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Biographical Note

MAJID RAHNEMA OF IRAN

Member of the United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi

Majid Rahnema, who was formerly attached to the Permanent Mission of Iran to the United Nations, and is now a member of the three-man* United Nations Commission appointed by the General Assembly to supervise elections to be held this year in the UN trust territory of Ruanda-Urundi, was born in Teheran on 9 December 1924.

He holds an L.L.D. degree (1948) from the University of Paris.

In 1945, following four years as editor of a newspaper in Iran, he was appointed Press Attache for the Iranian Embassy in Paris. He served in that capacity until 1948 when he became Secretary of the Iranian Embassy in Beirut.

From 1950 to 1954 he was Secretary of Iran's Embassy in Moscow and then became Deputy Director of the Department of Information in the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 1955 he was appointed Deputy Director of the Department of the United Nations in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran, serving in that post until 1957. He was a member of his country's delegation to the Bandung Conference in 1955.

Since 1958, he has been Consul General of Iran in San Francisco.

At the United Nations, Dr. Rahnema was Counsellor with the Permanent Mission of Iran from 1957 to 1958. He acted as adviser to his country's delegation to the tenth session of the General Assembly, in 1955 and, as a member of the delegation of Iran, he attended the 1957, 1958, 1959 and 1960 sessions of the General Assembly.

In 1958 he was his country's alternate representative on the UN Commission on Human Rights.

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* Max H. Dorsinville of Haiti and Ernest Gassou of Togo are the other members.

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Biographical Note

MAX H. DORSINVILLE OF HAITI

Chairman of the United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi

Ambassador Max H. Dorsinville, Chairman of the three-member* United Nations Commission appointed by the General Assembly to supervise elections to be held during 1961 in Ruanda-Urundi, a UN trust territory administered by Belgium, is Haiti's Alternate Representative to the United Nations.

Mr. Dorsinville served as President of the UN Trusteeship Council in 1959, and in 1958 as United Nations Commissioner supervising elections held in French-administered Togoland, then a UN trust territory.

Earlier, he was Chairman of the UN Visiting Mission to the Cameroons in 1955, and Chairman of the 1957 UN Visiting Mission to the trust territories of Italian-administered Somaliland, British-administered Tanganyika and Belgian-administered Ruanda-Urundi.

Mr. Dorsinville was born in Port-au-Prince on 12 March 1910. He received a degree in law in 1931.

In 1928 he entered Haiti's Department of Foreign Affairs as secretary-translator-librarian, serving in that post until January 1940. He became Assistant Secretary-General of the Department in 1946 and from 1948 to 1954 was its Secretary-General.

He served in the Personal Cabinet of Haiti's President as Assistant Secretary from January 1940 to 1941; Adviser to the Secretary of State and later Assistant Secretary from January 1941 to October 1941; Under-Secretary of State of the Presidency and Chief of Bureau from October 1941 to August 1946. In 1939 he was Secretary of Haiti's Delegation to the First Conference of Foreign Ministers, in Panama.

Ambassador Dorsinville's association with the United Nations dates back to the second session of the General Assembly (1947), which he attended as a member of the delegation of Haiti. Since then, he has attended every session of the General Assembly with the exception of the third session, in 1948.

In December, 1953, he was appointed Alternate Representative on Haiti's Permanent Mission to the United Nations and Representative on the Trusteeship Council. In 1959 he served for a period as Acting Permanent Representative of Haiti to the United Nations.

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* Dr. Majid Rahnema of Iran and Ernest Gassou of Togo are the other members.