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## CLOSING SESSION

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Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen, with your permission I shall not read you a formal report of the meeting of the Permanent Council, but shall follow our usual custom on these occasions and tell you rather more informally the results of the discussions in the Council and also say something about the plans that are being made for the next congress.

Members of the Permanent Council and many members of the Congress have heard with deep regret of the death of two members of the Council. Professor Pierre Fouché was an Honorary Member of the Council: news of his death reached us here in Prague and he will be sadly missed by all those who knew him. It was a great sorrow to us all to hear also of the death, at a comparatively early age, of Professor Gordon Peterson who was an Active Member of the Council and a most gifted research worker in our field. His untimely death means a grievous loss to the phonetic sciences and to many of us personally who were proud to be numbered among his friends.

At the meeting of the Permanent Council, Professor Eberhard Zwirner told us that he thought the time had come for him to retire from active membership. Professor Zwirner has been for very many years a very active Active Member and has helped the cause of the phonetic sciences in many different ways. It was with the very greatest regret that the Council felt obliged to respect Professor Zwirner's wishes in this matter and to accept his resignation. We should like him to know how sincerely grateful we are for all the help he has given in the past. Professor Zwirner has accepted nomination as an Honorary Member of the Council and we are happy to know that we shall still have the benefit of his wisdom and advice.

It is recommended that the two vacancies in the Permanent Council should be filled by the appointment of Professor Kenneth Pike of the University of Michigan and Professor Gerold Ungeheuer of the University of Bonn as Active Members.

I come now to the matter of the Seventh International Congress of Phonetic Sciences, and in this connection the first point discussed by the Council was the date of the next congress. It was decided that a suitable interval would be four years and our next meeting will therefore be held in 1971. At the time of the Council meeting we had not received a firm invitation from any university but I am very happy to be

able to tell you that our friends in Canada have made the suggestion that the congress should be held in Montreal. Professor Rigault and his colleagues have still to discuss the possibility with their university and to seek support for the proposal in Canada but we are most grateful to them for the suggestion and we trust that it will be possible for us to meet in Montreal in 1971.

You would not wish me, I am sure, to conclude these remarks without once more tendering our warmest thanks to our hosts in Prague. To Professor Hála, Professor Romportl and to all their colleagues we want to say that we are most deeply grateful for all their efforts. This has been from every point of view an extremely successful congress, excellently organised, full of interest and highly enjoyable and we do want to thank our friends in Czechoslovakia most sincerely for the part they have played in making this possible.