

# Press Bureau Delegation of the USSR 16

## REGARDING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE UKRAINIAN S.S.R. AND THE WHITE RUSSIAN S.S.R. IN THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE AND SECURITY

---

Reports have appeared recently in the foreign press regarding the participation of the Ukrainian and White Russian S.S.R. in the International Organization for the Preservation of Peace and Security. In this connection the TASS agency has in its possession the following information received from authoritative sources:

At the Crimea Conference representatives of the Soviet government brought up the question of the inclusion of the Ukrainian S.S.R. and the White Russian S.S.R. as initial members in the International Organization for the Preservation of Peace and Security,—now being established. Taking into account that the population and political importance of the Ukraine and White Russia, and that their contribution to the common cause of the destruction of Hitlerite Germany surpass on those levels some of the states which—by general consent—were included among the founders of the International Organization, representatives submitted a proposition to invite these two basic Soviet republics to participate in the named Organization as initial members-founders.

During this, representatives of the United States of America, raised the question of the Soviet Union's support of the proposition to grant the United States additional votes in the Assembly.

In reply to this, representatives of the Soviet Union said they agreed to the proposition of the U.S.A. and that the number of U.S. votes in the Assembly could be increased to three.

In addition to information received from Washington, representatives of Great Britain also stated that they had no objections to the proposition of the United States of America.

TASS

April 12, 1945.

---

### FROM THE STATEMENT MADE BY MR. STETTINIUS AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, APRIL 3, 1945.

---

Soviet representatives at Yalta proposed that the White Russian and Ukrainian Republics be initial members of the proposed International Organization. This was a question for the United Nations assembled at San Francisco to consider and decide.

Viewing the importance which the Soviet Government attached to this proposal, the American representatives at Yalta, having the utmost respect for the heroic part played by the people of these republics in yielding resistance to the common enemy and the fortitude with which they have borne great hardships in the prosecution of the war, agreed that the government of the United States would support the Soviet proposal at San Francisco if made. No agreement was, however, made at Yalta on the question of the participation of these republics in the San Francisco Conference.

---