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1. FACTUAL OUTLINE

The Hungarian Political and Territorial Commission met twenty times and dealt with the following sections of the draft treaty with Hungary :—

Preamble.

Articles 1–9 inclusive : Frontiers of Hungary and political clauses.

Article 20 : Withdrawal of Allied Forces.

Articles 34–37 inclusive : Final clauses.

Annex 1 : Map of Hungarian frontiers.

Of all these, only Article 35 was not an agreed clause.

A written statement of its view on the draft treaty and on the amendments thereto was presented by the Hungarian delegation, whose representatives were also heard at two meetings (6th and 8th) of the Commission.

The Preamble was adopted with two amendments proposed by the Australian delegation.

Article 1.—There were two Czechoslovak amendments⁽¹⁾ to Article 1—one declaring null and void the consequences of the 1938 Vienna Award (C.P., Gen. Doc. 1, Q. 2) and another providing for the cession to Czechoslovakia of five villages in the region of Bratislava (C.P., Gen. Doc. 1, Q. 3). After full discussion in Commission both these amendments were referred to a Sub-Commission on which the following countries were represented: Australia, Canada, Czechoslovakia, New Zealand, and Ukraine. In modified form the two amendments were approved unanimously, and Article 1 adopted accordingly.

Article 2.—An Australian amendment on human rights (C.P., H.P., Doc. 6), was put forward in two parts. The first, which provided for the embodiment in the fundamental law of Hungary of an obligation to protect human rights, was withdrawn. The second, which would

⁽¹⁾ See Section 3 for a fuller discussion.