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UNITED NATIONS MONETARY AND FINANCIAL CONFERENCE

INAUGURAL PLENARY SESSION

July 1, 1944

Assembly Hall, 3:00 p.m.

Convening of the Conference by the Secretary General.

Message from the President of the United States.

Responses on behalf of the visiting delegations by
the following:

Address by the Chairman of the Delegation
of China, the Honorable Hsiang-Hsi Kung.

Address by the Chariman of the Delegation
of Czechoslovakia, the Honorable Ladislav
Feierabend.

Appointment by the Temporary President of the Members
of the following Committees:

Committee on Credentials

Committee on Rules and Regulations

Committee on Nominations

Address by the Chairman of the Delegation of Mexico,
the Honorable Eduardo Suarez.

Address by the Chairman of the Delegation of Brazil,
the Honorable Arthur de SOUZA Costa.

Address by the Chairman of the Delegation of Canada,
the Honorable J. L. Ilsley.

Address by the Chairman of the Delegation of the Union
of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Honorable
M. S. Stepanov.

Election of the Fermanent President of the Conference.

Adjournment.

"The Star Spangled Banner".

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Secretary General Kelchner:

The United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference is hereby convened.

It is the generally accepted practice for the host government to designate the Temporary President of an international conference held under its auspices. Accordingly, President Roosevelt has designated as Temporary President of the Conference the Honorable Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury of the United States.

Secretary Morgenthau:

"President Roosevelt has sent a special message to the Conference and I can think of no more fitting way to welcome you than to have this message delivered to you at this time. I request the Secretary General to read President Roosevelt's message."

(The Secretary General will read the message.)

Secretary Morgenthau:

"The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Delegation of China."

(Dr. Kung will deliver his address.)

Secretary Morgenthau:

"The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Delegation of Czechoslovakia."

(Mr. Feierabend will deliver his address.)

Secretary Morgenthau:

"It is customary to appoint certain temporary committees for the purpose of effecting the organization of the Conference. The draft regulations which have been circulated provide for the appointment by the Temporary President of a Committee on Credentials, which Committee will examine the credentials of the various delegations and report to the next plenary session; a Committee on Rules and Regulations, which will examine the draft regulations and report to the next plenary session; and a Committee on Nominations, which will bring in also at the next plenary session nominations for various officers of the Conference.

"The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Delegation of India."

(Mr. Raisman will move that the proposal to appoint three temporary committees be adopted and that the Temporary President be authorized to name the members of the committees.)

Secretary Morgenthau:

"You have heard the motion of the Chairman of the Delegation of India that the Temporary Chairman be authorized to appoint members of the committees suggested. Is there a second to that motion?"

(The motion is seconded.)

Secretary Morgenthau:

"The motion has been moved and seconded; all in favor say 'aye'; those opposed 'no'. The motion is carried.

"The Chairman appoints the following members of the Committee on Credentials: The Chairman of the Delegations of Cuba, The Netherlands, the Union of South Africa, Liberia and Norway.

"As Members of the Committee on Rules and Regulations the Chairman appoints the Chairmen of the Delegations of China, Nicaragua, Poland, Australia, and Iraq.

"As Members of the Committee on Nominations, the Chairman appoints the Chairmen of the Delegations of New Zealand, Luxembourg, Honduras, Iceland and Peru.

"The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Delegation of Mexico."

(Mr. Suarez will give his address nominating Secretary Morgenthau as President of the Conference.)

Secretary Morgenthau:

"The Chair recognizes the Chairmen of the Delegation of Brazil."

(Mr. de SOUZA Costa will give his address seconding the nomination of Secretary Morgenthau as President of the Conference.)

Secretary Morgenthau:

"The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Delegation of Canada."

(Mr. Ilsley will give his address seconding the nomination of Secretary Morgenthau as President of the Conference.)

Secretary Morgenthau:

"The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics."

(Mr. Stepanov will give his address seconding the nomination of Secretary Morgenthau as President of the Conference.)

Secretary Morgenthau:

"You have heard the nomination. Those favoring the election of the nominee, say 'aye'; opposed 'no'.
(Secretary Morgenthau will read his address.)

"The Chair declares the meeting adjourned."
("The Star Spangled Banner")