

COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON CARTOGRAPHY

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE NINTH MEETING

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Mr. C. LEITE DE CASTRO  
Mr. W. SCHERMERHORN  
MR. R. VERLAINE

Expert from Government of Brazil:

Mr. A. H. de MATTOS

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Mr. C. L. NICHOLS	(International Hydrographic Bureau)
General LOPER	(Pan-American Institute of
Mr. A. SIMONPIETRI	Geography and History)

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Mr. H. W. HEMPLE	(International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, International Council of Scientific Unions, International Federation of Surveyors)
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Mr. M. S. WRIGHT	(American Congress on Surveying and Mapping)

Secretariat:

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Mr. T. L. TCHANG	(Secretary of the Committee)

FORMATION OF WORKING GROUPS TO PREPARE DRAFTS AND STUDIES FOR THE  
FINAL REPORT (Cartography/W.6, W.7, W.9) (discussion continued)

The CHAIRMAN introduced General LOPER, representative of  
the PAIGH.

The Chairman pointed out that discussion on items III and VI  
of the project outlined by Mr. Schermerhorn (Cartography/W.7) would  
be resumed when the draft report had been submitted by Mr. Verlaine  
and Mr. Simonpietri.

Following the suggestion of Mr. BROWN, the CHAIRMAN  
requested Mr. Schermerhorn to prepare a review of existing organizations  
concerned with cartography, including a summary of their main  
functions as they had been discussed in the Committee. Brief  
reference could be made to the bearing of those organizations'  
needs and interests on various aspects of the Committee's report  
to the Secretary-General. The Chairman agreed that the differences  
between the functions of those organizations and those of any  
co-ordinating organization within the United Nations should be  
clearly defined.

Mr. SIMONPIETRI pointed out that it would be necessary  
to include in the list existing regional organs of the Economic and  
Social Council whose interests included cartography.

Mr. BROWN supported that view, and added that the Committee should inform the Secretary-General whether existing organizations could be expanded to meet cartographical problems and needs.

Mr. SCHERMERHORN thought that the difficulties in the way of effective coordination should be indicated in the Committee's report, and concrete recommendations made to remedy the situation.

The CHAIRMAN summarized the duties of the various working groups appointed to prepare studies on the project outlined by Mr. Schermerhorn (Cartography/W.7) as follows:

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| I   | State of world mapping                                                                                                                                | Mr. Hemple, Mr. Reading,<br>Mr. Wright |
| II  | Consideration of the value of maps<br>etc. (see also Cartography/W.9)                                                                                 | Mr. Brown                              |
| III | Consideration of how interest in<br>and realization of the need for<br>the maps should be stimulated,<br>and                                          | }                                      |
| VI  | Organization of international co-<br>operation for achieving the<br>objectives                                                                        |                                        |
| IV  | Review of existing organizations<br>etc.                                                                                                              | Mr. Verlaine and<br>Mr. Simonpletri    |
| V   | General indication of the organiza-<br>tion and cost to complete the<br>mapping programme within a<br>limited time and to keep the<br>maps up to date | Mr. Schermerhorn                       |
|     |                                                                                                                                                       | Mr. Randall                            |

The Chairman added that Mr. Boggs, Mr. Peake and Mr. Leite de Castro had been requested to prepare a report on the problems connected with the organization of the services required within the United Nations Secretariat.

He expressed the hope that most of the draft reports would be available for consideration by the Committee on Tuesday, 29 March 1949.

The meeting rose at 3.20 p.m.