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President: Mr. Nasrollah ENTEZAM (Iran).

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[Agenda item 14]

1. The PRESIDENT (*translated from French*): Article 23 of the Charter provides that the retiring members of the Security Council shall not be eligible for immediate re-election. It also states that the General Assembly shall pay special attention, "in the first instance to the contribution of Members of the United Nations to the maintenance of international peace and security and to the other purposes of the Organization, and also to equitable geographical distribution."

2. All the members of the General Assembly are eligible for election to the seats that have to be filled, except those which are at present members of the Security Council. At present the eleven members are: China, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, France, India, Norway, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Yugoslavia. The three retiring members are: Cuba, Egypt and Norway.

3. I would remind you that the members of the Security Council are elected for a term of two years. Since the term of office of the retiring members ends on 31 December 1950, the new members will take office on 1 January 1951.

4. In accordance with the Assembly's rules of procedure, the election will take place by secret ballot. No nominations are allowed. Any ballot paper which contains more than three names will be considered invalid. The ballot papers are now being distributed and we shall proceed to the vote.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Faris El-Khoury Bey (Syria) and Mr. Roberts (Union of South Africa) acted as tellers.

Number of ballot papers:	59
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	59
Abstentions:	0

Number of valid votes cast:	59
Required majority:	40

Number of votes obtained:

Brazil	57
Netherlands	47
Turkey	32
Lebanon	30
Sweden	2
Yemen	2
Bolivia	1
Burma	1

Brazil and the Netherlands, having obtained the required two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, were elected members of the Security Council.

5. The PRESIDENT (*translated from French*): We shall now hold a second ballot to elect the third non-permanent member of the Security Council. May I remind you that in this vote any ballot paper containing more than one name will be considered invalid.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	60
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	60
Abstentions:	0
Number of valid votes cast:	60
Required majority:	40

Number of votes obtained:

Turkey	34
Lebanon	26

6. The PRESIDENT (*translated from French*): As neither of the two countries has obtained the required two-thirds majority, we shall hold a third ballot.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	60
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	60
Abstentions:	0
Number of valid votes cast:	60
Required majority:	40

Number of votes obtained:

Turkey	36
Lebanon	24

7. The PRESIDENT (*translated from French*): As neither of the two countries has obtained the required two-thirds majority, we shall hold a fourth ballot.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	60
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	60
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid votes cast:</i>	60
<i>Required majority:</i>	40

Number of votes obtained:

Turkey	35
Lebanon	25

8. The PRESIDENT (*translated from French*): As neither of the two countries has obtained the required two-thirds majority, we shall hold a fifth ballot.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	60
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	60
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid votes cast:</i>	60
<i>Required majority:</i>	40

Number of votes obtained:

Turkey	36
Lebanon	24

9. The PRESIDENT (*translated from French*): I suggest that we should postpone the election of the third non-permanent member of the Security Council, since, after the fifth ballot, no country has obtained the required two-thirds majority. We could now proceed to the election of the members of the Economic and Social Council.

10. Mr. SARPER (Turkey): I beg to disagree with the President. With all due respect, I would request that the General Assembly should continue with the voting, if the majority of the representatives have no objection.

11. The PRESIDENT (*translated from French*): I do not think there is any need to vote on the suggestion made by the Turkish representative. It comes from one of the parties concerned and the usual procedure is to proceed with the voting. What I said was merely a suggestion.

12. Consequently, we shall now hold a sixth ballot.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	60
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	1
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	59
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid votes cast:</i>	59
<i>Required majority:</i>	40

Number of votes obtained:

Turkey	33
Lebanon	26

13. The PRESIDENT (*translated from French*): As neither of the two countries has obtained the required two-thirds majority, the Assembly will hold a seventh ballot.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	60
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	60
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid votes cast:</i>	60
<i>Required majority:</i>	40

Number of votes obtained:

Turkey	35
Lebanon	25

14. The PRESIDENT (*translated from French*): As neither country has obtained the required two-thirds majority, we shall hold an eighth ballot.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	60
<i>Invalid ballots:</i>	0
<i>Number of valid ballots:</i>	60
<i>Abstentions:</i>	1
<i>Number of valid votes cast:</i>	59
<i>Required majority:</i>	40

Number of votes obtained:

Turkey	35
Lebanon	24

15. Mr. KING (Liberia): In view of what appears to be a deadlock in our election of the third member of the Security Council, I think that, as practical politicians, we should postpone further voting on this particular question until some subsequent time, either today or tomorrow, so that we can get the benefit of fresh air. Fresh air becomes very exhilarating and beneficial.

16. The PRESIDENT (*translated from French*): If there are no objections to the suggestion just made by the representative of Liberia, I would suggest that we now adjourn our meeting and proceed with the election of members to the Economic and Social Council and to the Trusteeship Council this afternoon. If in the meantime, we found that some discussions had yielded results, we could hold another ballot for the election of the third non-permanent member of the Security Council. Otherwise we would adjourn that vote to some later date. Are there any objections to this suggestion?

17. Mr. CASTRO (El Salvador): I regret that I have to come to the rostrum about a very little matter, but it is this: we have two meetings of Committees this afternoon, and I want to ask the President whether these meetings will be cancelled in order that we may hold our plenary meeting this afternoon without any difficulty.

18. The PRESIDENT (*translated from French*): That is so. If my suggestion is accepted, the two Committee meetings scheduled for this afternoon will have to be cancelled.

19. If there are no objections, I shall adjourn the meetings and at 3 p.m. we shall elect members to the Economic and Social Council and the Trusteeship Council, after which we shall resume the voting for the election of the third non-permanent member of the Security Council.

The meeting rose at 12.35 p.m.