

Item IV-19 of the
Provisional Agenda

Tenth Session

Rome, 31 October 1959

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

1. In accordance with Rule XXIV of the Rules Adopted by the Conference, the Council at its Thirty-First Session decided that nominations for the office of Independent Chairman of the Council should be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference not later than 15 September 1959, and that the Secretary-General should dispatch notification to all Member Governments of the nominations thus received not later than 19 September 1959.

2. By 15 September 1959 three nominations for appointment to this office had been received. These were the nomination of Don Ramón Cantos Figuerola by letter dated 11 July 1959 from His Excellency the Ambassador of Spain to Italy; the nomination of Mr. Louis Maire by letter dated 15 July 1959 from the Federal Political Department of Switzerland; and the nomination of Mr. Georges Khalil Haraoui by letter dated 4 August 1959 from His Excellency the Ambassador of the Lebanon to Italy. Member Governments were informed officially by the Secretary-General of the Conference of these three nominations in circular letters G/141 of 31 July 1959 and G/144 of 24 August 1959. The letters of nomination and ... curricula vitae submitted for the three candidates are appended hereto.

3. Under Item IV-19 of the Provisional Agenda, the Conference at its Tenth Session in November next will appoint the Independent Chairman of the Council amongst these three candidates and will also determine the conditions of appointment, including the allowances attached to the office.

TRANSLATION

Rome, 11 July 1959

Dear Sir,

Following instructions received from Madrid, I have pleasure in informing you, so that you may know and take action, that the Spanish Government puts forward the name of Mr. Ramón Cantos-Figuerola as a candidate for election as Chairman of the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in the approaching session to be held in November of this year.

Yours, etc.

José M. Doussinague,
Spanish Ambassador

CURRICULUM VITAE

RAMON CANTOS (Full name: Ramón Cantos-Figuerola y Saiz de Carlos)

Born in Madrid on 21 March 1903

Married; 5 sons.

Education: 'Bachillerato' (Secondary school certificate) in Spanish and German.
Agronomist degree ('Ingeniero Agrónomo') from the 'Instituto Nacional Agronómico' (National Agricultural Institute) of Madrid.
Doctor in Pharmacy, Central University, Madrid
Doctor in Pharmacy, University of Havana
Speaks Spanish, French, English and German (understands and reads Italian and Portuguese).
From study and business travel, knows almost all of Europe, the United States (5 journeys between 1926 and 1955), Cuba, Mexico, Canada and North Africa.

Experience: Chief of the Agricultural Services, including experimental, teaching and extension work in the Western Zone of Morocco (1928-1930) and liaison with the Desert Locust Control (1929).

At the 'Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Agronómicas' (National Agricultural Research Institute) from 1930, successively with the 'Servicios de Fitopatología, Cerealicultura' (Plant Diseases, Grain Culture Services), and at present Chief of 'Sección de Estudios Económicos y Estadísticos' (Economics and Statistics Section).

From 1937-1939 on the staff of the 'Servicio Nacional del Trigo' (National Wheat Service) (a State grains monopoly).

From 1939, Representative of the Ministry of Agriculture in commercial bilateral negotiations at numerous conferences, congresses and international organizations (International Commission for Agricultural Industries, the "Green Pool" - European Conference on the Organization of Agricultural Markets, OEEC, EEC - European Economic Committee, FAO, etc.)

Chief of the 'Servicios de Política Comercial' (Market Policy Services) of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Other activities:

General Manager of Railways, Tramways, and Road Transport (1933)

Deputy to the 'Cortes' (Parliament) and Representative at the Inter-Parliamentary Union and League of Nations on various occasions (1934-35).

Private activities:

An active farmer, being technical director of the family's farms in Castile (cereal grains, pastures, etc.) and in Valencia (oranges, fruit trees, horticultural crops, etc.) where he has transformed a dry area into an irrigated one by means of deep gravel wall wells.

Board member ("Consejero") of the "Laboratorios Sais de Carlos" (pharmaceutical products).

Board member ("Consejero") of the "Unión Alcohólica Española" (Spanish Distillers' Union) (yeast and alcohols).

Board member ("Consejero") of the "Algodonera de Castilla S.A." (Castile Cotton Company, Ltd.) (growers, contractors and ginners of cotton).

Activities in FAO:

10 years before FAO's foundation, he was a member of the Mixed Committee on the Problems of Nutrition (with Professor Mayer).

Member of the FAO Council and first Vice-Chairman of the same at the 22nd and 23rd Sessions.

Attended FAO Conferences (all since the entry of Spain).

Chairman of the Committee on Administrative and Financial Questions (8th Session of the Conference).

Member of the Co-ordinating Committee.

June 1956

TRANSLATION

Federal Political Department

Bern, 15 July 1959

Dear Sir,

In compliance with the rules and decisions of the Thirty-First Session of the Council, I have the honour of submitting herewith the candidature of Mr. Louis MAIRE, Doctor of Economics, for the post of Independent Chairman of the FAO Council.

Yours, etc.

B. Turrettini

Federal Political Department

International Organizations

Born, 20 July 1959

CURRICULUM VITAE

Dr. Louis M A I R E (Swiss)

1. Civil status: born in 1902 at Geneva, married, 3 children.

2. University degrees:

Degree in Economics (1925), then Doctorate in Economics, University of Geneva (1945): thesis on work relationships, called 'Au-Delà du Salarial, l'Organisation Sociale du Travail' (Beyond the Wage Earner, the Social Organization of Work) published in Geneva and Paris.

3. Languages: French (mother tongue), English, German, Italian and Spanish.

4. Activities in FAO:

Vice-Chairman of the Swiss National FAO Committee, and its principal delegate; he has represented Switzerland at all the Council and Conference Sessions in this capacity since 1947; since 1950 he has been Head of the Swiss Delegation to the Conference.

Within FAO, he has been appointed to the following offices by either the Council or Conference:

- in 1949: Chairman of the Preparatory European Regional Conference;
- in 1949: Chairman of Commission II of the Fifth Conference, Washington;
- in 1950: Chairman of the Committee of the Whole of the Special Session of the Conference, Washington;
- in 1952 and 1953: Member of the Committee on Financial Control (2 years);
- from 1954 to 1956: Chairman of the Committee on Financial Control (3 years);
- from 1952 to 1956: Member of the Co-ordinating Committee (now Program Committee) (5 years);
- from 1954 to 1957: Swiss delegate to the Council (4 years) and Vice-Chairman of the Council during the Twenty-Seventh Session.

5. Other inter-governmental activities

- From 1949, member of the Swiss delegation to the Committee on Agricultural Problems of the Economic Commission for Europe; he was elected Vice-Chairman in 1950 and Chairman in 1954, a post he still occupies.
- Member of the Swiss delegation to the European Conference on the Organization of Agricultural Markets (Paris 1952-1954); he took part in the work of the Preparatory Committee, then of the Intermediary Committee, and presided over a small group which after the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture in 1954 brought forward the

- Swiss delegate to the diplomatic conferences of Stresa and Schevninggen in 1951 which introduced the International Cheese Convention on the use of place names and names of origin for cheeses.
- in 1942, appointed by the Swiss Government as an expert to the 'Commission permanente franco-suisse des zones franches' (Permanent Franco-Swiss Commission on Free Customs Zones).

6. Professional activities

- From 1925 to 1929, Dr. Maire carried out many business re-organizations on behalf of the trust company 'Société Anonyme Fiduciaire Suisse' in Switzerland, France, Italy and Spain.
- In 1929, he took a post with the 'Fédération des Producteurs de Lait' (Federation of Milk Producers) of Geneva and became its Director-General in 1934; he also directs two associated societies, one of which is the 'Union Laitière, S.A.' (Dairy Farmers' Union, Ltd.).
- Since 1936, Dr. Maire has sat on the board of the 'Comité National de l'Union Centrale des Producteurs Suisses de Lait' (National Committee of the Central Swiss Milk Producers' Union) and since 1953 he has been their first Vice-Chairman (this organization directs the Swiss dairy industry in conjunction with Government services); he also sits on the 'Butyra' Council, a public company that regulates the supply and import of butter, and on the boards of several important organizations of the dairy industry.
- The Government also appointed him to the Federal Commission of Experts that drafted the Agricultural Improvement Law of 3 October 1951; he was also called to serve with the Federal Commission of Experts that studied collaboration between employers and workers, as well as with the 'Commission Paritaire de Stabilisation des Prix et des Salaires' (Parity Commission on the Stabilization of Prices and Wages) formed by representatives of employers and workers having the task of stopping the rise in the cost of living.
- He has frequently represented his country at meetings of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP), the European Confederation of Agriculture and the International Dairy Federation (IDF) with all of which he has very close connections.
- He still sits on the boards of many institutes and organizations, among which are: the Board of the Geneva Chamber of Commerce; the Swiss National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce (which he represented at the meeting of the Committee for Full Employment of the International Chamber of Commerce); the 'Conseil de la Caisse Hypothécaire de Genève' (Board of the Mortgage Bank of Geneva) (a bank owned by the Geneva communes); the board of one of the leading Swiss life insurance companies at Zurich; and he is still Chairman of the Board of the trust company 'Société Fiduciaire Ofor' at Geneva.
- Finally, since 1956, he has been on the 'Comité de Patronage' (Patrons' Committee) of the 'Association Aide Suisse à des régions extracuro péennes' (Association for Swiss Aid to Extra-European Regions) at Zurich which gives technical assistance to various countries.

TRANSLATION

Lebanese Embassy in Italy

Rome, 4 August 1959

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Lebanese Government has decided to put forward the name of Mr. Georges Khalil Haraoui as a candidate for election as Chairman of the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at the FAO Conference next November.

Mr. Georges Khalil Haraoui is well known in FAO circles and has had occasion to fill important posts there, especially during the Conference in November 1957 when he was Chairman of Commission I.

Enclosed herewith is Mr. Haraoui's Curriculum Vitae.

Yours, etc.

Moussa Mobarak
Lebanese Ambassador

The Secretary-General.

Lebanese Embassy in Italy.

CURRICULUM VITAE of Mr. Georges Khalil Haraoui

Name: Georges Khalil Haraoui

Date and place of birth: 17 August 1913
Zahlé (Lebanon)

Education: St. Joseph University, Beirut

Occupation: Member of the Municipal Council of Zahlé, 1941

Member of the Higher Economic Council ('Conseil Economique Supérieur'), 1946

Deputy to the Lebanese National Assembly, 1953-57

Minister of the Interior, March 1954-May 1955

Minister of Health, June 1955

Chairman of the Parliamentary Commission for National Economy, Agriculture and Tourism

Rapporteur of the Parliamentary Finance Commission

Re-elected Deputy to the National Assembly on 20 May 1957
and still retains this post.

Member of the Lebanese Parliamentary Delegation to the London International Parliamentary Conference.

Activities within
FAO:

Chairman of the Lebanese Delegation to the 1956 FAO Conference.

Chairman of the Nominations Committee at the 1956 FAO Conference.

Chairman of the Lebanese Delegation to the 1957 FAO Conference.

Chairman of Commission I of the 1957 FAO Conference.