

Who Are The Members Of The UNO Fact-Finding Committee

WASHINGTON.

The Who's Who of the 11-member United Nations Inquiry Committee on Palestine comprises a varied cast. There are several judges, former Cabinet members, diplomats and professors.

The countries represented on the Committee are Australia, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Guatemala, India, Iran, Netherlands, Peru, Sweden, Uruguay and Yugoslavia.

Possible Chairman

Rumoured as possible chairman of the Committee has been Dr. Emil Sandstrom, a former Justice of the Swedish Supreme Court. Before his appointment to this inquiry, he had been suggested as a choice for the controversial post of Governor of Trieste. The 61-year-old Justice has served on a number of courts in and out of Sweden. He is one of the few members of the Committee with any experience in the Middle East, having been on the Mixed Court in Egypt from 1918 to 1926. From 1943 to 1946 he was chairman of the International and Swedish Red Cross missions to Greece. He has also served on the International Arbitration Court in the Hague, as president of the Swedish Labour Court, and has authored a number of special reports for the Swedish Government, including a recent one on German assets in Sweden.

Canada contributes another judge in the person of Ivan Cleveland Rand, Justice of the Supreme Court. He was for seventeen years counsel to the Canadian National Railways, the biggest transportation system in the world, and owned by the Canadian Government. A native of New Brunswick, he is a 1912 graduate of the Harvard Law School, practised law in western Canada for the following seven years, and was Attorney-General of New Brunswick.

Indian Representative

The Indian representative on the Committee, Sir Abdur Rahman, has been a High Court judge for ten years, serving in Lahore since 1943. He was Dean of the Law Faculty of Delhi University, and Vice-Chancellor there and at Punjab University for some years.

From the Netherlands comes Dr. Nicolaas S. Blom, special adviser to the Foreign Ministry, and former head of the Department of Justice in the Netherlands East Indies. He spent the war years in Australia attached to

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the temporary NEI Government, which he served on several occasions as lieutenant-governor. He was appointed alternate Netherlands delegate to the United States in 1946.

Australia appointed John D. L. Hood, counselor of the Department of External Affairs, as her representative on the Committee.

The Czechoslovak representative is Karel Lisicky, who is lent from the Foreign Affairs Ministry, where he holds the rank of Minister Plenipotentiary. He has been a member of the Czechoslovak delegation to the UN, and during the war was on the staff of the Czechoslovak Embassy in London.

Thirty-five-year-old Dr. Jozhe Brilej, the Yugoslav member, is the youngest man on the Committee. He heads the political division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is a member of the Slovenian Assembly, and a lawyer, graduate of the University of Ljubljana. He was a colonel in the liberation army during the war.

Foreign Ministers

Both Iran and Peru sent former Foreign Ministers to the Committee.

Nasrollah Entezam is now the Iranian representative to the United Nations. Besides his term as Foreign Minister, in 1944, he has also been Minister of Roads and Communications, chief of protocol of the Ministry of the Imperial Court, and a member of the Iranian delegation to the League of Nations. More recently he was Iranian representative to the first session of the UN Security Council in London, and headed his country's delegation to the General Assembly of the UN.

Peru's representative is Senator Alberto Ulloa, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate.

Before becoming Foreign Minister, he was counselor of the Foreign Affairs Ministry for several years, and earlier, professor of international law at the University of San Marcos. In addition to specialising in international law, he worked for a time on the newspaper "La Prensa," of which his father was publisher.

The Guatemalan representative, Dr. Jorge Garcia Granados, is ambassador to Washington, and former president of the Guatemalan Congress. He, too, was a professor, teaching sociology at the University of Guatemala, and history at the University of Mexico. He was a newspaper editor, has written several works on history and sociology, and even found time to do a biography of Beethoven.

Professor Enrique Rodriguez Fabregat is Uruguay's permanent delegate to the UN, a historian and former Minister of Public Instruction.

Alternate Representatives

Several of the member countries of the Committee appointed alternate representatives.

Canada named Leon Mayrand, an experienced official of the Department of External Affairs, who is widely travelled, and whose last post abroad was in the Canadian Embassy in Moscow, where he frequently had charge of affairs in the absence of the Ambassador. The Netherlands alternate, A. Spits, is a former governor of Sumatra. Peru's Ambassador to the Vatican, Dr. Arturo Garcia Salazar, and dean of the Peruvian diplomatic service, is their alternate. Sweden and Australia also designated alternates.

In an address to the opening meeting of the Committee, UN Secretary-General Trygve Lie, pitched the key in which he hoped the group would act: "impartial but not detached; objective but deeply comprehensive."

MOISEWITSCH IN BEETHOVEN AND LISZT

On a previous occasion the writer of this note expressed the hope that Moiseiwitsch would be heard more in Beethoven. He was well rewarded on Sunday night when Moiseiwitsch played at the Empire Theatre the Sonata Pathetique and the Moonlight Sonata. Both these items are very popular with South African audiences, and it was a great musical experience to be able to listen to this great master in compositions which are so well known. The reaction of the audience was a study in itself—there were expressions of sheer delight on the faces of many. In commenting on the playing of a musician this aspect should not be ignored. A musical performance is a form of contact between the listener and the performer. In the presence of a great musician there is always an almost visible mingling of the two.

Moiseiwitsch attained perfection in the clarity of interpretation as if each sound were carefully thought out and planned.

The 24 Chopin Preludes were executed with the same ease and technical skill which one has learnt to expect of Moiseiwitsch.

The second half of the programme was entirely devoted to etudes of Liszt. The audience gave Mr. Moiseiwitsch a very hearty ovation, and he was called out to give a number of encores.

Another concert by Moiseiwitsch is due to be held at the Colosseum on Sunday, June 8.



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