SUMMARY MINUTES
THIRD EXECUTIVE SESSION
(February 4, 1954 - 3:00 p.m.)
The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and called for the Second Report of the Credentials Committee (Doc. 10). Mr. Yoshino informed the Commission that the Credentials Committee had examined the credentials of United States Commissioner B. Frank Heintzleman, Governor of Alaska, and found them in order, and therefore recommended the acceptance of the credentials and the accordance for Commissioner Heintzleman full right of participation in the meeting. The Report was adopted.

The Chairman then informed the Commission that he was acting at this meeting in the dual capacity of Canadian Commissioner and Observer for the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries.

The United States Delegation asked the Chairman for his thoughts on the desirability of considering this session and frequent future sessions as open sessions which might be attended by observers. The Chairman explained that it had been his thought that in the early stages of the meeting, when the Commission was dealing with the development of organizational machinery rather than matters of policy, things would move more rapidly if sessions were held in camera. He pointed out that such problems were undoubtedly of little interest to observers, and observers could be expected to contribute little to their solution. The Chairman took the occasion to read a letter addressed to him from Mr. David McK. Key, Assistant Secretary of State of the United States, the text of which follows:

"Since it was not possible for the United States Commissioners to select the members of their Advisory Committee prior to the present meeting of the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission, certain technically qualified persons, members of the Department of State's Industry and State Fishery Advisory Committee, were invited by the Department to be present in Washington during the period of the meeting to act as an ad hoc Advisory Committee to the United States Commissioners.

"The United States Commissioners may find it desirable to have certain of these persons attend meetings of the Commission and its Committees in a consultative or advisory capacity to the United States Delegation. It is requested, therefore, that the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission approve the attendance of these persons at appropriate meetings upon invitation of the United States Commissioners."
Considerable discussion followed, the Japanese Delegation being in doubt as to the interpretation of the letter and expressing the opinion that two matters appeared to be involved, one being a question of the desirability of holding in camera sessions, the other being the question of credentials of the United States Observers. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Commission agreed that the persons referred to in Mr. Key's letter might, from time to time be admitted to such meetings as the Commission considered appropriate, and requested that the United States Commissioners provide it with a list of the names of the persons. This the United States Delegation agreed to do.

With regard to the desirability of holding in camera sessions, the Commission agreed that an organizational meeting involves more in camera sessions than might be expected at later meetings of the Commission, and that while as a general rule it might be desirable to hold frequent meetings, the subject to be discussed in each meeting must determine whether the meeting would be open or in camera.

The Chairman asked the Commissioners to think carefully before changing their present methods of operating. He pointed out that to date the Commission had functioned smoothly and that no little part of that smoothness was the result of the fact that meetings were small.

The Commission then turned to the Report of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and adopted Rules 1 to 25 inclusive, excepting Rule 17, as they appear in Document 11. Rule 17 was referred to the Committee of Rules of Procedure for further study, and the Committee was asked to draft a new rule to guide the Commission in filling the office of Chairman, should the Chairman for one reason or another be unable to perform his duties.

The Commission adjourned at 6:00 p.m. to meet at 10:00 a.m., February 5, in camera.

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