

The meeting was opened by the President of the Preparatory Commission, Dr Zuleta Angel (Colombia), who was followed by the Rt. Hon. Clement Attlee, Prime Minister and first delegate of the United Kingdom. Mr Attlee also spoke at the conclusion of the closing meeting. These speeches, preceded on the eve of the meeting by a State banquet at St. James's Palace at which His Majesty the King received the principal delegates, declared in clear terms the high place which is reserved for the United Nations in the policy of the United Kingdom.

III. DELEGATIONS

DELEGATES to the General Assembly were present from all the fifty-one United Nations. The delegation of New Zealand was composed as follows:—

Delegates—

The Rt Hon. PETER FRASER, C.H., M.P., Prime Minister.

Mr R. M. CAMPBELL, Acting High Commissioner in London.

Mr A. D. McINTOSH, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs.

Mr J. V. WILSON, Department of External Affairs.

Miss JEAN R. MCKENZIE, Official Secretary to the High Commissioner in Australia.

Advisers—

Mr C. A. KNOWLES, O.B.E., High Commissioner's Office, London.

Sir A. C. DAY, C.B.E., C.M.G., High Commissioner's Office, London.

Mr COLIN AIKMAN, Department of External Affairs.

Mr ROBIN T. MILLER, High Commissioner's Office, London.

Miss L. MCPHEE, High Commissioner's Office, London.

IV. CONSTITUTION OF ASSEMBLY

At the first meeting the Assembly proceeded to elect its President.

Before a ballot was taken, Mr Gromyko (Soviet Union) proposed that the Assembly should elect Mr Trygve Lie, first delegate of Norway. Mr Manuisky (Ukrainian S.S.R.), supporting this proposal, suggested that the election should take place by acclamation. The Assembly was consulted by its Acting President and decided that a secret ballot should be held in accordance with the Rules of Procedure. Mr Henri Spaak (Belgium) obtained 28 votes; Mr Trygve Lie (Norway) 23 votes. Mr Spaak took his place as President.

After the election, the Assembly agreed, on the motion of Mr Manuisky, to refer to its Sixth Committee the question of the use of nominations in future elections. (See page 37.)