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Biographical Note

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JAN PAUL BANNIER

Jan Paul Bannier, who was today elected Chairman of the Fifth (Administrative and Budgetary) Committee, has been a member of the Netherlands delegation to the United Nations since 1950 except for a two-year period in 1952 and 1953.

In 1950, 1951 and from 1954 to 1958, he served on the Second (Economic and Financial) Committee. Since 1959, he has served on the Fifth (Administrative and Budgetary) Committee.

Dr. Bannier was also a member of the Netherlands delegation to the Economic and Social Council from 1955 to 1960, and for one year (1956) during this period, was Chairman of the Economic and Social Council's Technical Assistance Committee.

Dr. Bannier was born in Voorschoten, Netherlands in 1897 and was educated at Utrecht University, Netherlands, where he obtained his doctorate in biology. He was an agricultural adviser in private business from 1924 to 1929; Director of the Government Office for Chemical Industry from 1940 to 1945; and from 1945 to 1950 served in various official capacities in the Netherlands administration.

He was appointed Director of the Netherlands Interdepartmental Bureau for International Technical Assistance in 1951, a post which he holds at present. From 1952 to 1953, he served as Resident Representative and Liaison Officer with the Colombo Plan in Ceylon.

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