

Among the participants in the session were Karl Maisel, Austrian Minister of Social Affairs ; Evzen Erlean, Czechoslovak Minister of Social Affairs ; Francisco Aquirne, Cuban Minister of Labour ; Pedros Magsalin, Philippines Secretary of Labour ; George Isaacs, British Minister of Labour and National Service ; Alberto Zubiria, Uruguayan Minister of the Interior ; and Paul Leone, Venezuelan Minister of Labour.

The Conference admitted Ceylon to membership in the Organization, and during the session El Salvador and the Philippines became members by notifying the International Labour Organization of their acceptance of the obligations imposed by the Constitution. Burma, Pakistan, and Syria, which had become members since the previous session, were represented by delegations.

As a result of the decisions of the Conference, the total number of International Labour Conventions adopted by the Organization was brought to ninety (90) and the total of Recommendations to eighty-three (83).

ELECTION OF GOVERNING BODY

The triennial election of the Governing Body took place during the Conference. Prior to the balloting, the Governing Body agreed that the United States, the United Kingdom, France, India, China, and Canada should retain the seats they hold by virtue of being among the eight countries of chief industrial importance. It was decided that Brazil should replace the Netherlands among these eight States, and that the list should be reviewed again before the next session of the Conference, Belgium to continue to occupy the eighth non-elective seat meantime.

In the election by Government delegates the following were chosen to occupy the eight elective Government seats on the thirty-two-member body : Argentine Republic, Australia, Cuba, Denmark, Italy, Peru, Poland, and Turkey.

Eight employer and eight worker members were elected respectively by the employer and worker delegates to the Conference, as follows :—

Employers' Members—

Mr. Chapa (Mexico).
 Sir John Forbes Watson (United Kingdom).
 Mr. Gemmell (Union of South Africa).
 Mr. Mehta (India).
 Mr. Oersted (Denmark).
 Mr. Pons (Uruguay).
 Mr. Waline (France).
 Mr. Zellerbach (United States).

Workers' Members—

Mr. Aftale Ali (Pakistan).
 Mr. Fenton (United States).
 Mr. Finet (Belgium).
 Mr. Ibanez (Chile).
 Mr. Jouhaux (France).
 Mr. Monk (Australia).
 Mr. Nordahl (Norway).
 Mr. Roberts (United Kingdom).

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL

During the Governing Body's One Hundred and Fifth Session, held concurrently with the Conference, Mr. David A. Morse, Acting Secretary of Labour of the United States, was elected to succeed Mr. Edward Phelan as Director-General of the International Labour Office, the Organization's permanent secretariat. Mr. Phelan reached the retiring age of sixty in July.