

16th April, 1956.

My dear Chester,

We have been getting on with a few nominations, and I am returning herewith the one you started for Emmens, which I hope he will fill up in due time. I hope the other cases will go ahead without delay. Among mathematical statisticians, we are putting up this year Healy, Box, and George Owen of my department, and, of course, there will be the usual economists and officials. I had suggested names like Mather, Gaddum, and Trevan, all good biometricians, but the people I consulted thought there were other cases more urgent.

When I met some Russians in India fifteen months ago, I told them that their participation in the International Institute would be welcome and well supported. I did not expect an immediate response, for I supposed that they would need to get a ruling from the party boss; perhaps they did not even raise the question with him in case they should get too unpopular.

I am not quite sure, but I suppose your letter to Darmois with its proposals either has been, or will be, transmitted to

me as Chairman, or, I think they say, President of a committee on the revision of the Statutes. As you know, I am opposed to what you suggest. There are, or if the Russians come in there will be, quite six nations capable of taking up their full quota. One of these days perhaps the Germans will wake up to the existence of statistical sciences. The Italians and French are becoming aware of recent developments, though they still put forward too many academic professors of economics. I think one-eighth of the world representation is rather a lot to allow to any one State or Confederation of States, and I do not think it is a hardship if some candidates either have to wait, or indeed are never elected. I do not know what other members of the Committee will think about it; but I should be glad if we did not have it to report on.

Sincerely yours,

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