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President: Mr. Lester B. PEARSON (Canada).

Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council (*concluded*)

[Agenda item 14]

1. The PRESIDENT: The first item on the agenda is the continuation of the election of members of the Economic and Social Council. Representatives will recall that last Saturday morning [389th meeting] ten inconclusive ballots were cast, and there now still remains one seat on the Council to be filled. The tenth ballot was an unrestricted one under our rules of procedure, the previous balloting having been restricted. The present ballot, the eleventh, will therefore also be unrestricted. The representatives may, in this ballot, vote for any eligible candidate.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Lescure (Argentina) and Mr. Thant (Burma) acted as tellers.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	58
<i>Number of abstentions:</i>	1
<i>Number of invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	58
<i>Required majority:</i>	38

Number of votes obtained:

Yugoslavia	31
Czechoslovakia	23
Pakistan	3

2. The PRESIDENT: As the necessary two-thirds majority has not been obtained, there will be a twelfth ballot which, under the rules, will also be unrestricted.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Lescure (Argentina) and Mr. Thant (Burma) acted as tellers.

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<i>Required majority:</i>	39

Number of votes obtained:

Yugoslavia	38
Czechoslovakia	20

3. The PRESIDENT: A thirteenth ballot is required. Under our rules, the thirteenth ballot should be restricted to the two countries having the highest number of votes on the twelfth ballot. This ballot will therefore be restricted to Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Lescure (Argentina) and Mr. Thant (Burma) acted as tellers.

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<i>Number of abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	58
<i>Required majority:</i>	39

Number of votes obtained:

Yugoslavia	40
Czechoslovakia	18

Having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Yugoslavia was elected a member of the Economic and Social Council.

Election of two members of the Trusteeship Council

[Agenda item 15]

4. The PRESIDENT: Two vacancies will occur in the membership of the Trusteeship Council at the end of this year, El Salvador and Iraq being the retiring members. In this election, all Members of the United Nations are eligible, including the two retiring Members, with the exception, of course, of the following ten members of the Trusteeship Council

whose terms do not expire on 31 December of this year: Australia, Belgium, China, Dominican Republic, France, New Zealand, Thailand, the USSR, the United Kingdom and the United States. As in previous elections, no nominations may be made. We shall now proceed to vote by secret ballot for two members of the Trusteeship Council.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Lescure (Argentina) and Mr. Barrington (Burma) acted as tellers.

Number of ballot papers:	58
Number of abstentions:	1
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	58
Required majority:	38

Number of votes obtained:

El Salvador	55
Syria	53
Egypt	1
Liberia	1
Pakistan	1
Uruguay	1

El Salvador and Syria, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, were elected members of the Trusteeship Council.

5. The PRESIDENT: As the voting on membership of the Councils has been completed, I think this would be a suitable time to thank the tellers for having helped the General Assembly through so many ballots.

Report of the Security Council (A/2167)

[Agenda item 10]

6. The PRESIDENT: The draft resolution submitted by Canada (A/L.111) reads as follows:

"The General Assembly

"Takes note of the report of the Security Council covering the period from 16 July 1951 to 15 July 1952."

7. Since no representative wishes to speak on this item on the agenda, I take it that there is no objection to the adoption of the draft resolution which takes note of the report in question.

The draft resolution was adopted.

The meeting rose at 11.25 a.m.