pezet
Bettiol	Harunoglu	<u>Stendebach</u> ( (Pittermann)
Boggiano Pico	Hay	Popplewell
<u>De Kinder</u> (Bohy)	Sir James Hutchison	Radius
Boland	MM. <u>Eriksen</u> (Jakobsen)	Mme v. <u>Finckenstein</u> (Mme Rehling)
Bozbag	Jeger	MM. <u>Molter</u> (Rohlin)
Sir David Campbell	<u>Broughton</u> (Jenkins)	<u>Santero</u>
Lord <u>Stonehaven</u> (Lord Chesham)	Jones	Schmal
MM. <u>Corniglion-Molinier</u>	Kalenzaga	<u>Metzger</u> (Schmid)
Crosbie	Karasan	Mme <u>Schroeder</u>
Czernetz	Kopf	MM. <u>Schütz</u>
<u>Lefèvre</u> (Dehousse)	Kraft	Selvik
<u>Droulia</u>	Lannung	Saner
Edwards	Lord Layton	Smitt Ingebretsen
Elmgren	MM. Le Bail	Stefansson
Erden	Leverkuehn	Strasser
Ergin	Loulakakis	Sundström
Erkmen	Lucifero	Toncic
<u>Jacobs</u> (Erler)	Lugmayer	van Cauvelaert
<u>Federspiel</u>	Maris	Wistrand
	<u>Aabrek</u> (Moe)	
	<u>Cottone</u> (Montini)	

The following Representatives  
apologised for their absence :

Les Représentants dont les noms  
suivent se sont excusés :

MM. Alamanis	Dame Florence Horsbrugh	MM. Mommer
Amery	MM. Jaquet	Motz
Azara	Jonassan	de Moustier
Beaufort	Josefsson	Moutet
Benvenuti	Kalbitzer	Nacucchi
Böyum	Kallias	Næsgard
Bruins Slot	Kapteijn	Plaisant
Canevari	van Kauenbergh	Pünder
Cingolani	Kiesinger	Reynaud
<u>Cozzadacci</u> Pisanelli	Kirikoglu	Rodopoulos
Corish	Knudsen	Savopoulos
De Vita	Korthals	Schaus
Engel	Legendre	Seidl
de Félice	Lenz	Senghor
Gaborit	Maclay	Spallicci
Gaitskell	Margue	Struye
Galletto	de Menthon	Stürgkh
Gonella	von Merkatz	Teitgen
Heyman	Minjoz	Treves
		Willey