

It was pointed out that the Netherlands amendment concerning the Planning Commission, which the Committee had adopted, substantially changed and increased the duties of that body. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that experts alone, as originally provided for, would not have the authority from a political point of view to choose the exact area of the permanent headquarters, but that Governments should also be represented; that countries represented on the Commission should be appointed now, and that the name of the Commission should be changed from "Planning Commission" to "Site Commission."*

To meet the objections of the residents in the areas designated for the permanent site, the Uruguayan delegate made the following proposal, which was approved by the Committee after being amended:—

"Considering that appropriate assurance should be given to the residents and neighbours of the site finally chosen as the permanent headquarters of the United Nations in the United States to the effect that this selection will not cause injustice to be done to them, it is resolved that the United Nations shall give all due and friendly consideration to any problems that may arise in connection with the possible displacement of residents, or with tax revenue and other problems affecting the localities involved, when a final decision is taken with regard to the exact site of the permanent headquarters of the United Nations."

The Assembly adopted the report of the Committee with no discussion other than a speech by the delegate for the Philippine Commonwealth in which he opposed the report on the grounds that the United Nations should not go where it was not wanted. The United States delegate, who throughout the proceedings had refrained from voting or expressing any opinion other than that the United States would provide all possible assistance for the scheme, now said:—

"On behalf of the people and Government of my country, I wish to express our appreciation for the great honour that is bestowed upon the United States."

Resolution on Permanent Headquarters, Interim Headquarters, and Headquarters Commission

The General Assembly resolves that—

I. PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS

(a) The permanent headquarters of the United Nations should be established in Westchester (New York) and/or Fairfield (Conn.) Counties—*i.e.*, near to New York City.

(b) A Headquarters Commission shall proceed as soon as possible to the region mentioned in (a) above with a view to carrying out an exhaustive study thereof and making recommendations to the General Assembly in the Second Part of its First Session regarding the exact location to be selected within the aforementioned general region.

* When the report of the Committee was drafted, this title was again changed to "Headquarters Commission."