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LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4th 1920 AT 11.15 a.m.

PRESENT:- The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman).
 Professor Gilbert Murray.
 The Viscountess Gladstone.
 Major David Davies, M.P.
 J.H.Harris, Esq.,
 E.Bagnall Bull, Esq.,
 Lord Queenborough.
 Oswald Mosley, Esq. M.P.
 Mrs. A.W.Claremont.
 Lt.Gen.Sir Hubert de la Poer Gough, G.C.M.G.,
 F.N.Keen, Esq.
 Aneurin Williams, Esq. M.P.
 Sir Arthur Haworth, Bt.
 Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, K.B.E.,M.P.
 The General Secretary.

In attendance: Col.D.Borden-Turner.
 Capt.R.Berkeley.
 Mr.D.H.Mills.

M I N U T E S295. MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee held October 7th 1920 were approved as circulated.

296. FRANCO-BELGIAN AGREEMENT.

The General Secretary stated that he had been in communication with the French and Belgian Societies. The Belgian Society had written to say that they were not taking action in regard to the reported France-Belgian Agreement until that agreement had been discussed in the French Chamber. No reply had been received from the French Society. Lord Robert Cecil stated that he would be in Paris the following week and would see some of the representatives of the French Society.

297. CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES.

The General Secretary reported that the Conference arranged between representatives of churches and members of the Executive Committee would take place on November 19th. As Lord Robert Cecil would be away on that date he requested the Executive Committee to nominate another member. It was decided to ask

Major the Hon. Ormsby Gore, M.P. to join this Committee in the place of Lord Robert Cecil.

298. MISS C.M.ALEXANDER - APPOINTMENT.

The General Secretary reported that Lord Robert Cecil had agreed to the appointment of Miss C.M.Alexander for a period of nine months at a salary of £100. Miss Alexander would work three days a week in the office and would take the place of another member of the staff who is at present receiving a salary of £250 per annum for her whole time.

299. MANDATES - PARIS PRIVATE CONFERENCE.

The General Secretary reported that the proposed private Mandates Conference, to be held in Paris, had not been arranged.

300. FEDERATION OF VOLUNTARY SOCIETIES.

The General Secretary reported that the Federation of Voluntary Societies had rendered an account for Frcs.1125 amounting to £25. as the Union's contribution to the Federation of Voluntary Societies.

Resolved:-

"That this amount be paid."

301. STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE.

The General Secretary stated that changes in the staff occurred from time to time, and he advocated the appointment of a Staff Appointments Committee, consisting of, say, three members to deal with such appointments as were necessary.

Resolved:-

"That the nomination of such a Committee be left in the hands of the Chairman and General Secretary and that until the next meeting of the Management Committee, the Committee so nominated have power to act."

302. Appeals - COMMUNICATION FROM VISCOUNT GREY.

The General Secretary reported that he had received a communication from Viscount Grey relative to a suggestion that Viscount Grey should write to the Duke of Connaught asking him to use his influence with the Freemasons Organisation to give the Union financial support.

Resolved:-

"That this matter be left in the hands of Lord Queenborough."

303. HOUSE - LEASE.

The General Secretary presented a memorandum having reference to the lease and position with regard to 15, Grosvenor Crescent.

Resolved:-

"That the question be referred to the Finance Committee."

304. PROPOSED CANTEEN.

The Committee considered a memorandum setting out proposals for a Canteen for the benefit of members of the staff. The estimated cost of the entire equipment; gas stove, renovation of kitchen and range was £260 and preliminary stores £15. It was proposed to run the Canteen entirely for the benefit of the Staff and would be governed by a Committee who were members of the Staff.

The General Secretary requested that the Executive Committee should authorise the expenditure of £275. which it was hoped would be refunded to the Executive Committee in about two years. In the meantime, however, it was to be understood that the Executive Committee would be financially responsible.

Resolved:-

"To agree to an advance of £275, and that Lady Gladstone be asked to represent the Executive Committee on the staff Canteen Committee!"

305. RECOMMENDATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CONFERENCE.

The Committee considered the recommendations of the International Financial Conference recently concluded at Brussels and after discussion the following resolution was passed:-

"The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union urges H.M. Government to instruct the British Delegation to the Assembly of the League of Nations to support the recommendations of the International Financial Conference in favour of reduction of armaments, and in favour of the unrestricted interchange of commodities between the States which have been created or enlarged as the result of the war."

It was also

Resolved:-

That this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the Rt.Hon.A.J.Balfour, the Secretary-General to the League of Nations, Church bodies, Brotherhoods, commercial organisations, organised labour bodies, and the Branches of the Union."

306. IT.GEN.SIR HUBERT DE LA POER GOUGH. G.C.M.G.

The Chairman welcomed It.Gen.Sir Hubert de la Poer Gough, G.C.M.G., on his taking his seat for the first time as a member of the Executive Committee.

307. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement for the period ending November 1st 1920 showed a bank overdraft amounting to £8874.4.1; together with outstanding liabilities estimated at £500.

308. HEADMASTERS' CONFERENCE.

The invitation of the Secretary to the Headmasters' Conference that members of the Executive Committee should meet the Committee of the Headmasters' Conference on December 2nd. was considered.

It was

Resolved:- "To accept this invitation and that the following be asked to represent the Executive Committee at the joint meeting to be held on 2nd December:-

Professor Gilbert Murray.
Mrs. Claremont.
It.Gen.Sir Hubert de la Poer Gough, G.C.M.G

and either Major the Hon.Ormsby Gore, M.P.
or Lord Eustace Percy.

It was agreed that these members of the Executive should be furnished with the resolutions of the Milan Conference in reference to education.

309. LIVERPOOL AND MANCHESTER DISTRICTS.

The General Secretary proposed that in future the Union's Regional Organisers should represent the Union in areas organised as Districts in precisely the same way as in areas not so organised. The only completely formed District was Liverpool and the formation of a District in Manchester was approaching completion. He had been in touch with the Liverpool Secretary and also with Manchester, and now reported that Liverpool had

agreed to being included in the Lancashire region. Sir Arthur Haworth on behalf of Manchester stated that Headquarters need not anticipate any difficulty as regards Manchester also agreeing to the General Secretary's suggestion.

Resolved:- "To agree to the General Secretary's proposal."

310. BRANCHES - FORMAL RECOGNITION.

The Committee formally recognised the following Branches and authorised the issue of Certificates of Constitution:-

Aldbourne.	Mill Street Cong.Ch.Newport.
Ancient Chapel - Liverpool.	Mytholmroyd.
City of London School.	North Leeds (Trinity).
Conisbrough.	Northwich.
Fellowship Branch.	Pembroke Dock.
Great Missenden.	Maria Grey Training College.
Heanor and District.	Purley.
Heywood.	Ripley.
Keynsham.	Ruislip.
Lewisham Cong.Church.	Saundersfoot.
Melksham.	Wanstead.

311. POLAND-LITHUANIA - MEMORANDUM.

The Committee discussed a memorandum relating to the suggested plebiscite which the Council of the League proposed between Poland and Lithuania.

312. Lord Robert Cecil stated that he would speak to the members of the British Delegation at Geneva in regard to the following proposal made in the memorandum:-

"The area of the plebiscite should be defined as covering the mixed districts of Vilna and Grodno which were ceded to Lithuania by the Soviet Government by the Treaty of July 1920. It should not include districts in which the White Russian population forms a majority."

The Committee resolved as follows in regard to Point 2:-

"That an essential preliminary of the plebiscite is the withdrawal of Zeligowski and his troops to west of the Curzon line, and the release of all persons imprisoned or interned and the return home of all persons deported by him, or who fled in terror of his approach."

It was also

Resolved:- "That the foregoing resolution be published and sent to members of the British Delegation to the Assembly, to the Prime Minister, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the

Secretary-General to the League of Nations,
to Branches of the Union and also to be
published in "Headway".

312. LORD ROBERT CECIL - ASSEMBLY.

Professor Gilbert Murray proposed the following
resolution which was carried with acclamation:-

"That the Executive Committee expresses
its profound satisfaction at the appoint-
ment of its Chairman, Lord Robert Cecil, as
a representative of South Africa on
the Assembly of the League, and its desire
in every way to help him and strengthen
his hands in working for the principles
for which the Union stands."

Gilbert Murray

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION.

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HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9th 1920 AT 11.15 a.m.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray. (Chairman).
Lord Queenborough.
The Viscountess Gladstone.
Lt.Gen. Sir Hubert de la Poer Gough, G.C.M.G.
A.Gordon Harvey, Esq.
F.N.Keen, Esq.,
The Rt.Hon.Sir W.H.Dickinson, K.B.E.
Percy Bigland, Esq.
Mrs. Claremont.
Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P.
Mrs. Walter Runciman.
Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, K.B.E., M.P.
Aneurin Williams, Esq.
Raymond Unwin, Esq.,
The General Secretary.
In attendance: Mr. Freshwater.
Miss Mitchell.

M I N U T E S313. MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee held on November 4th 1920 were approved as circulated.

314. ARISING OUT OF THESE MINUTES.

The General Secretary reported as follows:-

- (298) Miss Alexander had been unable to accept the appointment here. It was necessary to appoint someone in her place.
- (301) The Staff Appointments Committee had appointed Miss Isabel Basnett as Assistant Private Secretary to the General Secretary; and it had advertised for a Regional representative, also a Lobby representative for the Union.
- (303) The Finance Committee had recommended that the lease of No.15 Grosvenor Crescent be not purchased.
- (304) The proposed Canteen had been established. It was working satisfactorily and at a profit. The expenditure had been more than the £275 authorised, but less than £300.
- (308) The Headmasters' Conference Committee had met the representatives of the Executive Committee on December 2nd. The proceedings were as follows:-

Professor Gilbert Murray, the Hon.Ormsby Gore, Mrs. Claremont, Capt.Reginald Berkeley and Mr.Sherman attended the Committee of the Headmasters' Conference on Thursday, the 2nd inst. Dr.David presided.

Professor Murray first of all read to the Committee the Educational resolutions passed at Milan and then enumerated the different suggestions contained in the Union's letter of 14th September to the Headmasters' Conference. The Hon.Ormsby Gore referred to the decision of the previous meeting of representatives of this Union with representatives of the Cavendish Association "that the two Organisations should work harmoniously with each other not separately though in those cases where the Cavendish correspondents at the schools were willing to undertake work for the League of Nations Union, the two organisations would be grateful for them for doing it."

Capt.Berkeley suggested that the present time was a very opportune one for drawing the attention of the Public Schools to the work of the League of Nations since they could read the accounts of the Assembly at Geneva in the newspapers daily. Mr.Sherman stated that lectures on the League of Nations had already been given at several public schools at Rugby, Cheltenham, Marlborough, Westminster, Gresham School, Berkhamstead. These lectures had all proved extremely successful and arrangements were now being made for lectures to be given at Harrow and Wellington. The League of Nations Union would be glad to help in obtaining suitable lecturers and supply literature. He also drew attention to the special literature for Study Circles which the Union has prepared. Dr.David stated that they would encourage lectures at the public schools and emphasised the importance of sending efficient and suitable speakers. The most important suggestion he thought was that of providing suitable Text Books on History. It was stated that the Union had this matter in hand. Mr.Sherman stated that if the Headmasters' Conference were to make some announcement on the subject of history teaching in the schools it would be an incentive to publishers to produce historical text books written more in the spirit of the League of Nations.

Dr.David welcomed the scheme of having a correspondent in each school; he stated that he was awaiting the final decision of the Cavendish Association.

A full account of this meeting would be inserted in the public School Bulletin.

315. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement for the preceding fortnight was submitted and approved. In conjunction with previous statements it showed a decreasing net expenditure.

316. NEW RULES 2 and 10.

The report of the Finance Committee, including the proposed amendments to rules 2 and 10, was submitted and approved. It was agreed that the proposed new forms of rules 2 and 10 should be submitted for approval to the Council in January.

317. COMMUNICATION FROM MR.RAYMOND UNWIN.

The General Secretary read a letter from Mr.Raymond Unwin proposing -

- (a) That a dinner be arranged to welcome Lord Robert Cecil back from the League Assembly.

In this connection the Committee considered proposals -

- (b) That subject to the approval of Lord Robert Cecil, and to the willingness of the proposed speakers to take part, a meeting be held in the large Queens Hall to enable members of the British Delegation to the Assembly, and Lord Robert Cecil - to tell London what they thought of Geneva; and
- (c) That, on the invitation of the Fellowship (Miss Maude Royden's) Branch of the Union, the London Regional Council should arrange a reception to Lord Robert Cecil in the Central Hall, Westminster, where members of the London Branches would welcome him upon his return from the Assembly in Geneva.

The Committee decided on proposals (b) and (c), and asked the General Secretary to enquire from Lord Robert Cecil whether he approved of the Queens Hall meeting and if he would find out from Mr. Balfour, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Barnes whether they would be willing also to address it.

318. COUNCIL CONSTITUTION.

The Committee considered the report on the Constitution of the Council and decided -

- (a) To propose to the Meeting of the Council in January to co-opt under the present Rule 18 (3) not more than 40 per cent of the elected representatives for the period from January until the end of the National Council's year on 30th April, this 40 per cent (numbering about 160 persons) to include the members of the Executive and Finance Committees not already members of the Council in some other capacity, together with not more than 100 out of the 240 persons who were members of the Council prior to the General Meeting in July last, these 100 (or less) names to be selected, on behalf of the Executive Committee, by Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Major David Davies and the Viscountess Gladstone.
- (b) To refer to the Management Committee -
- (i) The proposal that the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council following immediately on the Ordinary Meeting be held in January and that at this Extraordinary Meeting the amendment of certain rules (including Nos. 2, 3, 9, 10, and 18) be considered.

- (ii) The proposed amended forms of rules 3, 9, and 18.

319. BRITISH WEST AFRICAN DELEGATION.

The General Secretary reported that two members of the

British West African Delegation had enquired of him whether representatives of the League of Nations Union would accompany the British West African Delegation on their proposed visit to Lord Milner. The Committee decided to ask Major the Hon. Ormsby Gore and Mr. J.H. Harris, and failing them, or either of them, Professor Gilbert Murray, to accompany the British West African Delegation to Lord Milner.

~~The Chairman added that the British West African Delegation had held out hopes of considerable financial support to the League of Nations Union.~~

~~The London Committee had pledged itself by resolution to recommend to the various Committees of the National Congress of British West Africa the raising of a substantial contribution to the funds of the League of Nations Union.~~

320. MR. LEYLAND BUXTON'S CIRCULAR TO BRANCHES.

The General Secretary reported that Mr. Buxton had sent a circular letter to Branches of the League of Nations Union inviting them to pass resolutions concerning the Treaty of Peace with Turkey. The Committee resolved to take no action in this case, but to refer to the Council at its January meeting the general question how to treat such unauthorised appeals to the Branches.

321. LEAGUE OF NATIONS SONG.

The General Secretary read a communication from Mr. Stephenson concerning this song, which Dr. Lyons had put to music, and the dedication of which had been by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. The Committee decided that it could not act as publicity agents for this song.

322. STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The General Secretary reported that the Staff desired to give a Christmas Party at 15, Grosvenor Crescent, on Saturday, January 15th 1921. The Committee -

Resolved:- "To allow the staff the use of 15, Grosvenor Crescent for this purpose."

323. MANCHESTER APPEAL.

The General Secretary reported upon his visit to Manchester and upon the Free Trade Hall meeting at which the Appeal to East Lancashire had been launched.

324. PROPOSED WESTMINSTER BRANCH.

The General Secretary reported that he had had a conversation with Miss Long, Secretary of the Westminster Guild of Social Service. Miss Long had stated that her Society might be willing, if requested by the Executive Committee of the Union, to organise a public meeting in Westminster for the purpose of inaugurating a Westminster Branch of the Union. The General Secretary pointed out the desirability of establishing a Westminster Branch in which could be included many of the present Headquarters members and members of Committees, including the Parliamentary Committee.

The Committee decided to invite the co-operation of the Westminster Guild of Social Service in arranging this inaugural meeting.

325. OVERDUE ANNUAL LEAVE.

The General Secretary reported that several members of the staff had not taken their annual leave, or part of it, owing to the pressure of work in the office during the summer months. The Committee decided that the members of the staff could carry forward their annual leave to 1921 and subject to the exigencies of the Union's service, take it then.

326. BRANCHES - FORMAL RECOGNITION.

The Committee ^{formally} recognised the following Branches and authorised the issue of certificates of Constitution:-

Abingdon.	Jewry St. Cong. Ch. Winchester.
Acton.	Keighley.
Ashton-under-Lyne.	Maidstone.
Bootle.	Norwich.
Brierley Hill.	Oxted and Limpsfield.
Camberley.	Pembury Grove W.M. Church.
Chippenham.	Princes St. Ch. Devonport.
Cinderford.	Quorn.
Derby Street Cong.	Ramsgate.
Church, Bolton.	Selhurst Cong. Church.
Evesham.	Stockport.
Fulham Borough.	Stoke-on-Trent.
Grassmoor, N.E. Chesterfield.	Streatham.
Greenfield Cong. Ch. Bradford.	Sydenham.
Hales Owen.	Taunton.

Harley St. Cong. Ch. Bow.
Harrow and District.
Hemel Hempstead.
Hindley, Platt Bridge,
and Hindley Green.
Hounslow and District.

Tadmorden Unitarian Ch.
Tonge Moor Cong. Ch.
Bolton.
Tongwynlais.
Weston-super-Mare.

327. REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES' ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS.

The General Secretary was asked to inform Alderman Thomas, the Union's representative for S. Wales region, that he might not attend the Council meeting as a member delegate from a Branch, but could attend as an officer of the Union.

328. LORD QUEENBOROUGH'S PICTURES.

The General Secretary reported that Lord Queenborough had lent a number of valuable pictures to the Union.

The Committee asked the Secretary to express their thanks to Lord Queenborough.

329. LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION POSTERS.

The General Secretary reported upon the success that had attended the display of their poster at St. Martins-in-the-Field Trafalgar Square, and asked for authority to spend not more than £200 for the re-production of other posters of a similar design. The authority was given subject to the approval of the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

330. THE BRITISH EXPENDITURE ON ARMAMENTS.

It was suggested that whenever proposed new Government expenditure on armaments was made public, the League of Nations public Union should take notice of the fact and point out that increasing expenditure, and even the maintenance of the present expenditure on armaments, would be unnecessary if the peoples and Governments of the several countries would give more enthusiastic support to the League of Nations. It was further suggested that questions on these lines be asked in the House of Commons.

The Committee decided to refer these suggestions to the Parliamentary Committee.

Robert [unclear]

:- LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13TH 1921 AT 11.15 a.m.

PRESENT:- The Rt. Hon. Lord Robert Cecil, K.C., M.P. (Chairman)
 Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, D.Sc., Ph. D.,
 The Rt. Hon. Sir W.H. Dickinson, K.B.E.
 Lord Queenborough.
 Lt. Gen. Sir Hubert de la Poer Gough, G.C.M.G.
 Aneurin Williams, Esq., M.P.
 Percy Bigland, Esq.,
 The Viscountess Gladstone.
 Charles Roberts, Esq.,
 F.N. Keen, Esq.
 J.H. Harris, Esq.,
 Mrs. A.W. Claremont.
 The General Secretary.

In attendance:- Mr. D.H. Mills.

MINUTES331. MINUTES.

The circulated minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held December 9th were amended in respect of minute 319 and then approved.

332. BRITISH WEST AFRICAN DELEGATION.

In respect of minute 319 it was agreed that the representative of the League of Nations Union on the delegation of British West Africa to the Colonial Office should attend to give expression to views on any matters within the sphere of the League of Nations which might arise.

333. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement for the period ending January 10th 1921 shewed a bank overdraft on that date amounting to £12,604. 1. 6d. together with estimated outstanding liabilities amounting to £1000.

The General Secretary intimated that Lord Cowdray had promised to extend for another year (until December 31st, 1921) the period of his guarantee of £20,000 to the bank.

334. ACTIVITIES.

1. Albert Hall Meeting. The General Secretary reported

upon the Albert Hall meeting, held on the previous day, when Mr. Fisher, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Clynes, Viscount Grey and Lord Robert Cecil spoke. The Committee expressed their gratitude and congratulations to Lord Robert Cecil for the speech which he delivered.

The General Secretary was authorised to purchase two copies of the official film of the Assembly meeting which he proposed to hire out to the Branches for exhibition at meetings, at a fee of £2.2.0. The cost of the two films would be £24.0.0.

The Committee considered that the figures shown on the film giving the approximate cost of the war, etc. could be improved upon, and it was decided that a sub-Committee be formed to consider this matter.

2. Birthday Celebrations. The General Secretary reported that 400 letters had been sent out asking the Branches to hold meetings on January 10th, the first birthday of the League. Returns had been received that 48 meetings would be held and 10 Committee meetings, and that practically all the Branches had notified Headquarters that the Churches in the respective neighbourhoods had been asked to refer to the League in the services on Sunday, the 9th January.

3. Glasgow Conference. It was reported that the League of Nations Union had a stall at the Student Christian Movement Conference held in Glasgow. Mr. Whelen and Mr. Sherman were present on behalf of Headquarters, when 85 applications for membership were received. Between 3000 and 4000 Students had attended and from the time of Lord Grey's inaugural address onwards the League of Nations had a prominent place in the deliberation of the Conference.

335. INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE.

The Secretary read a communication from M. Albert Thomas suggesting the appointment of a member of the Staff who might work for closer relationship existing between the International

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Labour Office and the League of Nations Union.

The Committee considered that there was need of an Advisory Committee on Labour questions and it was

Resolved:- "That the General Secretary bring forward a report at the next meeting of the Committee setting out how liaison could best be effected and suggestions for the appointment of an Advisory Committee."

336. BRADFORD BRANCH.

With regard to the resignation of some of the Officers of the Bradford Branch, the General Secretary stated that he had received the following resolution which had been submitted for the approval of the Executive Committee:-

"That all Resolutions passed at Meetings of the Committee or Council of the Bradford Branch shall be in the form of Recommendations to the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union in London. Such resolutions shall not be published in the local Press until an acknowledgement of approval has been received from Headquarters, and in case of any objection to publication on their part the Committee or Council shall be so informed."

This proposal had been submitted to the resignees.

The General Secretary read a letter of a confidential nature which he had sent to the Secretary of the Bradford Branch. The Committee approved of this letter and authorised the General Secretary to act in such a way in similar circumstances in future.

337. THE HON. R.H. BRAND - RESIGNATION.

The resignation of the Hon. R.H.Brand was postponed at the request of Lord Robert Cecil to the next meeting of the Committee.

338. ANGLO-FRENCH ALLIANCE - LORD DERBY'S SPEECH.

The Committee decided to take no action in regard to Lord Derby's address on the necessity for an alliance with France.

339. RESOLUTIONS - LORD CURZON'S LETTER.

The General Secretary read a letter received from Earl Curzon of Kedleston calling attention to the fact that the Foreign Minister was receiving from Branches of the Union

copies of resolutions, and suggesting that as these resolutions were identical in form they should be directed to the Council of the League of Nations.

The Committee considered that the Union should ordinarily communicate with the League of Nations through the British Foreign Office, seeing that it was the United Kingdom (represented by the Foreign Office) and not the Union or any member of it that was a member of the League of Nations. The Committee was therefore of opinion that the Union and its Branches had properly sent their resolutions to the Foreign Office in this particular case.

Lord Robert Cecil promised to draft a reply to Lord Curzon along these terms.

340. STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE.

The General Secretary reported that the Staff Appointments Committee had that morning considered applications for the post of representative for the Northern region, and recommended the appointment of Mr. P.G. Thompson, M.A., of Brasenose College, Oxford, at a salary of £400 per annum.

Resolved:- "To approve of the recommendation of the Staff Appointments Committee; and that Mr. Thompson be asked to commence duties at the earliest possible opportunity."

341. ADMINISTRATIVE.

(a) Subsistence allowance. The question of subsistence allowance for administrative Officers was referred to the Finance Committee.

(b) Period of notice. It was decided that the period of notice to administrative Officers (salary of £400 and over) be increased from one month to three months.

342. COUNCIL.- Co-optation.

The Committee agreed to the co-optation of six women to the Council on the recommendations of the Women's Committee if this number could be included in the 40 per cent to be co-opted as provided for in Rule 18.

343. ARMAMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE.

On the suggestion of Mr. Charles Roberts it was decided that an Armaments sub-Committee (of the Executive Committee) be set up to consider the technical question of the reduction of armaments and to get a practical scheme put forward.

It was agreed that names for this Committee be submitted to the next meeting of the Management Committee.

344. DERBYSHIRE COUNTY BRANCH.

A communication was read from Mr. A. Goodere, the Secretary of the Derby Branch and it was

Resolved:- "That the General Secretary should express to Lord Hartington the Committee's thanks for the work that he has done for the Union in Derbyshire."

345. HYMN OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

The General Secretary reported that Mr. G. H. Ward Humphrey had presented a Hymn and music of the League of Nations to the Union and it was agreed that this be referred to Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, and Mr. Aneurin Williams to consider and report.

346. ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

The following resolutions of the International Policy Committee was considered:-

- (a) "That the renewal of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance is unnecessary and inexpedient in view of the altered conditions created by the establishment of the League of Nations and the provisions of the Covenant."
- (b) The Secretary was instructed to prepare a memorandum if possible in time to accompany this resolution (to the Prime Minister, Branches etc.)

Resolved:- "That in the absence of the memorandum referred to, the Committee deferred taking action."

347. MANDATES COMMITTEE - RESOLUTION.

It was agreed that the following resolution of the Mandates Committee be sent to the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the Colonial Office, the British Delegates to the Assembly, and the Secretary-General to the League of

Nations.

The Executive of the League of Nations Union resolves:-

That the Council of the League be approached with a request that the "A" mandates be published forthwith for criticism pending the ratification of peace with Turkey, and that the "B" mandates be published immediately.

The League of Nations Union expresses its satisfaction that the draft mandate for Africa submitted by the Union has been examined by the Mandate sub-Committee of the Assembly and forwarded for the consideration of the Council.

The League of Nations Union desires to draw the special attention of the Council to the following articles of that draft mandate which they consider of great importance.

Slavery. The slave-trade in all its forms, and any system of forced labour that is analogous to slavery shall be completely suppressed in the territory; and that

Drink Traffic. The manufacture, import, export, or sale of potable liquids containing more than 12 per cent by weight (Mendelieff) of alcohol shall be forbidden in the territory; and that
It is further agreed between the contracting parties that the well-being and development of the people of the territory will be best guaranteed by the observance of the following principles, viz:-

Status of Inhabitants. The national status for all persons habitually resident in the territory and not having other recognised national status shall be that of citizens of the territory.

Citizens of the territory when outside the boundaries of the territory, shall enjoy the diplomatic and consular protections of the Mandatory.

No colour bar, etc. No disability shall be imposed on and no privilege shall be granted to any person in the territory by reason only of his religion, place of birth, descent, colour, or any of them.

Native Governments. Native Governments shall be maintained or established for the administration of tribal affairs subject to the advice and veto of the mandatory power.

Education and Training in local self-Government. There shall be a gradual but steadily progressive education and training of the inhabitants of the territory with a view to the development of such a system of self-government as may be appropriate for the territory and to the development of the territory for the benefit of its inhabitants.

Land Policy. Such a land policy shall be adopted as will afford to the inhabitants of the territory security of tenure and promote their economic independence and progress.

The Mandatory shall declare all lands not already

alienated by regular title whether occupied or unoccupied on the date of the coming into force of this Mandate to be native lands. All native lands, and all rights over same, shall be under the control and subject to the disposition of the Mandatory and shall be held and administered for the use and common benefit of the native of the territory, and no title to the occupation and use of any such lands shall be valid without the consent of the Mandatory.

The Mandatory, in the exercise of the powers conferred by this Mandate with respect to any lands shall have regard to the native laws and customs existing in the district in which such land is situated.

Revenue. All revenue raised in the territory shall be expended upon it.

Complaints. If a complaint is made by any person in the territory of the non-observance of the terms of the mandate, the complaint may be made to the League of Nations through the Mandatory, and the Council of the League may in its discretion either decide the matter, or refer it for determination to the Permanent Court of International Justice, or to the Assembly of the League.

348. AFRICAN MANDATE.

The African Mandate prepared by Dr. Leys was presented for which permission was asked to publish as a pamphlet, and at the request of Lord Robert Cecil, who expressed a desire to read the document first, it was agreed that this question be left over to the next meeting of the Management Committee.

349. NEW BRANCHES.

The following new Branches of the Union were formally recognised:-

Bacup.	Barry Rd. Wesleyan Church, E. Dulwich.
Broadstairs.	Bury Lincs.
Buckhurst Hill.	Cardiff - Roath Rd. Cong. Church.
Cardiff - Charles St. Cong. Church.	Dyserts, Flints.
Christchurch.	Exmouth.
Goole.	Fleetwood.
Hadleigh, Essex.	Harpfield.
Herne Hill.	Macclesfield.
Oaklands Cong. Ch. Shepherds Bush.	Oare.
Orrell & District.	Rawdon, Yeadon & Guiseley.
Rayleigh, Essex.	Rhostyllen & Bersham.
Rushden.	St. Helens - Ormskirk St. Cong. (Church.
Walworth Wesleyan Church.	Wembley.
Woking.	Wood Green Unity Church.
Wooddale & New Mill.	West Finchley.

350. COUNCIL - AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee considered amendments to Rules and resolutions which had been received for the Council meeting, and it was decided that the further amendments to Rules 3, 9 and 10/ referred ^{be} to the next meeting of the Finance Committee for advice.

351. VISCOUNTESS COWDRAY.

A communication from the Viscountess Cowdray requesting that Mrs. Councillor Alderton should attend the meeting of the Council in her stead on 26th January, was read, and it was agreed that Mrs. Councillor Alderton could deputise for Lady Cowdray, but would have no voting power.

352. INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR LABOUR LEGISLATION.

The General Secretary read a communication from the International Association for Labour Legislation and promised to report fuller in a week.

353. MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT.

The Membership statement presented shewed an increase for the week ending January 8th 1921 to be 2,131, with a total recorded membership on that date of 61,646.

354. MAJOR THE HON. ORMSBY GORE - CO-OPTION.

The General Secretary stated that Major Ormsby Gore was prepared to join the Executive Committee and it was decided to send him a formal invitation.

355. MANDATES - MR. ANEURIN WILLIAMS.

It was decided that a copy of the question of Mr. Aneurin Williams in the Houses of Parliament on the 14th December be passed for consideration to the Mandates Committee.

Gilbert Murray

--: LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd 1921 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (In the Chair).
Ernest Rhys, Esq.,
Lt. Gen. Sir Hubert de la Poer Gough, G.C.M.G.
F.N. Keen, Esq.,
Raymond Unwin, Esq.,
Lord Queenborough.
The Viscountess Gladstone.
Charles Roberts, Esq.,
The Rt. Hon. Sir W.H. Dickinson, K.B.E.,
J.H. Harris, Esq.,
The General Secretary.

In attendance:- Col. D. Borden-Turner.
Mr. D. H. Mills.

M I N U T E S356. MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held 13th January were approved as circulated.

357. INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE.

The General Secretary stated that he would be seeing Capt. Saunders of the International Labour Office at Geneva and he would discuss with him the question of closer relationship to the Labour Office and the League of Nations.

358. RESOLUTIONS - LORD CURZON'S LETTER.

The General Secretary read a further letter from Earl Curzon of Kedleston regarding resolutions passed by Branches of the League of Nations Union on the question of the Polish-Lithuanian dispute. The letter intimated that Lord Curzon was in full agreement with Lord Robert's statement as to the correctness of sending resolutions to the Foreign Office.

359. ADMINISTRATIVE - SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE.

The Committee considered and approved the Finance Committee's recommendations in regard to subsistence allowance as follows:-

(a) Absence over night when hospitality has been arranged.	<u>New Rate.</u> 15/-	<u>Old Rate.</u> £1.0.0
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	<u>New Rate</u>	<u>Old rate.</u>
(b) Absence over night when hospitality has not been arranged.	20/-	21.
(c) Day allowance when absent for 12 hours or over.	15/-	5/-
(d) When absent for more than 9 hours and less than 12 hours.	7/6	5/-
(e) For London officials whose duties necessitate their being away from home during the evening (dinner allowance).	2/6.	

260. ARMAMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE.

The General Secretary reported that in response to an invitation to join the proposed Disarmaments Committee, the following had accepted, namely:-

Leonard Bairstowe, Esq., F.R.S.
 Major David Davies, M.P.
 Lt. Gen. Sir Hubert de la Poer Gough, G.C.M.G.
 Archibald Hurd, Esq.,
 Wilson Harris, Esq.,
 Major Gen. Sir Frederick Maurice, G.C.M.G.
 Oswald Mosley, Esq., M.P.
 Charles Roberts, Esq.,

No reply had been received from Gen. the Hon. Sir Herbert Lawrence, K.C.B.; Lord Robert Cecil had now written to Major Gen. the Rt. Hon. J. E. B. Seely, C.B., C.M.G., inviting him to become the Chairman of this Committee.

The General Secretary stated that he had seen Rear Admiral Hopwood, C.B., the Secretary of the Navy League, and asked him if he would become a member of the Disarmaments Committee, and he stated that he would place the matter before his Committee and would notify the General Secretary in due time.

It was further agreed to ask Mr. Walter Leaf to join this Committee, or failing him, that Mr. Beaumont Pease or Mr. Vivian Smith be asked to accept. It was also decided to extend the invitation to Mr. Maynard Keynes and Mr. Harold Judd - Mr. Harris promised to convey the invitation to Mr. Judd.

261. HYMN OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Lady Gladstone stated that the sub-Committee appointed to consider the question of the Hymn of the League of Nations had

not yet met but she hoped to be able to report in time for the next meeting of the Committee.

362. MANDATES COMMITTEE - RESOLUTION.

The General Secretary reported that in an acknowledgment from the Director of the Mandates Section of the League of Nations it was stated that copies of the Mandates Resolution would be distributed to members of the Council prior to the next meeting of the Council.

363. AFRICAN MANDATE.

The General Secretary reported that the African Mandate prepared by Dr. Leys had been considered by Lord Robert Cecil and it had now been decided to publish it in the form of a Study Circle pamphlet.

364. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement presented showed a bank overdraft on January 31st amounting to £14,662.16.3 with estimated outstanding liabilities on that date amounting to £1,700.

It was suggested that Forms of Bequest should be drafted which might be placed in "Headway" and Appeals literature.

365. COUNCIL MEETING.

The General Secretary gave a brief report on the work of the Council meeting held on January 26th and the Council's decisions in regard to amendments to the Rules which now meant that every member was an asset to Headquarters and did not constitute a loss. The Council, however, postponed consideration of the proposed amendment to Rule 18. It was agreed that a sub-Committee be formed in order to consider the question of amendment to this rule, and be constituted as follows:-

The Rt. Hon. Sir W.H. Dickinson, K.B.E.
Major David Davies, M.P.
The Viscountess Gladstone.
Mr. F.N. Keen.

366. ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

The Committee considered the following resolution of the International Policy Committee -

"That the renewal of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance is unnecessary and inexpedient in view of the altered conditions created by the establishment of the League of Nations and the provisions of the Covenant."

The members of the Committee stated that they would like to have Lord Robert Cecil's observations on the memorandum which had been circulated, and it was agreed that the question be adjourned until the next meeting and that in the meantime the International Policy Committee be asked to consider the question of the general principles which make Treaties admissible or inadmissible.

367. AMERICA AND THE LEAGUE.

The General Secretary read a letter from Mr. R. H. Dana in which it was stated that all the Societies in America on behalf of the League of Nations had a meeting in the previous week and had appointed a Joint Board for uniting their efforts "when the appropriate hour arrives."

368. GERMAN REPARATIONS - PARIS DECISIONS.

The Committee considered at length the decisions of the Paris Conference in regard to German Reparations and more especially in regard to the reported decision that Germany was not to be admitted as a Member of the League of Nations for some time.

It was agreed that -

- (a) A letter be written to the Foreign Office asking for an authentic report as to what was actually said in Paris about preventing Germany's admission to the League unless she undertook new obligations.
- (b) That Lord Robert Cecil be asked to draft a private letter to the Foreign Office requesting information with regard to the indemnities, the proposed export tax, etc. That this be considered at the next meeting of the Committee and that a memorandum on the whole subject be prepared in the meantime.
- (c) That when this information is to hand a special meeting of the Executive Committee be called in order to consider what attitude the Union should take up in regard to the whole question of the German indemnities.

369. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

The General Secretary reported on the Union's procedure in regard to Parliamentary By-elections and it was

Resolved:- "That the International Policy Committee should consider the question of procedure in the future in regard to elections.

370. BRANCHES - RECOGNITION OF

The following Branches were formally recognised by the Committee:-

Ashford, Middlesex.	
Bishopston & Horland - Bristol.	
Brightlingsea.	Newcastle-under-Lyme.
Bromley.	N. Finchley Congregational Ch.
Calstock.	North Lambeth,
Cambridge Town.	Nuneaton.
Chester.	Petersfield.
Clayton-le-Moors.	St. Mary's Gate Baptist Ch. Derby.
Coombe Martin.	Shern Hall, Walthamstow.
East Dereham.	Steyning.
Gresham School, Holt.	Tideswell. Buxton.
Helston, Cornwall.	Uxbridge.
Idle - Bradford.	Wesley Branch, Accrington.
Kettering.	Weybridge.
London University,	Willesden.
Louth.	S. Petherton.
Lincoln.	
Melbourne, Derby.	

371. FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES - REPORT ON COUNCIL MEETING.

The Committee considered the report of Major David Davies and Sir Willoughby Dickinson on the subject of the meeting of the General Council of the Federation of Societies in Paris held January 17th and 18th.

Certain questions were raised in regard to:-

- (a) the guarantee by each National Association to pay its quota for a period of three years.
- (b) the question of organisation and appointment of Officers.
- (c) Policy.

and it was agreed that these should be referred for consideration and report in the case of -

- (a) to the Finance Committee.
- (b) to the Overseas Committee.
- (c) to the International Policy Committee.

Robert Cecil

:- LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10th 1921 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman).
 Major the Hon.Ormsby Gore, M.P.
 Charles Roberts, Esq.,
 J.H.Harris, Esq.
 The Rt.Hon.Sir W.H.Dickinson, K.B.E.
 E.B.Bull, Esq.
 Mrs. Walter Runciman.
 The Viscountess Gladstone.
 Professor Gilbert Murray.
 F.N.Keen, Esq.
 A.W.Claremont, Esq.
 Mrs. A.W.Claremont.
 Percy Bigland, Esq.
 The General Secretary.
In attendance: Mr. D.H.Mills.

MINUTES

372. MINUTES.

Subject to the rescinding of minute 369, the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held February 3rd 1921 were approved as circulated.

373. PARLIAMENTARY BY-ELECTION.

It was decided that the question of Parliamentary Election procedure be referred to a small sub-Committee rather than to the International Policy Committee as decided at the last meeting of the Committee. It was also decided that the following be asked to serve on this sub-Committee and that they be requested to report at the earliest possible opportunity:-

The Rt.Hon.J.R.Clynes, M.P.
 Major the Hon.W.Ormsby Gore, M.P.
 Oswald Mosley, Esq., M.P.
 Charles Roberts, Esq.

374. INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE.

The General Secretary reported that he had seen Captain Sanders of the International Labour Office at Geneva, and had agreed that in accordance with a suggestion made in M.Albert Thomas' letter of 22nd December, the Union would be glad to

receive from the International Labour Office any special information which would not only be useful for purposes of the Union, but also for general publicity. Captain Berkeley would be especially concerned with the liaison between the I.I.O and the I.N.U.

375. DISARMAMENTS COMMITTEE.

It was reported that Major Gen. the Rt.Hon.J.E.B.Seely, C.B.,C.M.G.,M.P., had accepted the invitation of the Executive Committee to become Chairman of the Disarmaments Committee. General Seely had been asked to state the date upon which the first meeting of this Committee should be held.

It was also reported that Mr.Harold Judd had agreed to join the Committee and that the General Secretary was seeing Mr. Walter Leaf in regard to the Committee's invitation that afternoon.

376. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement presented shewed a bank overdraft on February 7th 1921 amounting to £15,366.8.9 with estimated outstanding liabilities on that date amounting to £1700.

377. GERMAN REPARATIONS - PARIS DECISIONS.

The Committee considered a letter drafted by the Chairman which it was suggested should be sent to the Foreign Office in regard to the Paris decisions concerning the German indemnity. The draft letter was, subject to certain verbal alterations and a suggestion that a paragraph should be inserted in regard to the 12 per cent ad valorem export duty, approved and it was agreed that this letter should be sent to the Foreign Secretary with an intimation that the letter, together with the Foreign Office reply should be published.

378. STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - REPORT.

The General Secretary reported that the Staff Appointments Committee had met that morning and had received the resignations of Miss Isabel Basnett as from Saturday, 12th February, and of Captain H.H.Duncan, who was appointed at the last meeting to the

position of Parliamentary representative. These resignations were accepted with regret.

The Committee recommended the appointment of Miss A.E. Murray and Mr. Andreas Michalopoulos at a salary of £250 per annum respectively to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Basnett and the existing vacancy in the Intelligence Section.

The Committee also approved of the following appointments:-

Major W.E.G. Murray	-	Regional representative	£400 p.a.
Capt. A.E.W. Thomas	-	"	"
Mr. J.C.M. Eppstein	-	"	"
Capt. Iothian Small	-	Parliamentary representative	"
Miss Margaret Harris	-	Shorthand Typist	£2.10.0 p.w

The General Secretary reported that one of the applicants for the post of Regional representative, Brig. Gen. C.F. Anley, C.B. C.M.G., had offered his services in an honorary capacity as Regional representative for the county of Sussex. The Committee requested the General Secretary to express their gratitude to General Anley for his kindness.

279. MANDATES COMMISSION - WOMENS REPRESENTATION.

The General Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon the Chairman of the Women's Committee, who suggested that, in view of the fact that at the Council meeting to be held on the 21st February it is intended to appoint a Commission on Mandates and the opinion of the Women's Committee that this Mandates Commission should include at least one woman, a deputation from the Women's Committee should go to the Prime Minister to impress upon him the strong feeling among women in this matter. It was also suggested that this deputation should be introduced by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Executive.

Resolved:- "That the question be referred to the Women's Committee."

280. NATIONAL CONGRESS OF BRITISH WEST AFRICA - COMMUNICATION.

The General Secretary read a letter from Dr. Bright, the Secretary of the London Committee of the National Congress

of British West Africa, stating that the Colonial Minister had now informed the Congress in reference to the Committee's request for an interview that he "does not think any useful purpose would be served by seeing us." The London Committee now asked the Executive Committee to use their influence to secure an interview for the British West African Congress, London Committee, with the Colonial Secretary, and for this purpose suggested that a deputation should meet the Executive Committee.

Resolved:- "That the General Secretary should communicate with the London Committee of the British West African Congress that the Executive Committee did not think that they could take any action in the matter as suggested in Dr. Bright's letter."

381. BRANCHES - RECOGNITION OF

The Committee formally recognised the following branches:-

Chichester.
Coads Green, North Hill & District - Taunton.
Harberth, Pemb.
Northwood, M'sex.
Tavistock.
Tynemouth.
Westbury, Wilts.
Westgate Baptist Church - Bradford.
West Hampstead.

382. ADMINISTRATION - PROPOSED RE-ARRANGEMENT.

The Committee approved of the proposed re-arrangement of staff and salaries in Establishment and Finance Sections as follows:-

Previous Staff and Salaries	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Miss H. Mitchell (Establishment) resigned	208.0.0	
Miss E. Oakey. (Finance).	208.0.0	
Miss M. B. Stephens "	169.0.0	
Miss J. Adson. "	186.0.0	741.0.0.

Proposed re-arrangement:-	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Miss E. Oakey. (Establishment & Finance)	250.0.0	
Miss Stephens. (Finance)	195.0.0	
Miss Adson. "	182.0.0	
Miss Bone. "	78.0.0	705.0.0
		saving of 236.0.0

The re-arrangement to take effect as from 1st February.

Robert Cecil

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--: LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON

THURSDAY, MARCH 3rd 1921 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT: - The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman).
 Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, D.Sc., Ph.D.,
 Charles Roberts, Esq.
 The Viscountess Gladstone.
 The Rt.Hon.Sir W.H.Dickinson, K.B.E.
 Raymond Unwin, Esq.,
 Professor Gilbert Murray.
 J.H.Harris, Esq.
 Mrs. A.W.Claremont.
 J.J.Mallon, Esq.
 Major the Hon.Ormsby Gore, M.P.
 The General Secretary.

In attendance: - Mr. D. H. Mills.

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383. MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee held February 10th 1921 were approved as circulated.

384. PARLIAMENTARY BY-ELECTION - LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION PROCEDURE.

It was reported that the sub-Committee which had been appointed to consider the question of Parliamentary election procedure had not yet met.

385. DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE.

The General Secretary reported that the Disarmament Committee had met on two occasions, and it was hoped that an interim report would be issued shortly.

386. MANDATES COMMISSION - WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION.

Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon stated that the decision of the last meeting of the Executive Committee in regard to sending a letter to the Foreign Office and to the Prime Minister urging that a woman should be included on the Mandates Commission, had been carried out. This letter had been published.

Major Ormsby Gore stated that the Permanent Mandates Commission had now been appointed and it included one woman,

It was

Resolved:- "That a communique be issued to the Press pointing out that the League of Nations Union had urged the appointment of a woman on this commission, and that this communique be first submitted to Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon before being sent to the press.

Lord Robert Cecil stated that he would ask a question in the House of Commons in order to ascertain when the personnel of the Mandates Commission would be published.

387. NATIONAL COUNCIL - MINUTES OF

The Committee considered the minutes of the seventh meeting of the National Council held on January 26th 1921. No comments were made and it was agreed that the minutes be brought up in the usual form for confirmation to the Council at its next meeting.

388. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement for the period ending February 28th 1921 shewed a bank overdraft on that date amounting to £14,089.16.3 with estimated outstanding liabilities amounting to £1200.

The General Secretary reported that the following donations had been received during the week ending 28th February:-

London Joint City and Midland Bank.	£500.0.0.
London County and Westminster Bank	500.0.0
Lloyds Bank, Ltd.	500.0.0
R. Fleming & Co.	500.0.0
National Liberal Club.	327.0.0
Samuel Montagu & Co.	250.0.0
Miss Milland	25.0.0
Mrs. L. Mond.	20.0.0

He requested that members of the Executive Committee should arrange with him to spend two hours per week in paying personal visits for the purpose of raising funds as this had proved to be the only effective way of getting any money. Lord Robert Cecil promised to give some time, and other members of the Committee were requested to notify the General Secretary if they were disposed to give time for this purpose.

389. GERMAN REPARATIONS.

The Committee considered the question of publishing the

letter to the Foreign Office. Lord Robert Cecil read the reply which had been received from Lord Curzon, and stated that after consultation with both Viscount Grey and Professor Gilbert Murray he had decided that these letters should not be published until the Committee had again been given an opportunity to discuss the situation.

He had, however, agreed to its being published in "Headway" but the situation was such that he did not think that that letter should now be published even in the official organ of the Union.

It was agreed that instead of publishing the letter in "Headway" a statement be made through that channel that the matter of reparations had been under consideration of the Executive Committee and that a letter had been addressed to the Foreign Office, but in view of the acute position which negotiations with the German delegation had reached, the Committee thought it undesirable to make any further published statement at the present time.

390. HUNGARIAN PEACE TREATY.

The Committee considered the following resolution of the International Policy Committee:-

"To institute appropriate action in Parliament with a view to getting immediate ratification."

Resolved:- "That this matter be referred to the Parliamentary Committee and that letters in the meantime be sent to Mr. Locker-Lampsen, Mr. Oswald Mosley, and Capt. Ormsby Gore requesting them to ask questions."

391. HEIIGOIAND - STATUS OF ISLANDERS.

The Committee agreed that the following resolution of the International Policy Committee be referred to the Parliamentary Committee for consideration:-

"To take steps by questions in the House and otherwise to find out what the status of these Islanders was, and if anything could be done to meet any grievances which exist."

392. M.MOTTA - COMMUNICATION.

Lord Robert Cecil read a letter he had received from

M.Motta in reply to one from Lord Robert Cecil in regard to the passage of the League's forces through Switzerland. It was

Resolved:- "That Lord Robert Cecil's and M.Motta's letters be published."

393. INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE - MATERNITY CONVENTION.

The Committee considered a memorandum on the question of the Maternity Convention which had been agreed to on November 29th 1919 by the International Labour Conference which met at Washington. According to Article 405 of the Versailles Treaty:-

"Each of the members undertakes that it will within the period of one year at most from the closing of the session of the Conference or if it is impossible owing to exceptional circumstances to do so within the period of one year, then at the earliest practicable moment, and in no case later than 18 months, from the closing of the session of the Conference, bring the recommendation or draft convention before the authority or authorities within whose competence the matter lies, for the enactment of legislation or other action."

The period of 12 months elapsed on January 28th and in reply to a Parliamentary question by Mr.G.N.Barnes on the 17th February, Dr.Addison replied in writing that -

"His Majesty's Government, after full consideration had decided not to ratify the Washington Maternity Convention."

The question was whether the Cabinet or the House of Commons was the 'competent authority'. The Committee were of opinion that if such a decision was final, the reason for such decision, whether due to expense, difficulty of administration, or greater urgency of other matters should be given.

- Resolved:-
1. "That the Women's Committee be asked to consider the matter and advise generally on the question.
 2. That the matter be also referred to the Parliamentary Committee for consideration."

Lord Robert Cecil promised to speak to Mr.Arthur Henderson on the subject.

394. BRANCHES - RECOGNITION OF

The following Branches were formally recognised by the Committee -

Armstrong College, Newcastle.	Peterborough.
Bakewell, Derbys.	Saffron Walden.
Bank St. Sunday School & Chapel, Bolton.	Saltburn.
Barrow-in-Furness.	St. Georges, Palmers Green
Barton-on-Humber.	Tamworth, Staffs.
Beeston, Notts.	Thundersley.
Bleadon, Nr. Weston-super-Mare.	Wells-on-Sea.
Camborne.	West Holloway.
Claygate.	Wilton Sq. Welsh Church.
Cragg Vale, Mythomroyd.	Woodford.
Dunmow.	Wood Green.
Fishguard & Goodwick.	Southport.
Gledholt Wesleyan Church, Huddersfield.	Lytham.
Highams Park.	Ebbw Vale Women Citizens Assoc.
Kingston-on-Thames.	East Finchley.
Low Fell, Gateshead.	Barnsley.
Old Hill, Staffs.	
Penarth.	

395. STOCKPORT BRANCH - RESOLUTION.

The Committee considered the following resolution of the Stockport Branch:-

"That this meeting of the Propaganda Committee send forward a resolution to the Executive Committee (local) to protest against the murder of men, women and children in Ireland."

The Hon. Secretary of the Stockport Branch had written to ask whether, in the opinion of Headquarters, the question of reprisals in Ireland should have been discussed and if such a proposition should be entered on the Minute book. It was

Resolved:- "To notify the Stockport Branch that the discussion of reprisals in Ireland was not within the province of/the League of Nations Union, and such resolution should not therefore be recorded upon the minutes of the Stockport Branch.

The General Secretary was asked to write to the Secretary of this branch in these terms.

396. BRITISH EMPIRE UNION.

The General Secretary reported that he understood it was true that a donation made to the British Empire Union were for the purpose of Income Tax deleted as a Trading expense.

Lord Robert Cecil promised to write a formal letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the subject to see if such advantages could not be obtained for the I.N.U.

Gilbert Murray.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON
THURSDAY, MARCH 10th 1921 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman)
Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, D.Sc., Ph.D.,
Major David Davies, M.P.
A. Gordon Harvey, Esq.
Charles Roberts, Esq.
The Rt.Hon.Sir W.H. Dickinson, K.B.E.
Professor Gilbert Murray.
Mrs. Walter Runciman.
The Viscountess Gladstone.
Major the Hon.Ormsby Gore, M.P.
The General Secretary.
In attendance:- Captain R. Berkeley.
Mr. D. H. Mills.

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397. CHAIRMAN.

Professor Gilbert Murray presided over the meeting in its early stages until the arrival of Lord Robert Cecil.

398. MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee held March 3rd 1921 were approved as circulated.

399. HUNGARIAN PEACE TREATY.

Arising from the minutes of the last meeting Major Ormsby Gore stated that he had not raised the subject of the ratification of the Hungarian Peace Treaty in the House of Commons by question as the whole matter had been discussed in the House of Lords on March 7th.

400. INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE - MATERNITY CONVENTION.

The Committee discussed the question of the Maternity Convention and it was agreed that this matter be again brought forward to the next meeting of the Committee.

401. BRITISH EMPIRE UNION.

The Chairman stated that he would write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer in regard to privileges being extended to the League of Nations Union in regard to Income Tax such as are already accorded to the British Empire Union.

He hoped to have a reply by the next meeting.

402. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement for the period ending March 8th 1921 shewed a bank overdraft on that date amounting to £12,392.4.7 with outstanding liabilities amounting to £1400.

There was also an outstanding promised donation of £1000.

The General Secretary again asked that members of the Executive Committee should arrange with him to spend two hours per week in paying personal visits with a view to raising money.

403. GERMAN REPARATIONS.

The Committee discussed the present situation resultant upon the break-down of negotiations with the Germans and the action undertaken by the Allies since.

The question of Germany's appeal to the League of Nations; the attitude of the League of Nations Union to this; the suggestion that as there was a difference of opinion in regard to the interpretation of the Treaty, a necessity arose for the setting up of a Supreme Court; were amongst the points discussed.

The discussion is outlined in the accompanying letter to Mr. Iowes Dickinson.

In order to provide a basis for discussion, Professor Gilbert Murray promised to draft a memorandum on the subject which would be circulated before the next meeting of the Committee. The need for the Union's policy being made known was considered, and it was agreed that the resolution adopted by the Committee after its next week's sitting should be circulated to speakers.

404. IRELAND AND THE LEAGUE - MAJOR DAVIES' LETTER.

It was agreed that the suggestion to print Major Davies' letter to the Westminster Gazette as a pamphlet be referred to the International Policy Committee.

405. PANAMA/COSTA RICA DISPUTE - CORRESPONDENCE WITH FOREIGN OFFICE.

The General Secretary reported that telegrams had been despatched to the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister urging that the British representatives to the Council of the League of Nations, then in session, should be instructed to raise the question of the boundary between Panama and Costa Rica.

Replies had been received from Earl Curzon of Kedleston and Mr. Balfour to the effect that both Governments concerned in the dispute had intimated their intention of bringing the matter before the Council. Since then the U.S. had undertaken to mediate between the two countries.

406. INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE SUMMER SCHOOL - GENEVA.

The Committee considered a proposal that a School be held in Geneva in early August for 7 or 14 days at which lectures on the International Labour Office could be given by the International Labour Secretariat.

The General Secretary asked the consent of the Committee to proceed with the scheme, and intimated that he thought all expenses would be covered by the fees of those attending the School.

Resolved:- "That permission be granted to proceed with the project of a Summer School in Geneva."

407. LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

The General Secretary read a letter from Mr. Edward Robinson, an ex-Lord Mayor of Bristol, who stated in the letter that local authorities, viz. the County Council and the City and Borough Councils be asked to pass resolutions favouring the League of Nations, and if possible on one day. It was remarked that certain Town Councils and Borough Councils had already passed similar resolutions and the General Secretary was asked to ascertain which Councils had already done this. Having done so he was requested to see the Chairman or Secretary of the County Council Association and the Municipal Council Association with a view to ascertaining whether the

passing of such resolutions could reasonably be expected from the various Councils.

It was suggested that the General Secretary should see Sir Francis Blake who would probably be able to help in regard to County Councils.

408. COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY OF THE LEAGUE - ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Committee discussed a suggestion that the Union should take action in advocating the democratic election of British representatives to the Assembly and Council of the League. and it was agreed that a leaflet should be drafted in the terms of the discussion, and Mr. Charles Roberts was asked to draft this leaflet.

409. SIR ARTHUR SHIRLEY BENN - COMMUNICATION.

The General Secretary read a letter from Sir Arthur Shirley Ben who regretted that he was unable to accept the vice-Chairmanship of the Parliamentary Committee.

The Chairman stated that ^{he} had seen Sir Samuel Hoare who was prepared to accept the Chairmanship of the Parliamentary Committee, and it was agreed that Mr. Percy Hurd be written to at once with a view to an early meeting of this Committee being called.

410. EDITORIAL COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION.

The General Secretary reported that the Editorial Committee did not recommend -

(a) that the Union should invest a £1000 in "Outward Bound."

(b) the publishing as a pamphlet an article in "Outward Bound" entitled "The White Domination of the World."

The Committee agreed with the views of the Editorial Committee.

The Committee considered the recommendations of the Editorial Committee that all literature published by the Union should be submitted before publication to the Editorial Committee - expert advice on this subject being one of the

functions of this Committee. The General Secretary pointed out that this was not always practicable, and it was agreed that a resolution in the following terms be suggested to the Editorial Committee -

"That all literature published by the Union should whenever possible be submitted before publication to the Editorial Committee."

In all cases the Editorial Committee should be informed immediately of anything that has been done.

411. PILGRIMAGE.

The General Secretary reported upon the latest arrangements for the organisation of the Pilgrimage and stated that enthusiasm was being shewn by various Women's and other Organisations.

Robert Cecil

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON
THURSDAY, MARCH 17th 1921 at 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman).
Raymond Unwin, Esq.
Ernest Rhys, Esq.
The Viscountess Gladstone.
The Rt.Hon.Sir W.H.Dickinson, K.B.E.
F.N.Keen, Esq.
Professor Gilbert Murray.
J.H.Harris, Esq.
Mrs. A.W.Claremont.
Major the Hon.W.Ormsby Gore, M.P.
The General Secretary.

In attendance: Captain R.Berkeley.
Colonel Borden-Turner.
Miss A.E.Murray.
Mr.D.H.Mills.

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412. MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee held March 10th 1921 were approved as circulated.

413. LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

The General Secretary reported that most of the papers connected with the Appeal Campaign organised by Mr.R.H.Rees had been destroyed on the instruction of one of the officers in the late administration. Amongst the papers so destroyed were any resolutions passed by local authorities. The General Secretary stated that he would now act upon the last minutes of the Executive Committee and endeavour to see Sir Francis Blake.

414. SIR ARTHUR SHIRLEY BENN - COMMUNICATION.

The General Secretary reported that he had not see Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, but would do so at the earliest opportunity.

415. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement for the period ending March 15th 1921 shewed a bank overdraft on that date amounting to £12,433. 1.2 with outstanding liabilities amounting to £1,600. There was also an outstanding promised donation of £1,000.

416. GERMAN REPARATIONS.

The Committee discussed (a) the resolutions on the order paper in the name of Mr. Charles Roberts (b) the resolution and memorandum in the name of Professor Gilbert Murray together with a memorandum by Lord Robert Cecil. These were all on the subject of the German Reparations. On the suggestion of Professor Gilbert Murray it was agreed that Lord Robert Cecil's memorandum should first be considered. After making verbal alterations, the Committee

Resolved:-

"That this memorandum as amended be approved and adopted; and copies be sent to:-

1. The Prime Minister.
2. Mr. Balfour.
3. Earl Curzon of Kedleston.
4. Secretary General to the I. of N.
5. To the Branches.
6. To speakers.
7. To members of the Parliamentary Committee.
- and 8. To be published in the Press.

417. WASHINGTON MATERNITY CONVENTION.

The Committee considered a memorandum on the subject of the Washington Maternity Convention and also a memorandum on the subject by Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon.

The Committee doubted whether the Government were bound to submit draft Labour Conventions - which they had decided ^{not} to ratify - to the House of Commons, and it was

Resolved:-

"That the matter be again raised on the return of Mr. G. N. Barnes from South Africa, with a view to getting the Government to place the Convention before the House of Commons, but that in the meantime the question be referred to the Parliamentary Committee and that Lady Gladstone be asked to attend the meeting at which the Maternity Convention would be discussed.

418. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was decided that a special meeting of the Executive be called for Tuesday, March 22nd 1921 at 11.30 a.m. to consider reports of Committees on -

- (a) Amendments to the Covenant.
 (b) Limitation of Armaments.

419. AMENDMENTS TO COVENANT.

Resolved:-

"That such amendments to the Covenant as might be agreed to at the special meeting on March 22nd should be immediately sent to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations and to Mr. Balfour."

420. MAJOR DAVID DAVIES - COMMUNICATION.

The General Secretary read a letter which he had received from Major David Davies calling attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the Parliamentary work of the League of Nations Union. The Committee agreed with the sentiments expressed in Major Davies' letter and expressed the hope that as Captain Iothian Small, Parliamentary representative, had taken up his duties things would improve. It had been arranged that Captain Small should see the Parliamentary papers, as they came to hand daily.

Major Davies called attention to the Turkish policy of the Government and also to the resolutions of the General Council of the Union at the beginning of 1920. It was

Resolved:-

"That the Council resolutions referred to relating to Constantinople and the Straits be forwarded to the Parliamentary Committee and their opinion obtained on the questions as to whether any action should be taken in view of the recent reconsideration of the Treaty of Sevres. The hope was expressed that particulars of the decisions concerning the Sevres Treaty should be furnished to the Parliamentary Committee along with copies of the resolutions of the Council of the Union."

421. CORPORATE MEMBER - LYNDHURST ROAD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The General Secretary stated that an application for recognition as a corporate member had been received from the Lyndhurst Road, Hampstead Congregational Church.

Resolved:-

"That subject to the approval of the Council to the new Rule relating to Corporate members, Lyndhurst Road Church be accepted."

422. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The General Secretary summarised on the minutes of the last meetings of the -

- (a) Overseas Committee.
 (b) Education Committee.
 (c) Women's Committee.

In this connection the General Secretary stated that Lady Denman and Mrs. Strachey had been elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively in the place of Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon and Mrs. Walter Runciman.

Resolved:- "That the best thanks of the Committee be accorded to Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon and Mrs. Runciman for the work on this Committee and on the Management and Executive Committees, and that each be asked to become members of the Executive Committee."

The General Secretary reported briefly on the work of the Churches which had met the day previous and stated that the Rev. H. R. I. Sheppard had been elected Chairman.

Resolved:-

- (a) "That the appointment of the Rev. H. R. I. Sheppard as Chairman of the Religious Organisations Committee be approved and confirmed, and that he be asked to accept a seat upon the Management and Executive Committees of the Union.
- (b) "To approve and adopt the recommendations of the Religious Organisations Committee on which only Christian Societies should at present be represented, and that the consideration of the question of forming a second Committee that shall also include representatives of religious and ethical societies that were represented upon the League of Religions, be deferred."

423. RESOLUTIONS.

The General Secretary reported the receipt of resolutions from the Worthing Branch and also from the East Ham Wesley Guild. The resolution of the Bournemouth United Temperance Council, as follows, was referred to the Mandates Committee.

"The members of the Bournemouth United Temperance Council having regard to the dire effects on Native Races of the consumption of strong liquors, call upon the Council of the League of Nations when settling the terms of the Mandates to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquor in all the territories held under the system of Mandates."

424. BRITISH WEST AFRICAN CONGRESS.

The General Secretary reported that copies of letters

between Mr. Hutton Mills (a member of the West African Congress) and the Governor General of the Gold Coast in regard to statement made by Mr. Hutton Mills to members of the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union on October 8th had been received.

The General Secretary asked that the attention of the Executive Committee be drawn to mis-statements being made by Mr. Hutton Mills on that occasion.

Resolved:-

"That copies of the letters be circulated to the Executive Committee."

425. COUNCIL MEETING.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council be held on Thursday, May 26th 1921 at 2.30 p.m.

426. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS.

The General Secretary reported the receipt of a communication from Major David Davies pointing out that although most Committees had arranged regular times and days for their meetings, changes in their time and dates were by no means infrequent.

Robert Cecil

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--: LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON TUESDAY,
22nd MARCH 1921, AT 11.30 a. m.

PRESENT:- The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman).
Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P.
Percy Bigland, Esq.
Major David Davies, M.P.
Charles Roberts, Esq.
The Rt.Hon.Sir W.H.Dickinson, K.B.E.
Professor Gilbert Murray.
Mrs. Oliver Strachey.
Lady Denman.
The Viscountess Gladstone.
The General Secretary.

In attendance:- Col.D.Borden-Turner.
Captain R.Berkeley.
Mr. Lothian Small.
Miss A.E.Murray.
Mr.D.H.Mills.

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427. AMENDMENTS TO THE COVENANT.

The Committee considered the proposed draft amendments to the Covenant as suggested by the special Committee, consisting of Lord Bryce, Lord Phillimore, Mr.Lionel Curtis and Mrs.Oliver Strachey.

Resolved:- "That the draft be approved as amended (annex A) and that it be sent to Mr.Balfour and to the Secretary General to the League of Nations."

428. LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS - INTERIM REPORT.

The Committee considered an interim report of the Committee on the limitation of armaments, and

Resolved:- "To adopt the memorandum as amended (annex B) and decided that this memorandum be sent to the British Government, and to the League of Nations."

429. STAFF.

The Chairman remarked that he had, on the previous evening, found several members of the staff working at the

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Office after 7 o'clock. He thought that this ought not to be the case, and suggested that a sub-Committee be appointed to go into the question and report.

Resolved:-

"That Mrs. Oliver Strachey and Mr. Charles Roberts be asked to serve on this sub-Committee and report."

Robert Cecil

"Annex A".

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE COVENANT.

DRAFT AMENDMENTS.

ARTICLE IV.

Omit paragraph 1. Insert: "The Council shall consist
"of Representatives of the United States of America,
"the British Empire, France, Italy and Japan, together
"with Representatives of four other Members of the
"League. These four members of the League shall be
"elected by the Assembly at its Annual Meetings, by a
"majority of the Members of the League represented at
"the meeting, and for a period of four years dating
"from the 1st of January of the following year. A
"Member who has been appointed for one period may not
"be appointed for the following period. On the occasion
"of the first appointment, the four Members shall be
"appointed respectively for periods of two, three, four
"and five years."

ARTICLE V.

After second paragraph - "In case of doubt whether
"or not a matter, is a matter of procedure it shall
"be decided by the President of the Assembly or of the
"Council as the case may be."

ARTICLE VI.

Omit last paragraph. Insert: "The expenses of the
"Secretariat shall be distributed among the members
"of the League in such a manner as may be from time to
"time apportioned by the Assembly, or, if the Assembly
"fails to agree, by the Permanent Court of International
"Justice.

ARTICLE XII.

After the word "either" add these words "to the
Permanent Court of International Justice or". After the
word "after" insert "the judgment of the Court or". After

the word "article" insert "the judgment of the Court or".

ARTICLE XIII.

In the first paragraph, after the word "submission" insert the words "to the Permanent Court of International Justice or". After the words "subject matter", insert the words "either to the Court or".

Omit the word "generally." After the first word "Court" omit the words "of Arbitration". After the words "shall be the", add "Permanent Court of International Justice or the".

ARTICLE XIV.-

Re-draft this Article as follows:-

"In addition to the powers conferred on it by the Statute and by any Treaty, the Permanent Court of International Justice shall be competent to hear and determine any dispute of an international character which the parties thereto submit to it. The Court may also give an Advisory opinion in any dispute or question referred to it by the Council or the Assembly."

ARTICLE XV.

After the words "submitted to" add "the Court or".

ARTICLE XVIII.

Add at the end "but when so registered it shall take effect as from the date of its ratification."

ARTICLE XXVI.

Last paragraph. Omit all words after "therefrom". Add these words "but this dissent must be accompanied by a notice of its intention to withdraw from the League at the end of two years and before withdrawal the dissenting Member must comply with the provisions of Article 1."

ANNEX "B"Draft approved by the Committee

29th March, 1921.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION
COMMITTEE ON LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS

The Committee presents the following report :-

1. The Committee is of opinion that the spirit of Article VIII of the Covenant is that reduction of armaments should take place by mutual agreement between the members of the League and that, therefore, it is of the first importance to facilitate the conclusion of such agreement. In the opinion of the Committee the basis of the Agreement for the reduction of armaments by land can best be approached by separately considering the need for armaments under the following headings :-

- (H) preserving order at home.
- (C) preserving order in colonies and overseas dependencies and protecting the territories from invasion by uncivilised neighbours (But not from aggression by hostile civilised States); and
- (F) protecting the country and its overseas dependencies from external aggression by foreign States including international police duty (the enforcement by common action of international obligations in accordance with Article VIII of the Covenant).

2. The Committee is of opinion that no analysis of army estimates would enable them to decide what armaments would be by any particular State required under each of these three heads. But the Committee point out, that under Article VIII of the Covenant, the States Members of the League undertake to interchange full and frank information as to the scale of their armaments. In the enquiry which the Assembly of the League at Geneva agreed to make from the members of the League, attention should be drawn to the classification each Member being asked whether it is prepared to state, what armaments it required under any or each of these heads - (H) (C) and (F).

3. The Committee further suggests that the attention of the States to whom the questionnaire is addressed, should be called to the fact that the Versailles Peace Treaty has determined in detail what armaments Germany required under the first head, namely, for preserving order at home. It will be noted that article 160 of the Treaty expressly states that this "army shall be devoted exclusively to the maintenance of order within the territory and to the control of the Frontiers". The detail of "The effectives and cadres of the German army" is set out in part V of the Treaty ("Military, Naval and Air Clauses"). The exact establishment of an Infantry and Cavalry division for Germany is specified, together with armament establishment and maximum stocks authorised. This limitation is specifically imposed on Germany "in order to render possible the initiation of a general limitation of the armaments of all Nations" (preamble to part V of the Treaty).

4. European States in general will not regard their populations as more lawless than the German Nation after its defeat and will hardly claim for themselves, on the ground of geographical circumstances or otherwise, a larger army in proportion to population for the purpose of preserving order at home. The practicability of the distinction between forces for home defence and for all other purposes is demonstra

ted by the fact that such a distinction has been drawn for Germany and sanctioned under the supervision of the Allies.

East State should be allowed as a basic minimum for their army an establishment proportionate to the figure prescribed for Germany. Any excess above this would require special justification, such as the needs of overseas territories of treaty obligations.

5. The armaments required for the protection of a country and its overseas dependencies from external aggression by rival States, depend mainly upon the surplus force of those rival States after they have made provision for their needs under the first (H) head (preserving order at home) and under the second (C) head (preserving order in overseas dependencies). It follows that every State's estimate of the armaments required under the third (F) head (protecting the country and its overseas dependencies from external aggression by foreign States (including international police duty - the enforcement by common action of international obligations in accordance with Article VIII of the Covenant); will depend mainly upon the armaments possessed under the same head by its possible enemies. The Committee, therefore, anticipates that it should be possible to obtain the negotiation very considerable reduction in the original estimates submitted under the third (F) head.

6. It ought also to be recognised that certain European States cannot be expected to complete the reduction of their armaments to the proposed scale unless and until the execution of the Peace Treaty is completed, until the situation in Russia is cleared up and until all great Powers are members of the League.

7. In short, the Committee propose that the members of the League be asked to say what armaments they require for (H), having regard to the figures for (H) fixed in the Peace Treaty in the case of Germany, and separately for (C) and (F). And the Committee foresee the probability, subject to the limitations aforesaid, of then obtaining an agreement among all members of the League to effect large simultaneous reductions in their armaments required for the third (F) purpose; that of protecting the country and its overseas dependencies from aggression and that of international police duty.

8. Turning to the question of the limitation of Naval armaments, the Committee welcome President Harding's proposal to call a Conference of Naval Powers. They hope that the Conference will meet at an early date, and that it will aim at securing by concerted action the limitation of Naval armaments, and so soon as the date of the Conference has been fixed the Powers taking part in the Conference will see their way not to begin any new Naval construction until after the Conference has reported.

9. While welcoming the recent statement of the First Lord of the Admiralty that Great Britain desires only "a one-Power standard" and his repudiation of the idea of competitive building, the Committee point out that the announcement of such a standard by itself will not stop, and may even stimulate, competitive building. What is wanted is the acceptance of the "one-Power standard" by Great Britain and the United States jointly, and a consequential agreement as to the number, size and armament of the capital ships, which the United States and Great Britain should maintain, and as to the replacement of capital ships when obsolescent. An agreement as to the number size and armament, etc. of

capital ships with Japan is also required. That is the practical minimum; which ought to be obtainable at such a Conference.

The Admiralty declared in the naval estimates of last year that a fleet of 10 capital ships with the light cruisers, submarines, destroyers and other auxiliary vessels was the minimum necessary for the training of the British Navy in post war exercises. The Committee would suggest that such be regarded as the maximum in capital ships, which this country would not exceed so long as it was not exceeded by the United States and so long as a satisfactory agreement as to building was in force with Japan.

10. The Committee accordingly recommend

(1) That the League of Nations be invited to submit an armaments questionnaire to the members of the League enquiring what armaments they severally require for

(H) preserving order at home.

(C) preserving order in colonies and overseas dependencies and for protecting those territories from invasion by civilised neighbours (but not from aggression by hostile civilised States); and

(F) protecting the country and its overseas dependencies from external aggression by rival States and for the enforcement by common action of international obligations.

(2) That this questionnaire be accompanied by figures shewing the armaments required according to the Treaty of Versailles for preserving order at home in Germany; and by a suggestion that modern civilised States would not be likely to require relatively larger armaments for preserving order at home than are now required by disturbed and disorganised Germany after her defeat.

(3) That the Union should endeavour by every means in its power to secure that the earliest possible effect be given to President Harding's proposal to call a Conference of Naval Powers with a view to procuring by concerted action the limitation and reduction of Naval armaments.

(4) That the Union calls on the Government at this Conference to propose that as between Great Britain and the United States a number of Capital ships, not to be exceeded by either side, should be agreed upon; and that details of tonnage, armaments, length of life of vessels should be consequentially arranged with a view to securing equality of strength in material between the two powers. That an agreement with Japan as to some number of Capital ships should also be effected.

(5) That these resolutions be submitted to the British Government and the League of Nations.

-; LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,
APRIL 7th 1921 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman).
Lt.Gen.Sir Hubert de la Poer Gough, G.C.M.G.
Raymond Unwin, Esq.
F.N.Keen, Esq.
Mrs. Oliver Strachey.
The Viscountess Gladstone.
Percy Bigland, Esq.,
The Rt.Hon.Sir W.H.Dickinson, K.B.E.
Professor Gilbert Murray.
Oswald Mosley, Esq., M.P.
Sir Arthur Haworth, Bt.
J.H.Harris, Esq.
Major David Davies, M.P.
Major the Hon.W.Ormsby Gore, M.P.
The General Secretary.
In attendance: Captain R.Berkeley.
Mr.Iothian Small.
Mr.D.H.Mills.

MINUTES430. MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee on March 17th 1921 were approved as circulated, subject to a verbal alteration in minute 417.

431. LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

The General Secretary reported that he had not yet seen Sir Francis Blake.

Arising out of minute 413 the General Secretary undertook that in future no official papers connected with the Union would be destroyed without the sanction of the Committee.

432. PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE - SIR ARTHUR SHIRLEY BENN.

A communication from Sir Arthur Shirley Benn stating that he was unable this year to accept the Vice-Chairmanship of the Parliamentary Committee, was read.

It was reported that the Parliamentary Committee had not been summoned because the Union had not been successful in securing a candidate for the Chairmanship of that Committee. Various names of Messrs. Birchall, Elliot, Green and Coote

were suggested.

It was agreed that it was desirable that an early meeting of the Parliamentary Committee be called.

433. MANDATES - INTOXICATING LIQUOR.

Resolved:- "That the resolution of the Bournemouth United Temperance Council, considered at the last meeting of the Executive Committee, if approved by the Mandates Committee, be circulated to the branches."

434. NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING.

The General Secretary reported that the Council Chamber of the Caxton Hall was not available for May 26th, but was available for June 1st or 3rd.

Resolved:- "That the ^{next} meeting of the Council be held on Friday, June 3rd 1921 at 2.30 p.m."

The Committee discussed a proposal that of the two ^{regular} meetings of the National Council, to be held in a year, one should be held in the provinces. The Committee approved of this suggestion.

Resolved:- "That a resolution to this effect be placed on the order paper for the next meeting of the National Council, and that it be ~~circulated~~ ^{suggested} that the annual meeting of the Council should be held in London."

435. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS.

Major Davies again raised the question of a Calendar of meetings, and the General Secretary stated that the various Committees had been urged to appoint a regular date in each month upon which they would meet. It was by no means infrequent for these dates to be changed. He hoped to publish by the end of next year a diary which would give the ordinary dates upon which the various meetings would be held.

436. MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING.

The minutes of the special meeting of the Executive Committee held on March 22nd 1921 were approved as circulated and it was

Resolved:- "That further discussion of the draft amendments to the Covenant and the interim report of the Committee on the limitation of armaments, be adjourned until the Chairmen of these respective Committees found it possible to be present."

437. STAFF.

The General Secretary presented an interim report (annex A) of the Committee which had met, at the request of the Executive Committee, to consider and report on the question of overtime. The General Secretary explained that he had called together a meeting of the staff to discuss the question of tea interval, and that they had agreed to the first alternative in recommendation 1 of the report.

He therefore asked the Committee to accept the first recommendation which was agreed to, and it was

Resolved:- "That the interim report be approved and adopted."

438. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement for the period ending April 4th 1921 shewed a bank overdraft on that date amounting to £13,845.6.0 with estimated outstanding liabilities amounting to £2500.

439. PROPOSED NEW RULES.

The Committee considered and accepted with certain amendments the report of the sub-Committee which had been appointed to consider Rule 18.

Resolved:- "That the proposed new Rule 18 (annex B) be submitted for approval to the next meeting of the Council of the Union."

The Committee further considered Rules and agreed to recommend the following alterations to the Council -

- (a) That Rule 3 be merged into Rule 2.
- (b) That the present Rule 4 become Rule 3.
- (c) That in accordance with minute 700 (Management Committee) a new Rule 4 be incorporated as follows -

"The Union is prepared to accept as a "Corporate Member" any group of persons who promise to endeavour to secure that every member of the group shall become an individual member of the Union, and who further promises as a group to pay an annual subscription of £1. which will entitle any one person nominated by the group, to receive "Headway", the journal of the Union, and such other publications as are sent to annual subscribers of £1. or over; provided that every application for admission as a "corporate member", before being granted, shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Union."

(d) That Rule 13, the second sentence, should read as follows:-

"If it is an unattached branch of at least 50 members it shall elect one representative to the National Council."

(e) That the second paragraph of Rule 24 should read as follows:-

"Additional members not exceeding 20 in number may also be co-opted by the Executive Committee. The number of members co-opted by any of the Executive Committee's sub-Committees shall not exceed 25 per cent of members appointed by the Executive Committee."

440. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Overseas Committee minutes dated March 9th 1921.

The Committee considered and approved of the minutes of the Overseas Committee dated March 9th 1921.

Resolved:- "To approve of the following draft resolutions to be submitted by the League of Nations Union to the International Conference at Geneva in June 1921."

1. That the First Delegate of each Delegation give a verbal report to the first meeting of the Plenary Assembly of the Federation on the work of his Society, since the period of the Milan Conference. This report should contain particulars of membership, branches, public meetings, etc.
2. That each Society should furnish the Plenary Assembly with a written report of the extent to which the recommendations of the Milan Conference in regard to propaganda had been carried out, and the results following their efforts in these directions.
3. That the Central Bureau should draft proposals and recommendations in regard to propaganda based on the successful experience of the different Societies."

(b) International Policy Committee.

The Committee confirmed paras. 194, 195 and 196 of the minutes of the International Policy Committee dated March 23rd 1921 and it was

Resolved:- "That the following resolutions contained in minutes 194 (slightly amended), and 196 be sent to branches:-

194. "That the Parliamentary Committee should be invited to send a deputation to the Prime Minister after the recess to urge Great Britain's participation in such a Conference."

196. "That in view of the dangers to international peace and goodwill that arise from acts of injustice or intolerance towards racial, religious and linguistic minorities, and of the fact that certain nations have entered into international obligations for the protection of such minorities, it is important that steps should be taken to render effective the stipulations for the protection of those minorities, and seeing that by these treaties such stipulations have been placed under the guarantee of the League of Nations the Council of the League should be invited to set up a standing commission to investigate and report upon complaints that may be made to the League as to the disregard of those stipulations with a view to such action being taken as is possible under the treaties."

441. BRITISH WEST AFRICAN DELEGATION - COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR OF GOLD COAST.

The Committee considered a communication from the Governor of the Gold Coast Colony in respect to the official report of the proceedings of the a meeting held in London on October 8th 1920, between the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union, and the delegates of the National Congress of British West Africa.

442. GERMAN REPARATIONS.

The Committee considered the following communication from the Foreign Secretary:-

"Since the receipt of your letter of March 17th, enclosing a copy of the memorandum by the League of Nations Union on the reparations controversy, the text of the appeal of the German Government to the League of Nations has been received here.

The League will naturally have now to consider

their attitude towards it. In the meantime I think you will agree that it would hardly be proper for His Majesty's Government to come to an independent decision in the matter."

Resolved:- "That the Chairman again communicates with Lord Curzon asking if it was the intention of the Government to take up the question with the League of Nations on the lines indicated in the memorandum of the Executive Committee, as negotiations along lines indicated seemed in the opinion of the Committee to be the only way."

It was further

Resolved:- "That when the Foreign Secretary replies the question be discussed or again sending a communication to the branches enclosing copies of the correspondence with the Foreign Office, and asking the branches to pass resolutions with a view to this end."

443. SUMMER SCHOOL!

Resolved:- "That the regional representatives of the Union be invited to attend the Summer School at Oxford at the cost of the Union. (£55.14.0) if all the 13 representatives accept the invitation."

444. "FIRST ASSEMBLY" BOOKLET.

Resolved:- "That a free issue of the "first Assembly" be made to the Regional representatives at a cost of £1.14.8."

445. NEW BRANCHES.

The following new Branches of the Union were formally recognised:-

Ashbourne.	City Women's Club (London).
Barnoldswick.	Clifton.
Bideford.	Crawley.
Chorley Wood.	Crosshills and district.
Cirencester.	Dover.
Deane St. Cong. Church,	Hanwell.
Bolton.	Havant.
Elland.	Keckmondwike.
Gillingham.	Hitchin.
Horton Lane Cong. Ch.	Ilminster.
Bradford.	Kimpton.
Kings Heath.	Luddenden Foot.
Hoyle, W. Kirby & district.	Nailsworth.
Ladywood.	Polgooth and district.
Portishead.	Hailsham.
Saltley.	Trinity United Meth. Ch. Leeds.
Settle.	Trowbridge.
Shaw and Crompton.	Truro.
Shoreham-by-Sea.	Upper Clapton and Stamford Hill
Silsden.	Warminster.
S. Lambeth.	Wellington, Somerset.
Sparkhill.	Westend, Nr. Southampton.

Stalybridge.
Sudbury, Derbyshire.
Syston and district.

Weymouth.
Wimbledon.

446. MRS. WALTER RUNCIMAN.

The General Secretary reported that Mrs. Walter Runciman at the request of the Executive Committee, had accepted a seat upon that Committee.

447. RESOLUTIONS.

The resolutions of the Liverpool and Merseyside district and of the Colne Branch approving of the memorandum on German reparations of the Executive Committee, were read.

448. AUSTRIAN SUB-COMMITTEE - SUCCESSION STATES.

The following resolution of the Austrian sub-Committee dated March 15th was approved, and it was

Resolved:- "That this resolution be sent to the Foreign Office -

"That the Foreign Office be asked to impress upon the Succession States the need of mutual intercourse, and the suppression of economic and personal barriers, without which central Europe cannot be reconstituted."

449. WOMEN'S COMMITTEE - RESOLUTION.

The following resolution of the Women's Committee dated March 21st 1921 was approved:-

"That the British Government be urged to include women among its representatives to the League of Nations Conference on the Traffic of women in September."

Resolved:- "That this resolution be sent to the British Government."

450. MR. J. E. RIVETT.

The General Secretary pointed out that Mr. J. E. Rivett who had been acting as Lobby representative for the Union had been unable to find employment, and he asked that the Executive Committee should bear him in mind in case an appointment should occur which it was thought Mr. Rivett could fill.

451. ESSAYS FOR CHILDREN.

Sir Arthur Haworth stated that prizes had recently been offered to the scholars in elementary and secondary schools in Bolton for essays on the subject of the League of Nations, and over 5000 were submitted. He commended this precedent to the Committee.

The General Secretary stated that reference to this and other essay competitions is to be included in the Annual Report that was now in the course of preparation.

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At the last meeting of the Executive Committee Mr. Charles Roberts, Mrs. Oliver Strachey and the General Secretary were asked to report upon the question of overtime worked in the office of the Union. A meeting was arranged at 11.30 a.m. on 5th April. That meeting accordingly took place, but Mr. Charles Roberts was prevented from attending. Mr. Weston and Mr. Freshwater were present in addition to Mrs. Oliver Strachey and the General Secretary.

The Committee agreed to recommend:-

1. That, with a view to reducing the unavoidable waste of time involved in the present practice whereby members of the clerical staff are allowed 15 minutes away from their work in order to obtain tea in the office refectory, the clerical staff should be allowed to choose between the following alternatives:-
 - (a) The interval for tea to be abolished, and members of the clerical staff to carry up their own tea cups after lunch, and to be supplied at the cost of the Union with tea to be consumed at their work.
 - (b) The interval for tea to be abolished, and the office hours to end at 5.15 instead of at 5.30 as at present.
2. (a) That no payment be made for overtime worked before 6 p.m.
 - (b) That members of the clerical staff should not be asked to work overtime on more than two nights in any one week without the special approval beforehand of the General Secretary or his deputy.
 - (c) That members of the clerical staff be asked to work overtime should ordinarily be set free from 5.30 to 6 p.m. so that they may obtain a substantial meal.
3. That in view of the special pressure of work in the Typing room caused by the Pilgrimage, not more than three temporary typists be appointed for Pilgrimage work during the months of April, May and June.
4. That with a view to reducing overtime in the Records Department, two new clerks to be appointed and paid for out of the members' capitation fees.

Note. One clerk completes the registration of 1,000 shilling members in one week. The cost of the registration is 74/3d. (30/- for the clerk's wages and 24/3 for the cost of membership cards. Receipts in the form of capitation payments to the Branches for the 1000 members amounts to £12.10.0.

PROPOSED NEW RULE 18.

The Council of the Union shall consist of:-

1. Representatives of District Councils and unattached branches.

Representatives shall be all those elected by District Councils and unattached branches.

2. Officers of the Union.

The Officers of the Union shall be the President, Honorary Presidents, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Vice-Presidents, Honorary Treasurers, and others appointed by the Council.

3. Co-opted members.

The Council shall have power at its Annual General meeting to co-opt any members proposed by the Executive Committee of the Union, provided that the total number so co-opted shall not exceed 25 per cent of the elected representatives mentioned in clause 1.

4. Persons specially co-opted as being representative of some principal aspects of the national life.

The Council shall have power at its Annual General meeting specially to co-opt on the recommendation of the Executive Committee persons, each of whom shall be representative of, and able to keep the Union in close touch with one of the following aspects of the national life -

- (a) Religion.
- (b) Education
- (c) Trade and Industry.
 - i. Employers.
 - ii. Employed.
- (d) Women's Organisations.
- (e) Health.
- (f) Law.
- (g) The Services.
 - i. Serving.
 - ii. Ex-Service.
- (h) Such other interests as the Executive Committee may from time to time recommend and the Council approve.

provided that the number of representative persons specially co-opted under this clause shall not exceed 15 per cent of the elected representatives mentioned in clause 1, and provided that the Executive Committee before recommending persons for special co-optation under this clause shall consult such standing advisory*sub-Committees as may exist or may hereafter be formed.

5. Representatives of affiliated bodies.

The Council shall have power to recognise affiliated bodies under such conditions as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine and these affiliated bodies, either separately or in groups, and in such manner as the Executive Committee may approve, shall have power to appoint their representatives as members of the Council, provided that the total number of representatives of affiliated bodies appointed under this clause shall not exceed 10 per cent of the elected representatives mentioned in clause 1.

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6. Representatives of Regional Councils.

The Executive Committee shall have power to recognise Regional Councils, appointed in such manner as the Executive Committee may approve, by the branches and districts in each of the following groups of counties:-

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| 1. Northern. | Northumberland, Durham
Cumberland. |
| 2. Yorkshire. | Yorkshire. |
| 3. North Western. | Lancashire, Cheshire,
Westmoreland. |
| 4. North East
Midland. | Lincoln, Derby, Leicester,
Nottingham, Rutland (except
Soke of Peterborough). |
| 5. East Anglia. | Norfolk, Cambridge, Huntingdon,
Bedford, Suffolk, (Northampton)
Soke of Peterborough only. |
| 6. West Midland. | Stafford, Salop, Warwick,
Worcester, Hereford. |
| 7. South Western. | Gloucester, Wiltshire,
Somerset, Dorset, Devon,
Cornwall. |
| 8 & 9. London & Home
Counties. | London, Essex, Hertford,
Buckinghamshire, Middlesex,
Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Oxfordshire,
Berkshire, Hampshire. |

and each such Regional Council shall be entitled to elect as members of the Council of the Union not more than 5 members of the Union.

7. (The Chairman and General Secretary were asked to draft a section relating to the representation of National Councils).

* The word "sub" is added to the Report in order to bring this section within Rule 24.

12th April 1921.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,
APRIL 14th 1921 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman).
The Viscountess Gladstone.
Mrs. Oliver Strachey.
Major the Hon.Ormsby Gore, M.P.
Oswald Mosley, Esq., M.P.
Major David Davies, M.P.
Professor Gilbert Murray.
The General Secretary.
In attendance: Captain R.Berkeley.
Mr. D. H. Mills.

M I N U T E S

452. MINUTES:

The minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee held on April 17th 1921 were approved as circulated subject to a verbal/alteration in minute 434.

453. PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN.

The General Secretary reported that the Parliamentary Committee had met the previous day, and that the Committee had appointed Sir Ellis Hume-Williams, K.B.E., K.C., M.P., as Chairman, with Mr. Tom Shaw, M.P. as Vice-Chairman.

Resolved:- "That both Sir Ellis Hume-Williams and Mr. Tom Shaw be invited to accept seats upon the Management and Executive Committees of the Union subject to the approval of the Council."

454. COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Arising out of the discussion of minute 434, Major David Davies gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Committee:-

"That there shall be more than two regular meetings of the Council of the Union held annually."

455. RULE 18.

The General Secretary promised that para 7 of the proposed new Rule 18, after consultation with the Chairman, should be submitted for the approval of the Executive Committee at its

next meeting.

456. PRESIDENT HARDING'S CONFERENCE FOR THE LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS.

The General Secretary reported that the resolution of the International Policy Committee suggesting that the Parliamentary Committee should be invited to send a deputation to the Prime Minister after the Recess to urge Great Britain's participation in President Harding's Conference, had not been brought to the notice of that Committee.

Resolved:- "That this resolution be brought to the attention of the Parliamentary Committee at its next meeting."

457. GERMAN REPARATIONS.

The Chairman stated that he had sent the following letter to Lord Curzon in reply to his of March 30th:-

"I read your very courteous letter of March 30th to the Executive Committee, and they have asked me to thank you for same. They agree that it would not be proper for His Majesty's Government to come to an independent decision on the German appeal to the League of Nations. Indeed it is obvious that the decision must rest with the Council or Assembly of the League. But they still feel that it would be desirable for the British Government to instruct their representative on the Council to press that body to take action on the lines indicated in the memorandum sent to you on March 17th.

They are deeply impressed with the necessity of arriving at an early solution of the reparations question, and they see no prospect of that result being achieved except by the adoption of some such policy as is there proposed."

No reply had been received from Lord Curzon.

458. COVENANT - DRAFT AMENDMENTS.

The General Secretary stated that Lord Phillimore, as Chairman of the sub-Committee which had considered the proposed amendments to the Covenant, had been invited to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee, but he was unable to attend.

Resolved:- 1. "To approve of the draft amendments to the Covenant as amended by the Executive Committee on April 7th."

2. "That in view of President Harding's message to Congress the special sub-Committee be asked again to meet and consider what modifications of the Covenant could be made without destroying the usefulness of the League."
3. "That the following be asked to join this sub-Committee -
- The Rt.Hon.Sir W.H.Dickinson, K.B.E.
Leonard Woolf, Esq.
Professor Gilbert Murray.
Professor C.K.Webster.

It was further

- Resolved:- 1. "That this Committee be asked to give their consideration to the interim report as finally approved."
2. "That the draft amendments be circulated to branches and to the Parliamentary Committee."

459. "FIRST ASSEMBLY".

The Chairman took the opportunity to express his regret that the "First Assembly" had not yet been published.

Resolved:- "That the General Secretary be asked to enquire as to the delay in the publication, and to report at the next meeting of the Committee."

460. LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS.

The General Secretary reported that General Seely, as Chairman of the Committee on the limitation of armaments, had been asked to attend that meeting of the Committee, but owing to indisposition was unable to attend.

Major Davies, as Chairman of the last meeting of this Committee stated that the interim report had been somewhat amended in order to meet the objections of one or two members of the Committee, and he moved that the interim report be approved in its amended form. He further stated that it had been decided that the two memoranda of Admiral Hopwood and Mr. Archibald Hurd, should be attached to the final report as appendices.

Resolved:- "That this interim report be approved and sent to the League of Nations Secretariat, to the British Government, and the branches."

Captain Berkeley stated that he would draft a memorandum

on the subject for the Press.

461. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

It was

Resolved:- "To ask the Finance Committee whether it was not thought desirable that the accounts be audited twice in the year instead of once annually."

462. MANDATES COMMITTEE.

Resolved:- "To approve of the resolution of the Mandates Committee, namely:-

"To urge Mr. Balfour to support with the Government the resolution passed by the Assembly of the League that the Mandatories should submit to the Permanent Mandates Committee reports on their administration of the mandated territories prior to the coming into force of the Mandate."

It was further

Resolved:- "That this resolution be sent to the Federation of Voluntary Societies."

463. TANGANYIKA MANDATE.

The Committee considered amendments to the Tanganyika Mandate submitted by the Mandates Committee and these were approved, except that in Article 5 (6) the para should read as previously submitted, namely:-

"The mandatory shall prohibit the liquor traffic. The manufacture, importation and sale of potable liquids containing more than 12 per cent (Mendelioff) of alcohol shall be a monopoly of the Mandatory, and their sale shall be permitted only on production of the certificate of a registered medical practitioner. The same regulations shall apply to cocaine, opium and its derivatives and other dangerous drugs.

Records of the manufacture, importation and sale of distilled liquors and of drugs shall be kept and shall be available for public inspection."

It was further

Resolved:- "That the General Secretary, Colonel Borden Turner, and Captain Berkeley be requested to draft a memorandum on the subject and that this be published in "Headway"; circulated to the branches; and to members of the Parliamentary Committee."

464. PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES - QUESTIONNAIRE.

The Committee considered a proposed questionnaire to

Parliamentary candidates. This was amended, and it was

Resolved:- "That the Chairman, together with Major Ormsby Gore be asked to consider the questionnaire in its amended form and that it be again brought before the next meeting of the Committee for final approval."

465. OFFICE ORGANISATION.

The Committee considered a letter from Major David Davies who pointed out that the machinery of the Organisation was capable of much improvement. The General Secretary submitted a memorandum, on the organisation of the office which he considered met the case raised by Major Davies.

Resolved:- "To approve of the recommendations contained in the General Secretary's memorandum as follows:-

(a) That the Policy Committee should be immediately combined with the Executive Committee, and that Mr. Barnes and Mr. Percy Hurd (Secretary of the Parliamentary Committee) who are members of the Policy Committee, but not of the Executive, should be added to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may also like to consider the question of adding to its list of members the names of Sir Samuel Hoare, Mr. Stuart Bunning, and Miss Winifred Stephens.

(b) That the Executive Committee appoint from time to time special, or ad hoc, sub-Committees to advise upon particular problems of international policy.

(c) That the Executive Committee meet twice a month, on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays.

(d) That the Executive Committee, having undertaken the work of the Policy Committee, delegate to the Management Committee all such administrative business and business directly connected with the work of the branches, as need not come in the first instance to the supreme committee of the Union.

(e) That the Management Committee meet on Thursdays other than the 1st and 3rd.

(f) That the minutes of the sub-Committees of the Executive Committee be circulated with the Agenda of the Executive Committee, and be presented to the Executive Committee for approval and adoption; but that, while the Chairman, (or, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman) of any particular sub-Committee should be prepared to answer questions upon the minutes of his sub-Committee when they are presented for approval and adoption. The Executive Committee should not ordinarily devote any considerable time to the discussion of its sub-Committees' minutes.

(g) That the sub-Committees of the Executive Committee, whose minutes should thus be presented for approval and adoption should be as follows:-

Committee.

Editorial.
Overseas.
Management
Finance.
Education.
Religious Organisations
Labour

(Committee not yet formed).

Women's Organisations.

Parliamentary.

Special sub-Committees.

(including those on Mandates,
Limitation of Armaments,
Amendments to the Covenant,
and the like).

Officers specially concerned.

Captain Berkeley.
Colonel Borden Turner.
Mr. Freshwater and Mr. Weston.
Mr. Dawson.
Mr. Sherman.
Mr. H.W. Fox.
Mr. J.H. Clynes.

Mrs. Croxton.

Mr. Lothian Small.

(The minutes of sub-sub, or sectional, committees will be presented for approval and adoption to the appropriate sub-Committees and not directly to the Executive Committee. Thus the minutes of foreign sub-Committees will go to the Overseas Committee; the minutes of the Staff Committee and Pilgrimage Committee will go to the Management Committee and the minutes of the History and Geography Committees to the Education Committee, and so on.

(h) That Colonel Borden Turner attend the meetings of the Executive Committee and act as Joint-Secretary for questions affecting the policy of the Union, with regard to the work of the League of Nations, or other international affairs. Questions concerning the educating and organising of public opinion in the United Kingdom would continue to be dealt with as at present.

(i) That in order to bring the work of the Parliamentary Committee into close connection with the policy of the Union as determined by the Executive Committee, the Secretary of the Parliamentary Committee (Mr. Lothian Small) work directly under Col. Borden Turner, who should be responsible for seeing that the policy of the Union is brought to the notice of the Parliamentary Committee.

(j) That Colonel Borden Turner should also be responsible to the General Secretary for seeing that the Executive Committee's decisions of policy are passed for action to the officers responsible for giving them publicity and for circulating them to branches.

466. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - ADDITIONS.

Arising out of the General Secretary's memorandum on organisation it was

Resolved:- "That the following be asked to serve on the executive Committee -

The Rt. Hon. G.N. Barnes, M.P.
Percy Hurd, Esq., M.P.
Mr. Stuart Bunning, O.B.E., J.P.
Major Gen. Sir Frederick Maurice, K.C.M.G.

467. PRESIDENT HARDING'S DECLARATION - YAP MANDATE.

Professor Gilbert Murray promised to draft a memorandum

in regard to President Harding's announcement in regard to America and the League, and to submit this to the next meeting of the Committee.

468. ADMINISTRATIVE - STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE.

The Committee approved of the report of the Staff Appointments Committee which was held immediately prior to the Executive Committee.

469. INDUSTRIAL SITUATION - DEFENCE CORPS.

The General Secretary stated that he had received an application from a member of the staff to join the Defence Corps. The matter had been discussed at the meeting of the Staff Appointments Committee, and this Committee had suggested that the question of members of the Union's staff joining the Defence Corps should be usefully discussed by the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and Mr. Clynes.

The Committee were of the opinion that this was a matter for individual members of the staff, but that no objection could possibly be raised by the Executive Committee to any application to join the Defence Corps, it being known that this was an emergency corps raised as a result of an appeal made by the Government of the day. It was

Resolved:- "That the matter be left to the Chairman and Secretary to deal with individual cases as they arose, and that in the event of members of the staff joining the Corps at a financial loss, the loss be made up to them by the Union."

470. LEAGUE OF NATIONS COMMISSIONS - WOMEN'S MEMBERSHIP.

The following resolution proposed by Lady Gladstone was adopted:-

"That the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union considers it important *at least* that women should be included *on all* Committees or Commissions appointed *to* by the League of Nations to deal with matters which may *by* affect the interests of women or children. It requests that this resolution be brought to the notice of the Conference of the Federated Voluntary Societies to be held at Geneva in June 1921."

especially

471. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The following resolution of the Preston Branch was referred to the Management Committee:-

"That the Executive Committee of the Preston Branch of the League of Nations Union regrets the charge in the rules which by taking 2/3 out of every 2/6 members subscriptions, to whom "Headway" is to be sent, makes that most desirable form of subscription now result in an actual financial loss to branches, and requests the Headquarters Committee to devise some way whereby "Headway" can be supplied to members for a subscription, which whilst remunerative to Head Office, will not cause a loss to branches."

472. RESOLUTION.

The following resolution of the Protestant Dissenting Ministers of the three Denominations, was received:-

"This meeting of the General Body of Protestant Ministers of the three denominations heartily approving of the League of Nations, would urge the Churches of the three denominations to do everything possible, regularly and steadily to educate and inspire the people to support the League of Nations Union by prayer, personal service and financial aid."

473. CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE.

Resolved:- "To approve of the General Secretary's suggestion that the Committee known as the Religious Organisations Committee be now called the Christian Organisations Committee."

Robert Cecil

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,
APRIL 21st 1921 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman).
Lord Queenborough.
The Viscountess Gladstone.
Major the Hon.W.Ormsby Gore, M.P.
A.W.Claremont, Esq.
Mrs. Oliver Strachey.
Professor Gilbert Murray.
Major Gen.Sir Frederick Maurice, K.C.M.G.
Raymond Unwin, Esq.
J.J.Mallon, Esq.
The General Secretary.
In attendance: Col. D.Borden Turner.
Captain R.Berkeley.
Mr. D.H.Mills.

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474. MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee held on April 14th 1921 were approved as circulated subject to an alteration in minute 470.

475. AMERICA AND THE LEAGUE.

The Committee considered two memoranda drafted by Professor Gilbert Murray on the subject of the relation of America to the League, and the attitude of America towards the Mandates, more especially the Yap Mandate. Before taking action in the matter Lord Robert Cecil promised that he would see Sir Eyre Crowe and possibly Sir William Tyrrel at the Foreign Office and report to the Committee.

Some discussion took place as to what should be the attitude of speakers in regard to questions relating to America and the League, and it was

Resolved:- "That no particular reference should be made to any recent declarations of President Harding, and the Union should continue to express the hope that America would eventually join the League, and to point out that in the meantime the League would continue to carry on its work without co-operation on the part of America."

476. INTERNATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The minutes of the International Policy Committee dated March 23rd 1921 were read and approved.

477. AUSTRIA.

The Committee considered a memorandum drafted at the request of the International Policy Committee, and proposals - economic, political and industrial for the rehabilitation of Europe.

Resolved- "That the memorandum be published as a pamphlet and that the Parliamentary Committee be requested to watch proceedings and ask questions in the House of Commons as to the progress of the financial Committee's scheme."

The following resolution submitted by the Austrian sub-Committee was considered:-

"That a resolution be sent to the League to the effect that it should be made a condition of help to Austria by the League that the Volkswehr (Federal Army) costing one milliard annually should be disbanded, the present police force being quite adequate for the purpose of keeping order in the country."

It was

Resolved:- "That further disarmament for Austria being part of the general problem of European disarmament it would be unwise to deal with this question separately."

It was further

Resolved:- "That the General Secretary write a letter to the Foreign Office urging that the resolution of the Brussels Financial Conference and of the Assembly in regard to expenditure upon armaments should be kept in mind whenever negotiations for granting credits to the countries in Central Europe were carried through."

Sir Frederick Maurice raised the question as to the advisability of differentiating in any of the schemes for the relief of Austria and other countries between the part to be played in the scheme by Governments, by financial organisations, and by charity. Sir Frederick Maurice was asked to put this suggestion on paper for consideration at the next

meeting.

478. "THE NEAR EAST" - MEMORANDUM.

The Committee considered a memorandum on the present situation in the Near East.

Resolved:- "That this be published in "Headway".

It was decided that Major David Davies be asked to suggest any necessary revision of the resolutions on Constantinople in the light of events of the past year and present them at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

479. ANGLO-JAPANESE TREATY.

Correspondence from the Agent-General for South Australia together with an extract from a speech of the Prime Minister of Australia in regard to the Anglo-Japanese Treaty was considered, and it was agreed that a question be put in the House of Commons asking when the matter was referred to the League of Nations and in what form; whether a reply had been received and if so what was the reply; if not what steps the Government proposed to take to get a reply.

It was further

Resolved:- "That this matter be brought before the next meeting of the Parliamentary Committee with the suggestion that if this question should come up in debate members of the Committee should support the point of view that the problems involved in this agreement are essentially of the nature which the League exists to deal with."

480. ASSEMBLY - ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Resolved:- "That the memorandum of Mr. Charles Roberts in regard to election of representatives to the League of Nations Assembly be circulated before the next meeting of the Committee."

481. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE - GENEVA, JUNE 1921.

Resolved:- "That the Union pay the expenses of three delegates, but that a small sub-Committee consisting of the Viscountess Gladstone, the Rt. Hon. Sir W. H. Dickinson, K. B. E., and Major David Davies be asked to meet and recommend who these delegates should be and to report to the next meeting of the Management Committee."

482. GERMAN REPARATIONS - FURTHER SANCTIONS.

The Committee discussed the question of the German reparations and the reported proposal to occupy the Ruhr valley and further advance into Germany. It was

Resolved:- "That this Committee adheres to the view expressed by the Prime Minister on March 7th 1921 that the question of reparations by Germany can better be settled by agreement with that Power than by taking action to enforce the Allied demands; and views with great uneasiness the prospect of a further military advance into the Ruhr valley. It urges the submission of the question of how much Germany can pay to arbitration in accordance with the proposals made in the Union's memorandum of March 17th."

It was further

- Resolved:- (a) That this resolution be sent to the Government.
- (b) Published in the Press.
- (c) Be sent to Branches with a request that they be asked to hold meetings and forward resolutions to the Government; and that individual members be asked to send similar communications to their Members of Parliament.
- (d) Published in 'Headway'.
- (e) Circulated to members of the Parliamentary Committee."

483. LEAGUE OF NATIONS COUNCIL - INFREQUENT MEETINGS.

Resolved:- "That a question might well be asked in the House of Commons in regard to the infrequent meetings of the Council of the League requesting that it should meet immediately to deal with the report on the Aaland Islands and other important matters."

484. PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

Resolved:- "That the Parliamentary questions sub-Committee should be asked to meet immediately to discuss matters which should be raised by questions in the House of Commons."

Robert Cecil

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD

AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 on THURSDAY,

MAY 5th 1921 at 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- The Rt. Hon. Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman)
 Mrs. Walter Runciman.
 Major Gen. Sir Frederick Maurice, K.C.M.G.
 The Rt. Hon. Sir W.H. Dickinson, K.B.E.
 Percy Bigland, Esq.,
 The Viscountess Gladstone.
 Raymond Unwin, Esq.
 Charles Roberts, Esq.
 Professor Gilbert Murray.
 Mrs. Oliver Strachey
 Lady Denman.
 J.H. Harris, Esq.
 G.H. Stuart Bunning, Esq., O.B.E., J.P.
 Major David Davies, M.P.
 Sir Ellis Hume-Williams, K.B.E., K.C., M.P.
 (By invitation of Cte. Major Gen. the Rt. Hon. J.E.B. Seely, C.M.G., M.P.
 The General Secretary .
In attendance:- Colonel D. Borden-Turner.
 Captain R. Berkeley.
 The Hon. Oliver Brett.
 Captain Lothian Small.
 Mr. D.H. Mills.

M I N U T E S485. MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on April 21st 1921 were approved as circulated.

486. AUSTRIA.

It was reported that the memorandum containing proposals - economic, political and industrial for the rehabilitation of Austria had been submitted for comment to Colonel Schuster who had replied giving his opinion that the Union should wait until the report of the Commission in Vienna had been received, and offered to assist the Union in finally completing the memorandum.

Resolved:- "To accept Colonel Schuster's suggestion."

487. ANGLO-JAPANESE TREATY.

Arising out of the minutes of the last meeting, the Committee gave consideration to the Anglo-Japanese Treaty, and it was

Resolved:- "That Col. Borden-Turner should consult with Major the Hon. Ormsby Gore, M.P., Sir Ellis Hume-Williams, M.P. and Mr. Tom Shaw, M.P., and draft a memorandum on the consistency of the provisions of the Anglo-Japanese Agreement with the Covenant, and if possible secure the consent of these gentlemen to this memorandum being presented to the Committee as a report."

488. GERMAN REPARATIONS.

The General Secretary reported that the recommendation of the Executive Committee with regard to the circulation to the Parliamentary Committee of the memorandum on German reparations had not been carried out.

The Committee expressed the general opinion that its decisions should not be reversed or modified without at least a reference to the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

489. LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS.

General Seely as Chairman of the Disarmament Committee made a report on the work of the Committee, and expressed a disappointment that the Executive Committee had given such little weight to the Naval proposals which, in his view, were possibly the most practical part of the scheme set forth. The Chairman explained to General Seely that the consideration of Admiral Hopwood's proposals had merely been deferred and would be given full consideration when the Committee presented its final report.

Major Davies drew attention to the Committee's decisions to include Admiral Hopwood's memorandum as an appendix to the final report.

490. VOUNTARY AID FOR DISTRESS.

General Maurice presented his report on Voluntary aid for distress in Europe, and it was

Resolved:- 1. "That the League of Nations Union should approach the League of Nations suggesting that -

- (a) It should make an authoritative pronouncement on the need for voluntary aid and on the part to be played by voluntary aid in relation to governmental aid.

(b) That it should recognise and support some central authority for the direction and control of voluntary aid such as a combination of the League of Red Cross Societies and the International Red Cross, which have their seats at Geneva."

2. That the League of Nations Union should undertake to support in Gt. Britain such action on the above lines as the League of Nations may agree to take."

491. AMENDMENTS TO THE COVENANT.

The Committee considered the recommendations of the Committee on Amendments to the Covenant.

- Resolved:-
1. "That the suggestion of the Committee with regard to Article 10 be deferred until Lord Phillimore could be present.
 2. That in view of the proposals which may be made for an Association of Nations a memorandum should be prepared by the Staff setting forth a reasoned analysis of the Covenant with the object of arriving at what was absolutely necessary to retain if the existence of the League of Nations is to be preserved in any real sense."

It was further

Resolved:- "That this memorandum should be circulated to the Committee on Amendments to the Covenant and to the Executive Committee."

492. TURKISH TREATY - REVISION.

The Committee considered Major Davies' memorandum on the revision of the Turkish Treaty, and it was

Resolved:- "That further consideration of this memorandum and the proposed resolutions be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee."

Mr. J.H. Harris promised that he would draft an additional resolution in regard to minorities; and Mr. Charles Roberts said that he would draft a memorandum on the Prime Minister's speeches in regard to Constantinople.

493. TOGOLAND - ALLEGED START OF CONSCRIPTION.

It was reported that the Government had asked for further information regarding the alleged start of conscription in Togoland and Mr. Charles Roberts undertook to provide Major Ormsby Gore with information to lay before the Government.

494. FINANCE - ENDOWMENT FUND.

The Committee approved of the recommendation of the Finance

Committee that an endowment fund be raised apart from the general appeal for the immediate funds of the Union.

495. PILGRIMAGE.

The General Secretary reported that the Pilgrimage Committee had recommended that the Pilgrimage as such should be postponed, but that in view of industrial conditions the Organisation should concentrate upon local demonstrations and the Hyde Park rally on the last Saturday in June.

In view of this the General Secretary had telegraphed to the Regional Organisers asking their opinion on the suggested postponement, and submitted the replies of various Organisers which shewed that unanimity on the question did not prevail.

The Committee discussed the recommendation at length and it was ultimately

Resolved:- "To approve of the recommendation in view of the circumstances for the postponement of the Pilgrimage, and also the general policy to concentrate upon local demonstrations and the Hyde Park rally, and leave to the Pilgrimage Committee the carrying out of the new programme as detailed in the memorandum read by Lord Robert Cecil."

Robert Cecil

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD
AT 18, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,
MAY 12th 1921 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman).
Mrs. Walter Runciman.
Mrs. Oliver Strachey.
Charles Roberts, Esq.
The Rt.Hon.Sir W.H. Dickinson, K.B.E.
Lt.Gen.Sir Hubert de la Poer Gough, G.C.M.G.
Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P.
The Viscountess Gladstone.
Professor Gilbert Murray.
Sir Arthur Haworth, Bart.
John H. Harris, Esq.
Lady Denman.
A.W. Claremont, Esq.
Major the Hon. W. Ormsby Gore, M.P.
G.H. Stuart Bunning, Esq. O.B.E., J.P.
By invitation of Cte. Lord Phillimore.
The General Secretary.
In attendance:- Col. D. Borden-Turner.
The Hon. Oliver Brett.
Captain Iothian Small.
Mr. D.H. Mills.

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496. AMENDMENTS TO THE COVENANT.

Lord Phillimore discussed with the Committee the suggestion of the Committee, on Amendments to the Covenant in regard to Article 10, and it was

Resolved:- "That the Union should not forward any recommendation to the Secretariat in regard to Article 10, but that Lord Robert Cecil should communicate privately to Mr. Balfour the feeling of the Committee that in the event of the British Government recommending the omission of Article 10, the Union would support the proposal."

Sir Willoughby Dickinson asked what attitude the delegates to the Geneva Conference should take in regard to the proposed omission, and it was

Resolved:- "That the delegates should abstain from voting on the subject."

Lord Phillimore was thanked for his kindness in attending the Committee.

497: MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held

May 5th 1921 were approved as circulated.

498. AUSTRIA.

The General Secretary stated that he had received Col. Schuster's notes for finally completing the memorandum on Austria.

Resolved:- "That this memorandum be circulated for the next meeting of the Committee."

499. ANGLO-JAPANESE TREATY.

Colonel Borden-Turner reported that he had not received replies from the gentlemen with whom he was to communicate in regard to the drafting of a memorandum on the consistency of the provisions of the Anglo-Japanese Agreement with the Covenant.

500. TOGOLAND - ALLEGED START OF CONSCRIPTION.

Resolved:- "That in regard to the alleged start of conscription in Togoland, questions be asked in Parliament."

501. PILGRIMAGE.

The General Secretary reported that he had received a communication from one of the Regional representatives in regard to the postponement of the Pilgrimage, and it was

Resolved:- "That such paragraphs of the letter as were interesting to the Committee be circulated."

502. MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT.

It was reported that the membership of the Union was now 101,000 and it was

Resolved:- "That the membership should be published in "Headway" monthly instead of quarterly as decided at the last meeting of the Committee."

503. COLONIAL PREMIERS.

The Committee discussed the suggestion of the Management Committee held the previous day that a luncheon should be arranged in honour of the Colonial Premiers on the occasion of their visit to London in June. Lady Gladstone reported that she had been in touch with an official at the Admiralty who was responsible for the hospitality arrangements for the

Colonial Premiers and he advised that it would be better to hold a dinner rather than a luncheon in view of the fact that there would be Conferences in the morning and again in the afternoon.

Resolved:- "That a dinner should be arranged in a Hall accommodating about 300/350 persons on a date as soon as possible after the arrival of the Premiers."

504. COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The Committee considered and approved the minutes of the following Committees:-

Management - April 28th.
Education - April 29th.
Finance - April 20th and May 4th.
Parliamentary - May 4th.
Christian Organisations - May 4th.

Arising out of the minutes of the Finance Committee the General Secretary reported that he had seen the Union's solicitors who had suggested that in order to enable the Union to recover Income Tax on monies placed at its disposal the Union should include a statement of its objects among its Rules and should also adopt some such rule as the following:-

"All the income of the Union from donations, subscriptions or other sources will be entirely absorbed in, and devoted to, the attainment of these objects."

Resolved:- "That the solicitors be asked to draft the necessary resolution for submission to the Council on June 3rd."

505. AMERICAN CHURCHES - DISARMAMENT.

The General Secretary reported the receipt to Lord Robert Cecil of the following cablegram from Mr. J.E. McDonald, Chairman of the League of Free Nations Association:-

"American Churches preaching Disarmament June 5th urge British co-operation."

Resolved:- "That the matter of the Union organising a similar effort be left in the hands of the Chairman of the Christian Organisations Committee and the Hon. Secretary."

506. WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Lady Denman reported that the Women's Advisory Committee

(which had met a couple of days previously and whose minutes had not been circulated) had made two recommendations, viz:-

(a) International Health Commission.

"That a letter should be written to the Secretariat explaining the earnest hope that women, equally with men, would be eligible to represent their Governments on the International Health Commission when it is eventually formed, even though it was found not possible for them to be appointed to the temporary Committee."

(b) Traffic in Women and Children.

"That a woman delegate should be sent from this country to the Conference to be held on June 30th on the suppression of traffic in women and children prefatory to the meeting of the Assembly in Geneva in September."

The Women's Advisory Committee further recommended that a letter should be written to the Home Secretary suggesting the name of Dr. J. P. Hunter as a suitable representative

Resolved:- "To approve of the recommendations of the Women's Advisory Committee."

507. TRANSYLVANIA - PROPOSED DEBATE.

The Committee considered a proposal to hold a debate on Transylvania at which the Hungarian, Saxon and Roumanian points of view would be put.

Resolved:- "That a debate might be held on the question of Transylvania between representatives of the countries concerned provided that the matter was organised with care, and recommended that the Legations should first be consulted; and that Col. Borden-Turner should report further at the next meeting of the Committee."

508. TURKISH TREATY - REVISION.

Resolved:- "That in the absence of Major David Davies the question of the revision of the Turkish Treaty be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee."

509. ASSEMBLY - ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The Committee considered a memorandum drafted by Mr. Charles Roberts on the election of representatives to the Assembly.

Resolved:- "That the House of Commons on the motion of the Government should appoint the three representatives of the United Kingdom to the Assembly of the League."

The motion of Mr. Charles Roberts that the words "by proportional representation" after "~~elect~~^{approve}" was not carried. _{par}

510. SWISS SUB-COMMITTEE - RESOLUTION.

The following resolution of the Swiss sub-Committee was considered:-

"The Swiss sub-Committee requests the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union to support any proposal by the Swiss Government to submit to the League of Nations the dispute between Switzerland and France over the free zones on the Geneva frontier."

- Resolved:-
- (a) To support any proposal of the Swiss Government to submit to the League of Nations the dispute between Switzerland and France.
 - (b) That a short memorandum be drafted on the subject which should be circulated to branches asking them to consider the matter."
 - (c) That Lord Robert Cecil should write a letter to the Government asking the Government to support any proposal made by the Swiss Government to submit the dispute to the League of Nations."

511. ANTI-DUMPING RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee considered a communication from Mr. W. T. Layton on the subject of the resolutions of the Anti-Dumping Bill together with two memoranda on the subject drafted by the Office and by Professor Gilbert Murray.

Resolved:- "That the Executive Committee in view of the great difference of political opinion existing amongst members of the Union, the Committee does not think fit to pass any resolution, but that it desires to assist the branches in their discussion of the question."

It was further

Resolved:- "That a memorandum for circulation to the branches should accordingly be prepared showing how the terms of the Covenant and the decisions of the League of Nations or its Committees and other international action affected the matter."

Robert Cecil

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD

AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,

MAY 26th 1921 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- The Rt. Hon. Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman).
 Mrs. Oliver Strachey.
 C.H. Stuart Bunning, Esq., O.B.E., J.P.
 Raymond Unwin, Esq.
 A.W. Claremont, Esq.
 Lady Denman.
 The Viscountess Gladstone.
 Charles Roberts, Esq.
 Professor Gilbert Murray.
 Percy Bigland, Esq.
 Major the Hon. Ormsby Gore, M.P.
 Mrs. A.W. Claremont.
 Mrs. Walter Runciman.
 The Rt. Hon. Sir W.H. Dickinson, K.B.E.
 The General Secretary.

In attendance: Lt. Col. Borden-Turner.
 Captain Reginald Berkeley.
 Mr. A.J.C. Freshwater.
 Captain Iothian Small.
 Mr. D.H. Mills.

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512. MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held May 12th 1921 were approved as circulated.

513. AMENDMENTS TO THE COVENANT.

Lord Robert Cecil intimated that he had written to Mr. Balfour in the terms of the discussion at the last meeting of the Committee but he had not received a reply.

514. ANGLO-JAPANESE TREATY.

It was reported that the memorandum on the consistency of the provisions of the Anglo-Japanese Agreement, ^{with the Covenant} would be circulated in time for the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

515. TOGOIAND - ALLEGED START OF CONSCRIPTION.

It was reported that Major Ormsby Gore had asked questions in Parliament in regard to the alleged start of conscription in Togoland, and the responsible Minister had replied that he had no information on the matter,

Resolved:- "That this matter be reported to the next meeting of the Parliamentary Committee."

516. INCOME TAX.

The General Secretary reported that the Union's solicitors had been consulted in regard to the following draft to be included in the rules so as to enable the Union to recover Income Tax on monies placed at its disposal:-

"All the income of the Union from donations, subscriptions or other sources will be entirely absorbed in, and devoted to, the attainment of these objects."

517. AMERICAN CHURCHES - DISARMAMENT.

The General Secretary reported that Mr. Fox, the Honorary Secretary of the Christian Organisations Committee had consulted with the Rev. H.R.L. Sheppard on the question of the telegram from Mr. J.E. McDonald, Chairman of the League of Free Nations Association, urging British co-operation in getting the Churches to preach Disarmament on Sunday, June 5th.

Mr. Sheppard, however, felt that as Sunday, June 19th was being arranged as League of Nations Sunday for the English churches it would not be advisable to appeal to them on the subject of Disarmament on June 5th.

In the notices which were being circulated to the British members in connection with League of Nations Sunday reference was being made to Mr. J.E. McDonald's letter which would appear to be the best way of using the information contained therein.

518. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement for the period ending May 20th 1921 shewed a bank overdraft on that date amounting to £16,446. 6.6. with estimated outstanding liabilities amounting to £2200.

519. COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The Committee considered and approved the minutes of the following Committees:-

Management - May 19th 1921.
Finance - May 18th "

520. COJONIAL PREMIERS DINNER.

Lady Gladstone reported that June 29th had been definitely

fixed for the proposed dinner to Colonial Premiers.

521. HYDE PARK RALLY.

Resolved:- "That the following be appointed on the sub-Committee to supervise the Hyde Park Rally and London demonstration on June 25th:-

Mrs. Oliver Strachey.
G.H. Stuart Bunning, Esq. O.B.E., J.P.

with power to add to their number."

522. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - NOMINATIONS.

The Committee considered the list of members submitted by the Management Committee to the Council for election to the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

Some discussion took place as to the need for altering the Rules so as to allow for nominations to the Executive Committee being made by branches. The General Secretary pointed out that the Management Committee had discussed this, and in a letter to the branches enclosing the Agenda on May 19th, in order to make possible such nominations, a paragraph had been inserted asking that these nominations should be received at Headquarters before May 31st.

A sub-Committee had also been appointed to add to the new Rule and this sub-Committee submitted the new Rules as follows; namely:-

"That the following be added to paragraph 1 of Rule 20 -

"Nominations for the Executive Committee may be sent in to the General Secretary by any member of the Council or by any branch or District Council not later than 21 days before the Annual General meeting."

Resolved:- "To approve of this new rule being submitted to the Council."

523. SAFE-GUARDING OF INDUSTRIES BILL.

The Committee considered, and, after amending, approved of the memorandum drafted by Lord Robert Cecil on the safe-guarding of Industries Bill.

Resolved:- "That this memorandum as approved be circulated to the branches together with the two resolutions of the Anti-dumping Bill."

524. ECONOMIC SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Committee considered the proposal for the formation of an Economic sub-Committee.

Resolved:- "That the General Secretary should write to the following gentlemen and ask them whether they thought there would be any advantage in forming an Economic sub-Committee at the present moment:-

J. Maynard Keynes, Esq. C.B., M.A.
The Hon. R. H. Brand, C.M.G.
Henry Bell, Esq.
W. T. Layton, Esq. M.A., C.B.E.
J. R. M. Butler, Esq.
Lord Cowdray.
Major David Davies, M.P.

Sir George Paish.
F. W. Hirst, Esq.
E. F. Wise, Esq.

525. ANNUAL REPORT - 1920.

The Committee considered the draft Annual Report for 1920.

Resolved:- "To approve of the draft report."

It was further

Resolved:- "That on the adoption of the Annual Report resolutions should be moved on the question of -

- (a) Admission of Germany to the League.
- (b) Publicity.
- (c) Election of representatives to the Assembly.

526. COUNCIL AGENDA.(a) Objects and Rules.

The Committee agreed to the proposal of the Union's solicitors that in further publication of the Rules the objects should also be included.

(b) Nottingham Amendments to Rules.

The Committee agreed to the proposal of the Nottingham Branch that in Rule 3 the following should be substituted -

"Persons may join the Union at any time. Annual subscriptions will be renewable on the first day of the month in which the member paid his or her subscription for the year 1921 or 1921-2."

for

"Annual subscriptions are payable in respect of each financial year, which shall end on the 31st day of December in each year. In those cases where the first annual subscription is paid after September 30th in any year, the

member may, if he or she so desires, claim a rebate of not more than 50 per cent of the subscriptions payable for the next succeeding year."

(c) Arising out of the resolution of the Agenda paper in the name of Major David Davies that there shall be three meetings of the General Council in the year, two of which shall be held in the provinces, Mrs. Oliver Strachey intimated that she would move

"That there shall be two Council meetings held in the year, one of which should be held in the provinces but that there shall be at least two Conferences a year held in the provinces."

Major Ormsby Gore said he would second this amendment.

(d) Communication from Secretary, Burslem Branch.

A communication from the Secretary of the Burslem Branch, suggesting that there shall be two sessions of the Council meeting, one held in the morning and one in the afternoon, was considered.

The Committee felt that as a decision had already been made calling the meeting for 2.30 p.m., that time could not now very well be altered; but that the points raised in the letter be mentioned at the Council meeting on June 3rd. In the meantime the General Secretary was asked to enquire if the Hall was available for an evening meeting, if that was considered necessary.

(e) Birmingham Branch - resolution.

The two following resolutions of the Birmingham Branch were considered:-

1. Co-opted Members. That the total number of co-opted members, including representatives of affiliated bodies shall not exceed 30 per cent of the elected representatives of the National Council.
 2. Subscriptions. That 'Headway' be reduced in size and cost to allow a fair margin out of the 2/6 subscriptions for local expenses of the branch.
- OR
That the subscriptions entitling a member to receive Headway free by post be increased from 2/6d to 3/6d.
- OR
That not more than 70 per cent of any subscription be sent by the branches to headquarters."

The Committee considered that it could support the second alternative in the second resolution.

(f) Cheltenham Branch.

The following amendment to the proposed new Rule 4 as submitted to the Cheltenham Branch was brought to the attention of the Committee:-

"That the number of such corporate groups should be defined, or limited to 20."

527. COUNCIL - ADMISSION OF PRESS.

The General Secretary reported that the Press were being invited to the Council meeting. This decision had been arrived at after consultation with Lord Robert Cecil.

Resolved:- "To agree to the suggestion that the Press be invited to the Annual meeting of the Council."

528. AMERICA AND THE LEAGUE.

The Committee considered a memorandum on Mr. Harvey's speech in reference to America and the League.

Resolved:- "That this be not published in "Headway".

Lord Robert Cecil stated that he would refer to the question in his address to the Council.

529. AUSTRIA.

Resolved:- "That the question of preparing a memorandum on the rehabilitation of Austria be adjourned."

530. TURKISH TREATY.

In the absence of Major Davies consideration of the memorandum on the Turkish Treaty was adjourned until the next meeting.

531. FREE ZONES OF HAUTE-SAVOIE AND GEX.

Resolved:- "That the memorandum on the Free Zones of Haute-Savoie and Gex be approved and circulated to branches."

It was further

Resolved:- "That periodically a circular be sent to Members of Parliament stating that certain memoranda had been prepared at Headquarters which could be obtained on application."

572. COVENANT - MEMORANDUM.

Resolved:- "That the memorandum on the Covenant be considered at the next meeting of the Committee."

573. MANDATES.

Resolved:- "That the following resolutions be forwarded to the Foreign Office and to Mr. H.A.I. Fisher:-

(a) Exmouth Branch.

"Whereas it is provided in Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations that in the case of certain territories in Central Africa, the system of Mandates there to be introduced should provide for the suppression of abuses such as the slave trade, the arms traffic, and the liquor traffic, this League of Nations Committee of the Exmouth Branch urges that the terms of the Mandates for each territory should definitely lay it down that the sale of intoxicating drink to natives should be suppressed in those territories and in all other territories held under the system of mandates.

It calls upon the Council of the League of Nations to settle the terms of the mandates on this basis, and to make them operative without further delay and to request the representatives of H.M. Government in the Council of the League to press for the adoption of this policy."

(b) British Women's Temperance Association (Derby COUNTY UNION).

"That this Committee has noted with pleasure that the Covenant of the League of Nations provides for the suppression of the liquor traffic in certain territories in Central Africa, and would urge upon the Council of the League of Nations to settle the terms of the Mandates on this basis, and would strongly urge that the representatives of H.M. Government in the Council of the League press for the adoption of this policy."

574. GENEVA CONFERENCE.

As Mrs. Strachey had been appointed on the Committee for the Hyde Park Rally it was agreed that her place in the delegation to the Geneva Conference be taken by Mrs. Dugdale.

575. UPPER SILESIA.

The following resolution submitted by Major David Davies together with a similar resolution received from the Birmingham District Council was discussed:-

"That the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union expresses its warm approval of the decision to send British troops to Silesia, and pledges itself to support any steps that are considered necessary by His Majesty's Government to maintain law and

or der, and to ensure that the results of the plebiscite are carried into effect according to the terms of the Peace Treaty."

further

"That the above resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and be communicated to the Press."

2. This meeting of the Birmingham District Council of the League of Nations Union warmly supports the attitude of the Prime Minister on the Polish attempt to override the plebiscite in Upper Silesia, as expressed in his speech in the House of Commons on the 17th inst. and his plea for the fulfilling of treaty obligations."

Resolved:- "That these resolutions be received but that no action be taken."

576. BRITISH LEGION.

The following resolution of the British Legion was received:-

"That this Conference, the first of the United Organisation of Ex-service men, declares its support of and belief in the League of Nations, and pledges the support of the United Organisation to the League of Nations Union and its work of educating public opinion to the need of the League."

577. NATIONAL PEACE CONGRESS - BIRMINGHAM.

The General Secretary reported that the Union had been asked to send delegates to the fifteenth National Peace Conference to be held at Birmingham on June 16th-19th. He had informed the Regional representative at Birmingham that he could attend in an individual capacity but not as an official delegate of the League of Nations Union.

Resolved:- "To approve of the General Secretary's action."

578. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - CONSTITUTION.

Resolved:- "That the names suggested for the Management Committee be circulated for discussion at the next meeting of the Committee."

579. GENEVA CONFERENCE - RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions of the Societies affiliated to the Federation of Societies were considered:-

1. Equality of races. (Japanese Society).

"That a special meeting (of the League?) be set up to study means for abolishing differences in the treatment of races, for recognising liberty of conscience and maintaining the principle of equality in

industry and commerce."

2. Economic Blockade: (Russian Society).

"That the League in en-forcing economic sanctions should do so in a manner calculated to cause least harm to individuals in the blockaded country."

"The application of economic sanctions by the League pres-upposes the formation of an international economic League to co-ordinate the measures taken to exert pressure and the distribution of the resulting costs and losses among the members of the League."

3. European League of Nations (French Society).

"That the project be studied of a European League of peoples and States within the Universal League."

In regard to the resolutions of the Japanese and Russian Societies it was

Resolved:- "That it should be left to the Union's delegates as to how they should vote."

In regard to the resolution of the French Society it was decided

"That the Union's delegates should vote in favour of ~~such a project.~~ the study of such a project"

Robert Cecil

-: LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,
JUNE 2nd 1921 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman)
Major the Hon.W.Ormsby Gore, M.P.
G.H.Stuart Bunning, Esq. O.B.E., J.P.
Mrs.Oliver Strachey.
Charles Roberts, Esq.
Mrs.A.W.Claremont.
A.W.Claremont, Esq.
David Davies, Esq. M.P.
The General Secretary.
In attendance: Col.D.Borden-Turner.
Mr.A.J.C.Freshwater.
Captain Lothian Small.
Mr.D.H.Mills.

M I N U T E S540. MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee subject to one or two verbal alterations were approved as circulated.

541. TOGOIAND - ALLEGED START OF CONSCRIPTION.

Mr.Charles Roberts stated that he had further papers regarding the alleged start of conscription in Togoland, and he would give this information to Captain Lothian Small in time for the next meeting of the Parliamentary Committee.

542. ANNUAL REPORT.

Mrs.Claremont drew attention to the Annual Report and suggested that there should be added to the title page of the Report "presented by the Executive Committee", and that the Report should be signed by the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman.

Resolved:- "That the first suggestion be carried out, but that the Report be signed on behalf of the Executive Committee by the Chairman and the General Secretary."

It was further

Resolved:- "That the official badge of the Union should be printed on the outside page."

543. QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT - SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Committee discussed the question of "following up" Members of Parliament who put questions in the House that

were hostile to the League of Nations.

Resolved:- "That the following be asked to join a sub-Committee to consider the question and report to the Executive Committee."

The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman)
Mrs.Oliver Strachey.
G.H.Stuart Bunning, Esq. O.B.E., J.P.
Percy Hurd, Esq. M.P.

544. PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE.

Mr.David Davies raised the question of the formation of an Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Committee pointing out that the Parliamentary Committee, as it was at present constituted of over 300 members was unwieldy.

Mr.Davies was asked to speak to Sir Ellis Hume-Williams and Mr.Tom Shaw on the question of the re-organisation of the Parliamentary Committee.

545. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement for the period ending May 30th 1921 shewed a bank overdraft on that date amounting to £17,942.0.10d. with estimated outstanding liabilities amounting to £2500.

546. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee considered the minutes of the following Committees:-

- (a) Limitation of Armaments - 25.5.21.
- (b) Editorial - 27.5.21.
- (c) Education - 27.5.21.

The minutes of the Editorial Committee were referred to the Management Committee for consideration, but the Executive Committee approved of the recommendation of the Editorial Committee that Mr.J.C.Squire should attend to reply to the resolution of the Dellowship Branch in regard to the formation of a sub-Committee to investigate the question of "Headway".

Arising out of the minutes of the Education Committee the Executive Committee agreed to the recommend for co-optation under Rule 18 (4) to the Council the following names:-

Professor John Adams.
Ernest Barker, Esq.
Rev.A.A.David, D.D.
G.Iowes Dickinson, Esq. M.A.

Rev. W. Lock, D.D.
 Rev. Hon. Edward Lyttelton, D.D.
 Sir Philip Magnus, Bt. M.P.
 J. Mactavish, Esq.
 Professor T.P.Nunn, M.A., D.Sc.,
 Professor C.W.C.Oman, F.S.A.
 Miss E.Power.
 Rev. W.B.Selbie, Principal of Mansfield College, Oxford.
 A.J.Smith, Esq. Master of Balliol.
 Miss F.M.Stawell.
 R.H.Tawney, Esq.
 Professor Graham Wallas.
 Mr.C.W.Crook, B.A., B.Sc.
 Mr.F.Roscoe, M.A.
 Dr.Robert Jones.
 Mr.Sanderson.
 Miss Strudwick.
 Miss Silcox.

547. CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE.

The General Secretary reported orally on the work of the Christian Organisations Committee held the previous day. It

was Resolved:- "That the minutes of this Committee be circulated for consideration at the next meeting of the Executive Committee and that if necessary a memorandum on the subject of the Committee on Religion and Ethics be circulated at the same time."

The Committee agreed to the recommendation of the Christian Organisations Committee that the following names shall be suggested to the Council meeting for co-optation under the new Rule 18 (4):-

The Rt.Rev.Bishop Gore, D.D.
 The Rev.A.E.Garvie, D.D.
 The Rev.R.F.Horton, D.D.
 The Very Rev.W.R.Inge, D.D.
 The Rt.Rev.the Bishop of Killaloe (Ch.of Ireland).
 The Rt.Rev.the Lord Bishop of Lichfield.
 The Rev.J.Scott Lidgett. D.D.
 The Rev.F.B.Meyer, D.D.
 The Rt.Rev.the Lord Bishop of Oxford.
 The Rev.J.H.Shakespeare, D.D.
 The Rev.W.Hudson Shaw.
 The Rt.Rev.the Lord Bishop of Winchester.

548. M.VENIZEIOS - FEDERATION OF VOLUNTARY SOCIETIES.

The following recommendations of the Overseas Committee held the previous day were brought to the attention of the Executive Committee:-

1. That the proposals contained in the memorandum annex "A" be approved
2. That the British Delegation should propose that M.Venizelos should be elected a member of the Council of the Federation of League of Nations Societies.

3. That M.Venizelos should be invited by the Council of the Federation to undertake the following duties in an honorary capacity:-

- (a) World propaganda on behalf of the Federation.
- (b) The duties of Honorary Liaison Officer between the Federation and the official League of Nations at Geneva.
- (c) General supervision of the work of the Federation and the Bureau.

Resolved:- "To approve of the recommendations of the Overseas Committee."

The Committee expressed its congratulations to Mr.David Davies for the success that had attended his efforts in securing a promise from M.Venizelos to take an active part in the work of the Federation of Voluntary Societies.

On the suggestion of Col.Borden-Turner it was agreed that if any difficulty should arise, M.Venizelos should act as representative of the British Union on the Council of the Federation during its sitting at Geneva.

549. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - CONSTITUTION.

Resolved:- "That the following be asked to serve on the Management Committee of the Union:-

The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil, M.P.
 Mrs.A.W.Claremont.
 Major David Davies, M.P.
 The Rt.Hon.Sir W.H.Dickinson, K.B.E.
 Sir Arthur Haworth, Bt.
 Mr.F.N.Keen.
 Mr.H.H.Harris.
 Professor Gilbert Murray.
 Mr.J.J.Mallon.
 Mr.Charles Roberts.
 Mrs.Walter Runciman.
 The Viscountess Gladstone.
 Lady Denman.
 Mrs.Oliver Strachey.
 Mr.Percy Hurd, M.P.
 Mr.G.H.Stuart Bunning, O.B.E., J.P.
 Lord Queenborough.
 Col.the Hon.A.C.Murray, M.P.
 Mr.J.F.Green, M.P.

550. REVISION OF TURKISH TREATY.

The Committee considered memoranda prepared by Mr.David Davies and Mr.Charles Roberts on the question of the Turkish Treaty.

As a result of the discussion the following two resolutions were carried:-

1. "The Committee is of opinion that the British Government has precluded itself by official statements from proposing the internationalisation of Constantinople and therefore does not think there is any action they can usefully take on the subject, but presses for the complete internationalisation of the Straits under the League of Nations."
2. "This Committee calls the attention of the Council and the Assembly of the League of Nations to Article 22 of the Covenant under which certain communities (Armenians, Greeks, Syrians) in the ex-Ottoman territories were promised "provisional recognition" as "independent nations" subject to the rendering of administrative advice and assistance by a Mandatory power until such time as they were able to stand alone, and begs to urge upon the Council and the Assembly of the League that in the interests alike of honour, equity and permanent peace, it is of vital importance that these pledges to the subject races of the ex-Ottoman territories should be fulfilled without delay."

It was decided that these two resolutions could come up again at the next meeting of the Committee for consideration of drafting only if considered necessary.

551. NEXT MEETING.

The Committee decided that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 16th June but that the first items of the Agenda shall be those which had been held over for want of time at this meeting.

Annex "A"MEMORANDUM OF THE VISIT OF MAJOR DAVID DAVIES
TO HIS EXCELLENCY M. VENIZELOS ON BEHALF
OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

M. Venizelos regrets he is unable to accept any paid position under the Federation of League of Nations Societies, although he fully appreciates the spirit of the proposals made to him in order to achieve this object.

M. Venizelos is of the opinion that if he accepted any such salaried position he would in a large measure be unable to accomplish the task which the Federation desires him to carry out.

On being urgently requested by Major Davies to find a way out of this impasse, M. Venizelos said he required time to consider the matter further before coming to a definite decision in order that he might ascertain whether he was in a position to devote all his time to this work which so greatly appealed to him. When he has reached this decision, he will communicate again with Lord Robert Cecil.

If M. Venizelos sees his way clear to live in Geneva, then he would be willing to accept the following propositions:-

1. That he should become a member of the Council of the League of Nations Federation.
2. That he would be willing to act as a link (honorary officier liaison) between the Federation and the official League of Nations, and would reside for this purpose at Geneva.
3. That he would be willing to undertake world propaganda on behalf of the Federation, visiting any countries where his presence was desired, or where the Federation desired him to go.
4. That he would be willing to exercise a certain amount of supervision and control over the office and Bureau of the Federation wherever that Office existed.
5. That he would be willing that the rent of his office and rooms at Geneva, the salaries and expenses of two secretaries, his own travelling and out-of-pocket expenses, shall be paid for.

It is understood that the expenses incurred under para. 5 would not be charged to the Federation, but would be forthcoming from private sources. The invitation to M. Venizelos to act in the honorary capacity as set forth above, does not involve the Federation in any additional expense.

(sgd.) DAVID DAVIES.

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AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,
JUNE 16th 1921 AT 11.30a.m.

PRESENT:- The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman)
Mrs.A.W.Claremont.
G.H.Stuart Bunning, Esq., O.B.E., J.P.
Mrs.Oliver Strachey.
Henry Vivian, Esq. J.P.
Oswald Mosley, Esq., M.P.
John H.Harris, Esq.,
Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P.
Tom Shaw, Esq. M.P.
Charles Roberts, Esq.
The General Secretary.

In attendance: Col.D.Borden-Turner.
The Hon.Oliver Brett.
Mr.A.J.C.Freshwater.
Captain Iothian Small.
Mr.D.H.Mills.

M I N U T E S

552. The General Secretary stated that in appealing for funds during the week the opinion had been expressed that the League of Nations Union was a party political organisation.

He asked the Committee to give consideration to this point in order that the suggestion might be contradicted.

During the discussion that followed it was suggested that branches should be careful not to have party political speeches made from their platforms, and care should be exercised in any criticism of the Government as such in regard to its League of Nations policy as some members of the Government were entirely in favour of the League.

Mr.Tom Shaw suggested that a circular cautiously worded should be sent out to the Branches pointing out that the League of Nations Union is a non-party political body existing solely for the ideal of a League of Nations, and that the greatest harm might come to it if it allowed attacks to be made on any particular body or on the Government.

The Chairman remarked that it was just possible that if the Government became definitely hostile to the League it

might happen that the Union would then have to take strong action in becoming definitely opposed to the Government and that might happen to any Government which might be in power.

Mr. Stuart Bunning thought the Union might desire to support a League of Nations party.

Resolved:- "That Lord Robert Cecil should draft a circular letter which it was proposed should be sent to Branches and that this be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee for approval."

553. ANGLO-JAPANESE AGREEMENT.

The Committee considered a memorandum on the consistency of the Anglo-Japanese Agreement with the Covenant. It was agreed that further consideration to this memorandum be adjourned until it is ascertained from the Foreign Office what the Government ^{tem} completed in the matter. It was further

Resolved:- 1. "That the League of Nations Union in America be communicated with asking their views on the subject; and

2. That a copy of the memorandum (the second part of para (b) 2 being deleted) be sent privately to General Smuts for his information."

554. THE COVENANT.

The Committee considered a memorandum on the Covenant drafted at the request of the Committee in order to ascertain what particular features of the Covenant were absolutely necessary to retain. The Chairman remarked upon the excellence of the memorandum, and it was agreed that the memorandum be received but that no action be taken in regard to it.

It was decided that this memorandum be not sent to the Austrian Society who had written asking what the Union considered to be the essential articles of the Covenant.

555. QUESTIONNAIRE - PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES.

The General Secretary reported in reply to Lord Robert Cecil that as far as he knew the questionnaire had not been sent to the Parliamentary candidates in East Hertfordshire. He promised to make enquiries as to why this had not been done and to report at the next meeting of the Committee.

556. MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held June 2nd.1921 were approved as circulated.

(a) Togoland. It was reported that Major Ormsby Gore had put questions in the House of Commons regarding the alleged start of conscription in Togoland and he had ascertained that the Government was trying to verify these statements but he had not received any further information.

Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck stated that he had put down a question for the previous day and had been told to put his question to the Colonial Office. He would now enquire as to whether migration was taking place and if so for what reason.

557. TURKISH TREATY.

The Committee approved of the following resolution suggested at the last meeting:-

"The Committee is of opinion that the British Government has precluded itself by official statements from proposing the internationalisation of Constantinople and therefore does not think there is any action they can usefully take on the subject, but presses for the complete internationalisation of the Straits under the League of Nations."

Resolved:- "That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister and also a copy to Mr.H.A.L.Fisher."

Further consideration of the following resolution was adjourned:-

"This Committee calls the attention of H.M.Government to Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations under which certain communities in the ex-Ottoman territories were promised "provisional recognition" as "independent nations" subject to the rendering of administrative advice and assistance by a Mandatory power until such time as they were able to stand alone, and begs to urge upon them that in the interests alike of honour, equity and permanent peace, it is of vital importance that these pledges to the subject races of the ex-Ottoman territories should be fulfilled without delay."

558. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement for the period ending June 13th 1921 showed a bank overdraft on that date amounting to £16,866.11.10 with estimated outstanding liabilities amounting

to \$2500.

559. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee considered and approved the minutes of the Management Committee dated 9.6.21; Finance & Appeals Committee dated 8.6.21; Overseas Committee dated 1.6.21 and the Christian Organisations Committee dated 1.6.21.

(a) Management Committee.

Hyde Park Rally. Mrs. Oliver Stranhey asked the consent of the Committee to the printing of 10,000 leaflets (sample of which was produced) for free distribution in Hyde Park on the day of the Rally. The General Secretary asked that for the future all orders for printing should be made through the Establishment Officer, otherwise there could not be control of the expenditure of the Union.

Resolved:- "That the expenditure incurred for the publication of the leaflets be approved."

(b) Finance & Appeals Committee.

Formation of Appeals Committee. The Committee approved of the suggestion of the Finance & Appeals Committee that a London Appeals Committee be formed to consist of the members of the Finance & Appeals Committee together with the six members to be chosen out of their number by the London Regional Council but the Executive suggested that the words "with power to co-opt" be added.

(c) Overseas Committee.

1. French Section. The Overseas Committee were given authority to dissolve the French Section.

2. Silesia. The resolution of the Polish Society asking the Executive to formulate its policy in the matter of the union of Polish-Silesia with Poland was discussed.

Resolved:- "That the matter does not call for any formation of policy by the Executive Committee."

(3) Indians at Imperial Conference.

In view of the fact that a dinner was being given

to the Colonial Premiers on June 29th the Committee did not consider it necessary that a luncheon should be given to prominent Indians attending the Imperial Conference with a view to interesting them in the League. The Committee however agreed that a larger number of invitations to Indians than was at first intended for the dinner on the 29th should be issued.

(d) Christian Organisations Committee.

Committee on Religion and Ethics. The General Secretary explained the attitude of the Christian Organisations Committee in regard to the formation of a Committee on Religion and Ethics to advise the Executive Committee as how best to mobilise religious and ethical thought throughout the world in support of the League of Nations movement.

Resolved:- "To approve of the formation of such a Committee."

560. CORPORATE BODIES.

The following applications under the new Rules of the Union for Corporate membership were considered and approved:-

Atherton Baptist Church.
Castle St. Welsh Baptist.
Sydenham Baptist.
Tiptree Cong. Church.
Rotherwell Cong. Church.
Whitefields Tabernacle.

561. GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES.

The Committee considered the draft minutes of the annual meeting of the Council to be in order.

562. EXECUTIVE CO-OPTATION.

Resolved:- "That the following be co-opted as members of the Executive Committee:-

J.F.Green, Esq. M.P.
A.W.Claremont, Esq.
Mrs.Ogilvie Gordon, D.S., Ph.D.,

It was further

Resolved:- "To ask the following if they would agree to their names being put forward for co-optation to the Executive Committee; and to ask whether they would be able to attend the meetings regularly:-

The Rt.Hon.Earl Winterton, M.P.

Capt. W. E. Elliot, M.C., M.P.,
 Captain Colin Coote, M.P.
 Major J. D. Birchall, M.P.
 Colonel John Buchan.
 Major Gen. Sir Robert Baden-Powell.
 Major D. C. Brown, M.P.
 Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, Bt., M.P.,
 Lord Eustace Percy, M.P.
 The Rt. Hon. Viscount Cowdray.

563. VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The General Secretary suggested that authority be given by the Executive Committee that the names of Lord Cowdray and Mr. David Davies be put forward for election as Vice-Presidents to the next annual meeting of the Council.

Resolved:- "To approve of this suggestion."

564. ECONOMIC SUB-COMMITTEE .

The General Secretary reported that so far only Sir George Paish had agreed to serve on the Economic sub-Committee. He intended to write to other economists, and would report further at the next meeting of the Committee.

565. WIELINGEN CHANNEL.

The Committee considered memoranda on the question of the Wielingen Channel.

Resolved:- "That a pamphlet combining the views of both the Belgians and Dutch be compiled and published."

566. CUMBERLAND APPEAL.

Mr. Oswald Mosley promised to approach Lord Ionsdale, the Lord Lt. of Cumberland in regard to his accepting the Chairmanship of the Cumberland appeal.

567. INTERNATIONAL UNION AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS.

A letter was read from the International Union against Tuberculosis inviting representatives from the League of Nations Union to attend a Conference to be held on Tuesday, July 26th and Thursday, July 28th in London.

Resolved:- "That the Union do not send representatives to this Conference."

568. BRITISH WEST AFRICA.

The General Secretary reported that he had received a communication from Dr. Bankole Bright who was Secretary of the

London Committee of British West African Congress, and also from Mr.S.Rickwood, the Secretary of the National Congress of British West Africa at Axim, West Africa.

Resolved:- "That a letter be sent to Dr.Bright pointing out that the Union is prepared to consider any matters which rightly come within the sphere of the League of Nations, particularly in regard to mandated areas, but could not take cognisance of domestic political questions."

569. TURKEY-GREECE - SITUATION.

The Committee considered the following resolution from the Liverpool and Merseyside District:-

"That the Overseas Committee of the Union be asked to furnish to this Council a statement as to the position of affairs in the Near East and that the Executive Committee be asked to state the attitude of the Union towards the problem."

Resolved:- "That a statement as to the position of affairs in the Near East be furnished to Mr.Colin Brooks, but that he be informed that the Executive Committee did not see in what way at the moment the League of Nations could usefully interfere in the position of affairs in the Near East, but that they would consider the situation should a position arise in which the League could act."

570. TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS.

A proposal of the Red Cross referred to the Executive Committee from the German sub-Committee was discussed and it was

Resolved:-"That the matter be again referred to the Chairman of the German sub-Committee with a request that he should make proposals to the Executive Committee who would then consider the question."

571. MARCONI WIRELESS.

The General Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to an invitation from the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. for members of the Committee to see a film which they had produced showing the transmission of news by wireless on the occasion of the first Assembly of the League of Nations at Geneva in November-December 1920.

Robert Cecil

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,
JUNE 23rd 1921 AT 12 noon.

PRESENT:- The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman)
Mrs.Walter Runciman.
Lady Denman,
Mrs.Oliver Strachey.
The Viscountess Gladstone.
Charles Roberts, Esq.
Professor Gilbert Murray.
Henry Vivian, Esq. J.P.
John H.Harris, Esq.
Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P.
Percy Bigland, Esq.
Major Gen.Sir Frederick Maurice, K.C.M.G.
A.W.Claremont, Esq.
Raymond Unwin, Esq.
The General Secretary.
Major Gen.the Rt.Hon.J.E.B.Seely, C.B.,
C.M.G., M.P.

Col.D.Borden-Turner.
Captain Iothian Small.
Mr.D.H.Mills.

In attendance:-
(at special request
of Committee).

M I N U T E S

572. LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS - FINAL REPORT.

The Committee considered the final report of the Committee on the Limitation of Armaments, suggested certain verbal alterations which were accepted by the Chairman (General Seely) and the report was adopted.

- Resolved:- (a) "To express the thanks of the Executive Committee to the members of the Committee on the Limitation of Armaments for the work accomplished.
(b) That this report be published and sent to Geneva, circulated to the branches and to members of the Parliamentary Committee."

The Committee considered that a separate statement on comparative national expenditure on Armaments would be interesting and suggested that such memorandum be drafted.

573. REPARATIONS - GERMAN SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Committee considered the following resolutions of the German sub-Committee:-

1. (a) That this Committee accepts the basis that Germany shall pay as much as reasonably possible.

- (b) That the terms relating to the delivery of coal in the Peace Treaty and Spa Agreement have been the cause of much of the present economic disturbance in Europe including the coal stoppage and the resulting industrial difficulties in this country.
- (c) That the sale of two millions tons of German shipping has been disastrous to the English Shipbuilding Industry.
- (a) That the attempt by Germany to carry out the full reparation terms will prevent such recovery and may result in the further depreciation of European currencies.
- (e) That the attention of the Executive Committee be called to recent observations in the Press bearing out the above statements and particularly to the extracts of a speech by Mr. Churchill and requests the Executive to appoint a special Committee to examine the Reparation terms and their results as they arise obtaining competent opinion if possible directly and through its various sub-Committees from all countries affected including neutrals.
2. (a) That in view of the acceptance by Germany of the Allied demands all the sanctions should be immediately abolished.
- (b) That the occupation of the Ruhr by the French would be disastrous economically to the general interests of Europe."

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Resolved:- "That consideration of this matter be adjourned until the Economic sub-Committee was formed and that the question be then referred to that Committee."

574. ECONOMIC SUB-COMMITTEE.

The General Secretary reported that of the people whom he had invited to join the Economic sub-Committee, only Sir George Paish and Mr. Layton had accepted and Mr. F. W. Hirst had stated that on his return from California he would also become a member of the Committee.

Resolved:- "That the General Secretary should invite other Economists to join, and the following names were suggested:-

Mr. Birch Crisp.
 Mr. McKenna.
 Sir W. J. Ashley (Birmingham).
 Professor Pigou.

Col. Borden-Turner intimated that Mr. J. M. Keynes would join the Committee for the consideration of the subject matter of the previous minute.

575. AMENDMENTS TO THE COVENANT.

The General Secretary read the following letter from Sir Eric Drummond in regard to the draft amendments to the Covenant:-

"In continuation of my letter of March 26th concerning the draft amendments to the Covenant of the League which have been submitted by a sub-Committee of the League of Nations Union and passed by the Executive Committee, I now take pleasure in stating that these amendments were brought before the Amendments Committee of the League at its recent meeting in London. The Committee were of the opinion that it was better to postpone the consideration of such of these amendments as related to Articles 12 to 15 of the Covenant for further study as to their exact bearing on the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice, and for the purposes of such study they were desirous of obtaining if possible, a statement of the reasons for which the amendments were proposed by the Union and of the interpretation which, in the opinion of the Union, should be given them. I should, therefore, be grateful if the Executive Committee were able to furnish me with such a statement at an early date."

Resolved:- "That this be referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Covenant."

576. TIMES OF MEETINGS - MR. PERCY HURD.

The General Secretary reported the receipt of a letter from Mr. Percy Hurd suggesting that the Executive and Management Committees should be held in the afternoon at the House of Commons.

The Committee discussed this proposal and were agreed that meetings held on Thursday morning at the Headquarters of the Union were the most satisfactory.

577. PEACE OF IRELAND COUNCIL.

A communication from the Peace with Ireland Council asking the Union to nominate a Union representative as a member of the Consultative Committee of the Peace with Ireland Council, was read

Resolved:- "That the Union does not send a representative."

578. GENERAL SEELY.

Resolved:- "That General Seely be asked to accept a seat upon the Executive Committee."

Robert Cecil

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY,

JUNE 30th 1921 AT 12 noon.

PRESENT:- The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman).
The Viscountess Gladstone.
Mrs. Walter Runciman,
David Davies, Esq., M.P.
Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, D.Sc.Ph.D.
Lt.Gen. Sir Hubert de la Poer Gough, G.C.M.G.
Mrs. A.W. Claremont.
A.W. Claremont Esq.,
Mrs. Oliver Strachey.
Charles Roberts, Esq.,
Sir Arthur Haworth, Bt.
Henry Vivian, Esq., J.P.,
Oswald Mosley, Esq., M.P.
The General Secretary.

In attendance Col. D. Bordon-Turner.
Mr. A.J.C. Freshwater,
Arthur Kitchin, Esq.,
Capt. Lothian Small,
Mr. B.H. Mills.

M I N U T E S

1. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Management Committee. The Committee approved of the Management Committee minutes dated June 23rd 1921.

(b) Editorial Committee. The Committee approved the minutes of the Editorial Committee and appointed the following sub-committee with power to make any necessary contract with the London Mercury, Ltd.:-

Major E.B. Ince.
Mrs. Oliver Strachey,
Mr. Henry Vivian, J.P.,
Mr. Charles Roberts.

(c) Education Committee. The Committee approved of the Education Committee minutes held June 24th.

(d) Parliamentary Committee. The Committee received the report of the Parliamentary Committee dated June 15th.

In reply to the Chairman Capt. Small stated that the Government had officially acknowledged the request of the Parliamentary Committee that 20 copies of the official publications of the League should be supplied to the Libraries at the Houses of Parliament.

Capt. Small was asked to see Sir Ellis-Hume-Williams with a request that he should ask a question in the House of Commons as to why these publications have not been received.

Naval Disarmament. Capt. Small in reply to Mr. David Davies reported that nothing had been done in regard to a deputation to the Prime Minister in regard to Naval Disarmament.

Resolved:- "That an expression of the Executive Committee's regret that no action had been taken be conveyed to the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee."

2. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement for the period ending June 27th 1921 shewed a bank overdraft on that date amounting to £16,477.13.1. with estimated outstanding liabilities amounting to £2500.

The General Secretary reported that Lord Cowdray had kindly promised to extend his guarantee to £25,000 and had extended the date to July 1922.

Resolved:- "That the best thanks of the Committee be accorded to Lord Cowdray for his generosity."

3. LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION. - PARTY POLITICAL ORGANISATION.

The Committee considered a letter drafted at the request of the Committee by Lord Robert Cecil intended for circulation to the Branches in regard to an opinion which had been expressed that the League of Nations Union was a party political organisation.

Resolved:- "That this letter be not sent to the Branches."

Mrs. Oliver Strachey gave notice that she would move a resolution at the next meeting of the Executive Committee suggesting that a quarterly conference be held at the earliest possible opportunity to discuss the question how far the League of Nations Union could properly be described as a political body.

LEAGUE OF RELIGIONS.

The General Secretary read a letter from Miss Behrens,

the Secretary of the League of Religions suggesting that the Executive Committee should receive a deputation from the League of Religion.

Resolved:- "That the following sub-Committee be asked to meet the deputation:-

Lord Robert Cecil, M.P.
Lady Gladstone.
The Rt. Hon. Sir W.H. Dickinson, K.B.E.
The Rev. H.R.L. Sheppard.

5. HYDE PARK RALLY

The Committee agreed to the recommendation of the Management Committee, held immediately prior to the Executive meeting, that an expression of the Executive Committee's best thanks be conveyed to Mrs. Croxton, her helpers, and all the speakers for the part they took in making the Hyde Park Rally a tremendous success.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - ADDITIONS.

The General Secretary reported that the following had accepted a seat upon the Executive Committee:-

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, Bt., M.P.
Major J.D. Birchall, M.P.,
Capt. Colin Coote, M.P.
Capt. W.E. Elliot, M.P.
Major Gen. the Rt.Hon. J.E.B. Seely, C.B., C.M.G., M.P.

Major D. Clifton Brown had written to say that he would be spending very little time in town till next year but he would be pleased to serve on the Committee if they considered it desirable.

Resolved:- "That Major D. Clifton Brown be asked to serve".

It was also reported that Col. John Buchan and the Rt.Hon. Earl Winterton, M.P. had replied that owing to pressure of business they were unable to accept a seat upon the Executive Committee.

7. LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS - REPORT.

It was decided that the final report of the Committee on the Limitation of Armaments should be sent to:-

- (a) General Smuts.
- (b) Imperial Prime Ministers and their respective staffs.
- (c) Members of the Government.
- (d) To all League of Nations Societies abroad.
- (e) United States papers.

- (f) Representatives of American papers in this country.
(g) To all the branches.

It was further

Resolved:- "That a campaign amongst the branches and throughout the country in favour of the limitation of Armaments should be launched in the autumn and with this in view that a sub-Committee consisting of the following be formed in order to consider plans for such a campaign and also to consider how best to make effective the Union as a political force in the country:"

Mrs. Oliver Strachey,
Henry Vivian, Esq., J.P.,
Mrs. Walter Runciman,
Mr. Charles Roberts.

It was suggested in connection with this campaign that there should be some local conferences on the subject, and that other organisations interested in disarmament and national economy should be asked to help; that all Union speakers at meetings which should be held during the autumn should take as their special topic the subject of the limitation of Armaments.

It was also agreed that the subject of the limitation of Armaments should be discussed at all the Summer Schools before the launching of this Campaign.

Robert Cecil

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON

THURSDAY, JULY 7th 1921 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman); Mrs. Walter Runciman; John H. Harris, Esq.; Mrs. A.W. Claremont; Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, D.Sc., Ph.D.; Oswald Mosley, Esq. M.P.; Major Gen. Sir Frederick Maurice, K.C.M.G.; Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, K.B.E., M.P.; A.W. Claremont, Esq.; Captain Colin Coote, M.P.; The Rt. Hon. G.N. Barnes, M.P.; The Viscountess Gladstone; Major D. Clifton Brown, M.P.; Major J.D. Birchall, M.P.; David Davies, Esq., M.P.; Sir Arthur Haworth, Bt., Mrs. Oliver Strachey, Charles Roberts, Esq., Henry Vivian, Esq., J.P., Captain W.E. Elliot, M.P.; The General Secretary, together with Col. D. Borden-Turner, Mr. A.J.C. Freshwater, Captain Lothian Small, and Mr. D.H. Mills.

MINUTES8. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

The minutes of the Committee held June 16th together with the minutes of the special meetings held on June 23rd and June 30th were approved as circulated.

9. LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS.

The General Secretary reported that the separate statement on Comparative National expenditure on Armaments was being prepared.

The Committee also considered the Manifesto of the Navy League and the general naval situation which had been published on New Year's Day 1921. It was decided that the Executive Committee take no action in regard to this Manifesto.

10. ECONOMIC SUB-COMMITTEE.

The General Secretary reported that, of the four gentleman who had been asked to join the Economic sub-Committee at the meeting held on June 23rd, only Sir W.J. Ashley had replied. He was unable to serve.

The German sub-Committee had suggested that in addition to the persons who had already been invited to serve upon the Economic sub-Committee the following should be asked:- Sir Hugh Bell; Professor Gannan; Sir W.H. Beveridge; J.A. Hobson, Esq.; Dudley Ward, Esq.; Alfred Hicks, Esq., F.C. Goodenough, Esq., Sir Charles Addis, and that the Institute of Bankers be asked to nominate two members.

- Resolved:-
1. "That the resolutions of the German sub-Committee in regard to Reparations and Sanctions should be sent to the above named gentlemen, and also to those who had already been asked to join the Economic Sub-Committee asking their advice on the points raised.
 2. On the suggestion of Sir Arthur Shirley Benn it was agreed that a further term of reference should be -

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"That recognising the immediate need of money for restoring the devastated regions, consideration shall be given to the best method of monetizing for this purpose certain portions of the German Indemnities Bonds having due regard to not seriously hampering the rebuilding of industries in other countries or further depreciating exchange."

11. LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION - PARTY POLITICAL ORGANISATION.

Mrs. Oliver Strachey in accordance with the minutes of the last meeting moved the following resolutions:-

1. "That a quarterly Conference be summoned for October, to be held in Birmingham, to discuss political work; and that Secretaries, Regional Organisers and delegates to the Conference be invited to express their views as to how the non-party character of the Union can be preserved while its political effectiveness is increased."
2. "That an article on the subject of the need for the Union to do political work on non-party lines to be published in "Headway".

Considerable discussion took place on these resolutions and these were afterwards amended and carried as follows:-

1. "That a series of District Conferences should be held in the Autumn mainly for the purpose of stimulating the political activities of the Union."
2. "That at such Conferences some specific subject shall be discussed such as the policy of the Union on reduction of armaments and the political measures to be taken to secure that object."

12. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Management Committee. The minutes of the Management Committee dated June 30th were approved.

Questions were raised in regard to the cost of the dinner at the Hyde Park Hotel, and it was agreed that before any accounts were paid the whole matter again be referred to the Management Committee.

(b) Staff Appointments Committee. The General Secretary reported upon the recommendations of the Staff Appointments Committee held immediately prior to the Executive meeting.

Resolved:- "To approve of these recommendations."

13. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement for the period ending July 4th 1921 shewed a bank overdraft amounting to £17,419. 13. 1 with estimated outstanding liabilities amounting to £3500.

14. THE "NEAR EAST" MEMORANDUM - TREATY OF SEVRES.

The Committee considered a memorandum on the "Near East", and it was

Resolved:- "That before final approval this memorandum be submitted to a sub-Committee, consisting of:- Charles Roberts, Esq., David Davies, Esq., M.P.; Captain W.E. Elliot, M.P.

The Committee were asked to report before the next meeting of the Committee.

15. THE ARAB QUESTION.

The Committee considered a memorandum on the Arab question and it was

Resolved:- "That this memorandum be referred to a sub-Committee consisting of the following, and that they be asked to report before the next meeting of the Committee:- Captain Colin Coote, M.P., Major Gen. Sir Frederick Maurice, K.C.M.G., Major the Hon. Ormsby Gore, M.P.

16. WASHINGTON LABOUR CONVENTIONS.

A memorandum shewing the action of the various Branches in regard to a memorandum prepared by Headquarters on the Conventions of the International Labour Conference was considered.

Resolved:- "That a further memorandum on the subject, specially dealing with the debate in the House of Commons on Friday, July 1st, be drafted, and that the preparation of this memorandum be left in the hands of the Chairman and the General Secretary and Captain Lothian Small."

17. SANCTIONS.

The recommendations of the German sub-Committee regarding Sanctions were adjourned until the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

18. AMENDMENTS TO THE COVENANT.

Resolved:- "That a copy of the letter from Lord Phillimore setting forth a request for the Committee's recommendations on amendments to the Covenant, be sent to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations."

19. ARMAMENTS - LEAGUE OF NATIONS MIXED COMMISSION ON REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS.

A letter was read from Mr. Wilson Harris pointing out that the Civilian Committee on disarmament, appointed as the result of a resolution of the League of Nations Assembly, was to hold its first meeting in Paris on July 16th. There was, however, a doubt as to whether anything practical could be done before the next meeting of the Assembly in September.

Resolved:- "That a letter expressing the pleasure of the Executive Committee that the Civilian Committee is at last to meet in Paris, be sent to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, and to express the hope that the Committee will do

something effective before the meeting
of the Assembly in September."

20. WORK OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Lord Robert Cecil said that he hoped to get Lord Grey to write a letter to the Press upon the work of the League of Nations in settling the Aaland Islands dispute. If Lord Grey was unwilling to write such a letter he would do so himself.

The Committee expressed pleasure that this was to be done and expressed the hope that this letter would appear before the debate in the House of Commons.

Robert Cecil

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W. 1, ON THURSDAY,
JULY 21st 1921 AT 11.30a.m.

PRESENT: The Rt. Hon. Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman); Mrs. Oliver Strachey; David Davies, Esq., M.P.; Mrs. A.W. Claremont; Major J.D. Birchall, M.P.; Sir Arthur Haworth, Bt., The Viscountess Gladstone; Professor Gilbert Murray; Mrs. Walter Runciman; Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P.; Major the Hon. W. Ormsby-Gore, M.P.; Major D. Clifton Brown, M.P.; Henry Vivian, Esq., J.P.; J.F. Green, Esq., M.P.; The Rt. Hon. G.N. Barnes, M.P.; Major Gen. Sir Frederick Maurice, K.C.M.G., A.W. Claremont, Esq., Charles Roberts, Esq.; The General Secretary together with Col. D. Borden Turner; Captain R. Berkeley and Mr. D.H. Mills.

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21. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement for the period ending July 18th shewed a bank overdraft on that date amounting to £15,897.13.5 with estimated outstanding liabilities amounting to £4000.

22. DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE - REPORT.

The Committee considered the interim report of the Disarmament Campaign sub-Committee and approved it in the following amended form -

1. That 16 Regional Conferences of representatives of Branches be held in the provinces at the following centres:-

Northern	1 at Carlisle	1 at Newcastle
North Western	1 at Liverpool	
Yorkshire	1 at Leeds	
East Midlands	1 at Nottingham	
West Midlands	1 at Birmingham	
East Anglia	1 at Cambridge	
South Western	1 at Bristol	1 at Exeter
Southern	1 at Reading	
London and Home Counties	1 in London	
Scotland	1 at Edinburgh	1 at Glasgow
Wales	1 at Cardiff	1 at Shrewsbury or Bangor.

2. That these Conferences should ordinarily be held in the afternoon and be followed, in the evening, by a public meeting at which the members of the Executive Committee attending the Conference should speak.
3. That 16 speakers should be secured for the 16 Regional Conferences, and that at least two members of the Executive Committee should attend each.
4. That District Conferences should also be held, which local organisation, such as members of co-operative societies, should be invited to attend.

5. That the District Conferences should ordinarily be called by the Union's larger Branches to meet on Saturday afternoon, to take tea with the inviting Branch, and, if necessary, to continue their deliberations immediately after tea.
6. That, in accordance with the recommendation made by the General Secretary after consulting some of the Regional representatives, these Conferences, whether regional or district, should take place between the beginning of November and the middle of December.
7. That a resolution, such as one of the following, (one of which was drafted by Mr. Charles Roberts, while the General Secretary was asked to prepare the other two) should be presented at all these Conferences:-
 - (a) This Conference while warmly welcoming the Conference at Washington on the limitation of armaments, strongly urges the Assembly of the League of Nations to formulate and recommend to its Member-States some such definite policy for the limitation of military armaments as is recommended in the report recently issued by the League of Nations Union.
 - (b) That this Conference convinced that great armies and navies are a direct menace to the peace of the world, and that their upkeep imposes an unwarrantable and intolerable burden upon the taxpayer, strongly urges His Majesty's Government to do everything in its power to achieve a general limitation of armaments by international agreement under the auspices of the League of Nations.

A third resolution to cover the main points of (c) in the interim report was referred back to the sub-Committee for re-draft.

Some discussion took place upon the advisability of getting a resolution on the question of the limitation of armaments on the Agenda for the Trade Union Congress to be held in September and a further suggestion that the Trade Union Congress be asked to receive a fraternal delegation on this subject. The delegation to compose of Mr. Tom Shaw, M.P.; Mr. J.J. Mallon; Mr. G.H. Stuart Bunning, O.B.E., J.P.; Mrs. Philip Snowden; and Mr. J.R. Clynes, M.P.

The General Secretary stated that he would see Mr. Tom Shaw, if possible, before the next meeting of the Executive Committee to seek his advice and help in regard to this suggestion.

Resolved:- "That the resolution 7 (a) above be sent as from the Executive Committee to the Government immediately."

23. MANSION HOUSE MEETING.

The General Secretary reported that he had just received a message from the Lord Mayor's Secretary to the effect that a Mansion House meeting may be held on October 18th, 20th, or 21st in order to launch the Appeals Campaign.

24. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(1) Management Committee. The minutes of the Management Committee dated July 14th, subject to a verbal alteration in minute 16 were adopted.

(a) Librarian. The General Secretary reported that it was probable that Miss Macdonell would act as librarian to the Union in an honorary capacity.

(b) Mr. Balfour's speech. Lord Robert Cecil stated that the Government had promised to print Mr. Balfour's speech at the Imperial Conference as a pamphlet, but it was decided that the Union should also print it as a pamphlet.

(2) Finance and Appeals Committee. The Committee approved of the minutes of the Finance and Appeals Committee dated July 8th.

The Committee expressed its great appreciation of Lord Cowdray's generosity in guaranteeing an overdraft of £25,000 until July 1922. The General Secretary was asked to send the Committee's hearty thanks to Lord Cowdray.

The General Secretary asked for the help of Members of Parliament in their various constituencies in regard to the Appeals Campaign to be launched in October.

Resolved:- "To request that this item be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Parliament Committee."

(3) Christian Organisations Committee. The minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee held July 6th were adopted.

(4) Editorial Committee. The minutes of the Editorial Committee dated July 14th were considered.

The General Secretary stated the position in regard to the contract for "Headway" and the reasons for the suggested change of printers.

Resolved:- "That these minutes be adopted but if the matter cannot be arranged in a friendly manner with Mr. Bonwick the matter be again considered."

25. COMMITTEE ON RELIGION AND ETHICS.

The Committee considered a memorandum of an interview between members of the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union and the Executive Committee of the Society for a League of Religions who had met for the purpose of considering the question of the formation of a Committee on Religion and Ethics.

Resolved:- "To approve of the following recommendations of this Conference, namely:-

"That the Committee on Religion and Ethics consist of the four named members of the Christian Organisations Committee, (viz:- The Bishop of Kensington, the Lady Farmoor, the Hon. & Rev. Canon Lyttelton and the Rev. W. Copeland Bowie),

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together with those members of the present Executive Committee of the Society for a League of Religions who are willing to serve; and that the Committee so constituted have power to nominate additional members to the Executive Committee for co-optation."

If all the members consent to serve, the proposed Committee on Religion and Ethics will at first consist of:-

Rt. Rev. Bishop of Kensington; Rt. Rev. Bishop of Northern and Central Europe; Mr. Yusuf Ali; Rev. Estlin Carpenter, D.D.; Mrs. Percy Bigland; Rev. Hugh Chapman; Rev. Tyssul Davies, B.A.; Mr. Carl Heath; Rev. Canon Horsley, M.A.; Miss M.H. Huntsman; Rev. Morris Joseph; Mr. Harry R. Lewis; Rabbi Israel Mattuck; Mr. Arthur Moro; Rev. W.D. Morrison, LL.D.; Mr. de Silva; Miss Kate Simmons; Rev. Vivian Simmons, B.A.; Rev. Walter Walsh, D.D.; Rev. Rhondda Williams; Mr. W.J. Williams; Dr. Myer Nathan; Miss Ethel Behrens; the Lady Farmoor., the Hon. Rev. Canon E. Lyttelton; Rev. W. Copeland Bowie.

26. ACTIVE POLICY OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION.

The Committee considered a memorandum submitted by Mr. David Davies on an active policy of the League of Nations Union, and agreed to approve of the policy on the following lines:-

1. Organise a campaign to persuade the Prime Minister to attend the meeting of the Assembly in September. If he could be induced to attend, other Prime Ministers would follow his example.
2. Agitate for the Supreme Council to finish its work as soon as possible.
3. Demand that we should be represented on the Council either by the Foreign Secretary, the Prime Minister or an Assistant Foreign Secretary specially appointed for that purpose. At present the League has no connection with the Foreign Office.
4. Urge the immediate ratification of the Protocol establishing the Court of International Justice.

Resolved:- "That (1) and (4) be circulated to the branches for immediate action; and that (2) and (3) be brought forward for consideration at the next meeting of the Parliamentary Committee."

The General Secretary was asked to consult with Mr. Davies as to the steps necessary to get the Branches to give effective consideration to the above matters.

27. MAJOR GENERAL SIR FREDERICK MAURICE - COMMUNICATION.

A communication from Major Gen. Sir Frederick Maurice was considered in which Gen. Maurice stated that when visiting branches he was continually receiving complaints of excessive interference of Headquarters in matters of detail, and not sufficient help in matters of principle, and he considered that this was probably due to over centralisation.

He advocated the de-centralisation of the administrative work concerned with branches to divisional Councils. The General Secretary stated that this at the moment was in hand and that the Council at its last meeting had given power for the formation of Regional Councils all over the country.

The Committee considered the point raised that branches are not given sufficient practical work to do but no definite conclusion was reached.

It was explained to General Maurice that much of the administrative work connected with the Union and the Branches was done by the Management Committee, and Gen. Maurice was invited to serve upon this Committee. He promised to think the matter over and reply at the next meeting.

28. RESOLUTIONS - MR. DAVID DAVIES.

The following resolution of Mr. David Davies was approved:

"That with the papers for each Executive Committee there be circulated a report shewing what action has been taken by Branches concerning resolutions and other matters referred to them by Headquarters."

29. THE NEAR EAST - THE ARAB QUESTION.

Two memoranda on the Near East and the Arab question as revised by sub-Committees set up for the purpose were received.

Resolved:- "That no action be taken in regard to these memoranda."

30. ALBANIA.

The following resolution submitted by the Association Francaise pour la Societe des Nations was adopted:-

"The Council of the Association Francaise pour la Societe des Nations and of the Federation des Associations Francaise pour la Societe des Nations express their regret that the Council of the League of Nations should have had the weakness to give over to the Conference of Ambassadors the consideration of questions affecting the autonomy and territorial integrity of Albania, a Member of the League, appealing to it under the terms of Article 15 of the Covenant."

31. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - RESIGNATIONS.

The General Secretary reported the resignations of Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, and Mr. Tom Shaw, M.P. from the Executive Committee.

Resolved:- "To accept these resignations with regret."

32. THE GENERAL SECRETARY - MEMBER OF COMMITTEES.

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was

Resolved:- "That the General Secretary be ex-officio a member of all Committees and sub-Committees of the Union."

33. OTHER MATTERS.

It was decided that the following matters on the Agenda be brought forward at the next meeting of the Committee:-

Britain's representative to Washington Disarmament Conference.

Silesia.

German sub-Committee and Sanctions.

Trial of War Criminals - Red Cross Proposals.

(a) Communication to Central Committee of the Red Cross from M. Gustave Ador.

(b) Memorandum by Mr. H.L. Bellot.

34. NEXT MEETING.

Resolved:- "That the next meeting of the Executive Committee be held on July 28th at 12 noon."

Robert Cecil

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W. 1,
ON THURSDAY, JULY 28th, 1921, AT 12 NOON.

PRESENT: The Rt. Hon. Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman),
Rt. Hon. G.N. Barnes, M.P., Charles Roberts, Esq., Mrs. Walter
Runciman, Sir Arthur Haworth, Bart., Percy Bigland, Esq.,
F.N. Keen, Esq., Oswald Mosley, Esq., M.P., A.W. Claremont, Esq.,
Mrs. A.W. Claremont, Mrs. Oliver Strachey, Major Gen. the
Rt. Hon. J.E.B. Seely, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., M.P., Sir
Ellis Hume-Williams, K.B.E., M.P., The Viscountess Gladstone,
Captain Colin R. Coote, M.P., Major the Hon. W. Ormsby-Gore,
M.P., J.H. Harris, Esq., Captain W. Elliot, M.C., M.P.,
Professor Gilbert Murray, the General Secretary together
with Colonel D. Borden-Turner, Mr. A.J.C. Freshwater, and
Mr. D.H. Mills.

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35. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the meeting held July 7th, 1921, together
with minutes of the meeting held on July 21st, 1921, were
approved as circulated.

36. ECONOMIC SUB-COMMITTEE.

The General Secretary reported that the following had
agreed to join the Economic Sub-Committee:- Professor Cannon,
J.A. Hobson, Esq., Alfred Hicks, Esq., J.M. Keynes, Esq.,
C.B., M.A., W.T. Layton, Esq., Sir George Paish, F.W. Hirst, Esq.,
He asked the authority of the Executive for this Committee
to be formed.

Resolved: "To authorise the formation of the above sub-
Committee with power to co-opt and that the
term of reference be:-

- 'Consideration of the effect of the final
reparation demand from Germany with
reference to
- (a) the industrial and financial
interests of recipient nations.
 - (b) the course of international
changes in Europe."

37. WORK OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

The Chairman stated that a letter had been written for
Lord Grey to sign for the press upon the work of the League
of Nations in settling the Aaland Islands dispute. Unfor-
tunately, however, as Lord Grey was travelling about the
country the letter did not reach him in time and so it did
not appear in the Press.

Resolved: "That this letter be published in "Headway" and
signed by Lord Robert Cecil."

38. LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS CAMPAIGN.

The General Secretary reported that the Limitation of
Armaments Campaign Committee had stated it was unable to

meet again until October and he had therefore drafted a resolution which at the last meeting was referred back to the sub-Committee for re-draft.

Resolved: "That this resolution be circulated for consideration of the Committee at its next meeting."

The Chairman stated that he had seen Mr. J.R. Clynes who did not consider that sending a fraternal delegation to the Trade Union Congress would be acceptable to them. He also discussed with him the question of a Labour Advisory Committee and Mr. Clynes had promised to submit names from which the Committee could approve of a certain number to act as a Labour Advisory Committee. The Committee discussed the question as to whether it was advisable to have such a Committee formed but it was ultimately

Resolved: "That the Chairman continue these negotiations with Mr. Clynes and report at the next meeting of the Committee."

39. APPEALS - MANSION HOUSE MEETING.

The General Secretary reported that Lord Grey had consented to address the Mansion House Meeting on October 18th.

40. PERMANENT COURT OF INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE - RATIFICATION.

It was reported that in reply to a question by Lord Robert Cecil in the House of Commons on July 21st, Mr. Harmsworth had said that "the instrument of ratification had been submitted to the King for His Majesty's signature. It would be deposited at Geneva as soon as possible." In view of this answer it was

Resolved:- "That no useful purpose would be served in carrying out the instruction of Minute 26 (4)."

41. WASHINGTON CONFERENCE - BRITAIN'S REPRESENTATIVE.

The Committee considered the suggestion that the Union should take action advocating the necessity for the Prime Minister's attendance at the Washington Conference on the Limitation of Armaments.

Resolved: "That no action be taken".

42. SILESIA.

The Committee considered the question of Silesia and the suggestion of the German Sub-Committee that the following resolution be passed on the subject -

"That it is of the utmost importance that the province of Upper Silesia forming as it does an industrial and economic unit should not be divided.

That it would be in the best interests of Europe that the province should remain German.

That if this is not at present practicable the province should be made an autonomous free-trade state under the League of Nations with security for a completely neutral administration."

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Resolved: "That no action be taken at present but that the German sub-Committee be informed that this was a matter which would most probably be discussed at the Assembly meeting in September."

43. GERMAN SANCTIONS.

The Committee considered the following two resolutions of the German Sub-Committee -

- (a) "That in view of the acceptance by Germany of the Allied demands all the sanctions should be immediately abolished.
- (b) That the occupation of the Ruhr by the French would be disastrous economically to the general interests of Europe.

The attention of the Committee was also drawn to the resolution of April 21st, as follows -

"That this Committee adheres to the view expressed by the Prime Minister on March 7th, 1921, that the question of reparations by Germany can better be settled by agreement with that Power than by taking action to enforce the Allied demands; and views with great uneasiness the prospect of a further military advance into the Ruhr Valley. It urges the submission of the question of how much Germany can pay to arbitration in accordance with the proposals made in the Union's memorandum of March 17th."

Resolved: "That the question of sanctions would inevitably arise if Germany applies for admission to the League at the next meeting of the Assembly and that this will be the best way in which the question should be raised with the League."

44. ADMISSION OF GERMANY.

The Committee considered a proposal that branches be asked to send resolutions to the Government advocating the admission of Germany to the League at the next meeting of the Assembly. The General Secretary detailed the action of the Union in regard to this matter and it was

Resolved: "That in the next circular letter to branches steps taken by the Union with regard to this matter be given in detail and that the action of the Federation of Societies at Geneva be also mentioned."

45. TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS.

The Committee considered a letter by M. Gustave Ador, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross and also a memorandum by Dr. H.L. Bellot on the question of the trial of war criminals and the suggestion that an International Criminal Court be set up. It was

Resolved: "To ask Sir Ellis Hume-Williams and Dr. Bellot to draw up a scheme for the establishment of an International Criminal Court."

Sir Ellis Hume-Williams intimated that such a scheme was already in existence.

46. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Overseas Committee. The Minutes of the Overseas Committee dated July 13th, 1921, were adopted.

Indians at Imperial Conference. It was reported that the dinner to distinguished Indians given by Major Davies on July 21st was a great success. As a result some of the Indians intended to be present at the Assembly Meeting at Geneva in September and to take steps for the formation of a League of Nations Union in India. Some members of the Executive who were present at the Dinner endorsed most heartily the report of its success.

Restriction of Aliens.

Resolved: "That no action be taken and that the Austrian sub-Committee be informed that in order to relax the restrictions as to the admittance of ex-enemy subjects into this country legislation would be required."

Reparations.

Resolved: "That the German Sub-Committee be informed that the Executive Committee did not consider that it was within their province to ascertain the basis on which Germany is credited on account of ships delivered to the Allies."

Representation of Overseas Committees on Main Committees.

Resolved: "To approve of the following resolution of the Overseas Committee:-

"That the Chairman or any members of the Overseas Sub-Committee concerned be invited to attend the meetings of any sub-Committee appointed by the Executive to consider any question raised by that Overseas Sub-Committee!"

Amendment to the Statutes of the Federation.

Resolved: "To approve of the following proposed amendment to the Statutes of the Federation of the League of Nations Associations -

"The Council may appoint Honorary Members of the Council to the number of not more than twenty. These shall hold office for two years and shall be eligible for re-election. They shall be entitled to attend the meetings of the Council, take part in the proceedings and each shall have one vote."

War Guilt.

The attention of the Committee was drawn to a resolution of the German Sub-Committee.

"That the League of Nations Union should request representatives at the Assembly of the

League to ask for an enquiry by distinguished neutral publicists into the causes of the Great War."

Resolved: "That no action be taken."

Mandates Committee. The Minutes of the meeting of the Mandates Committee held on Friday, July 8th, 1921, were adopted including the amendments to the Mandate for Togoland and the Cameroons and a letter to the Secretary of the Council of the League in regard to the proposed amendments to the Tanganyika Mandate.

Resolved: "That the attention of the Government and of the Council be drawn to Article 9 of the draft Mandates for Togoland (British) and the Cameroons (British) from which it would appear that contrary to the express provisions of the Covenant Togoland and the Cameroons had been put into class "c" of the Mandated Areas and to protest to the Government and the League against this decision."

It was further

Resolved: "That the Government be asked to accept any modifications to the draft mandate that the League of Nations may approve." *of the L.N.U's*
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Tanganyika Mandate. The attention of the Committee was drawn to a resolution of the Barton-on-Humber Branch pointing out an error in the Union's proposed amendment to the Mandate for Tanganyika. This error had now been corrected.

Resolved: "That the thanks of the Committee be accorded to the Barton-on-Humber Branch."

47. CHELSEA BRANCH - ARMENIAN RESOLUTION.

The following resolution of the Chelsea Branch was adopted -

"That this meeting of the Chelsea Branch of the League of Nations Union urgently asks Headquarters to insist that the Armenian Question is again brought up at the next Assembly Meeting of the League of Nations at Geneva in September."

The General Secretary was directed to notify the Secretary of the Chelsea Branch that it was quite certain that this matter would already be on the Agenda and brought to the attention of the Assembly meeting.

48. LORD LEVERHULME - COMMUNICATION.

A communication from Lord Leverhulme regretting that he was unable to accept a seat upon the Council and also that he was unable to contribute to the funds of the Union was read.

49. NEXT MEETING.

Resolved: "That the next meeting of the Executive Committee be held on August 4th and that the last meeting until October be held on August 11th."

Aug. 4. 1921.

Gilbert Murray.

Questions to Parliamentary Candidates.

1. (a) What are your views on the League of Nations?
(b) If elected, will you use your influence in Parliament to support and strengthen the League of Nations?
2. What is your attitude with regard to the admission of the remaining ex-enemy states into the League of Nations?
3. Are you in favour of the reduction of national armaments to the lowest point consistent with national safety and the enforcement by common action of international obligations, and will you support any plans unanimously agreed upon by the Council of the League for that purpose?
4. Would you agree to any draft convention agreed upon by the International Labour Conference established by the Treaty of Versailles (or, alternatively, do you agree that every draft convention agreed upon by the International Labour Conference established by the Treaty of Versailles should be submitted to the House of Commons?)
5. Are you in favour of the principle that the territories of Asia, Africa and the Pacific Islands which were taken from Turkey and Germany should be entrusted to Mandatories on behalf of the League of Nations to be administered by them or by their advice in the interests of the inhabitants of those territories and for the equal advantage of all States members of the League?
6. Will you press the Government to secure the fullest possible publicity for all proceedings of the League?

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,
AUGUST 4th 1921 at 12 noon.

PRESENT: - Professor Gilbert Murray (In the Chair); Charles Roberts, Esq; the Rt.Hon.G.N.Barnes, M.P.; Captain W.E.Elliot, M.P.; Captain Colin Coote, M.P.; J.F.Green, Esq. M.P.; John H.Harris, Esq.; Sir Ellis Hume-Williams, K.B.E., M.P.; Percy Bigland, Esq.; F.N.Keen, Esq; Major J.D.Birchall, M.P.; Aneurin Williams, Esq. M.P; Mrs.Walter Runciman; Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, D.Sc., Ph.D., the General Secretary; together with Miss A.E.Murray and Mr.A.J.C.Freshwater.

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50. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

42. Silesia. The General Secretary reported that the Intelligence Section is at work drafting a memorandum for Lord Robert Cecil to take with him to Geneva.

45. Trial of War Criminals. Sir Ellis Hume-Williams reported that the necessary information could be obtained from an interim Report issued by the Government Committee for Enquiring into Breaches of Laws of War. Owing to the size of this Report, however, the Committee asked the General Secretary to endeavour to purchase the necessary chapters supplying this information.

46. Report of Mandates Committee - resolution (g). At the suggestion of Mr.Charles Roberts the portion of this resolution was amended to read as follows:-

"That the Government be asked to accept any of the League of Nations Union modifications to the draft mandate that the League of Nations may approve."

47. Armenian resolution. The Committee asked Mr.Aneurin Williams and Mr.J.H.Harris to ~~ask the "Friends of Armenia"~~ draw up a memorandum and resolution on the Armenian question in time for circulation for the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee held on July 28th were approved as amended, and signed.

51. REPORT OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - AUGUST 4th 1921.

The General Secretary reported that the Management Committee had agreed to the transference of the Intelligence Section from Captain Berkeley to Colonel Borden Turner, and that the resignation of Mr.Andreas Michalopoulos had been accepted with regret, the Committee thanking Mr.Michalopoulos for the good services he had rendered to the Union.

52. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement was approved as circulated.

53. QUESTION OF MAKING THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

The Committee decided not to discuss this question in the absence of Lord Robert Cecil.

54. MEMORANDUM ON THE WASHINGTON LABOUR CONVENTIONS.

The General Secretary objected to the last paragraph of this report on the ground that the Branch Secretaries had complained to Headquarters of the mass of detailed material sent to them, and suggested that the paragraph should be altered, suggesting to the Branches that if would like to discuss this question, Headquarters could supply them with material for their guidance. The Committee agreed to the paragraph being amended as suggested by the General Secretary.

55. RESOLUTION FOR AUTUMN CAMPAIGN.

The Disarmament Campaign Committee as it did not meet again before the autumn requested the General Secretary to draft this resolution for use during the Disarmament Campaign.

Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon was supported by the Committee in the view that the resolution was unnecessarily long, and the Committee asked Professor Gilbert Murray, Mr. Charles Roberts and the General Secretary to revise and shorten this resolution.

56. OTHER BUSINESS.

The General Secretary reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Herbert Stead, thanking the Committee for their valuable report on the Limitation of Armaments.

Sir Ellis Hume-Williams asked that the Committee should resolve to send a letter to the members of the Parliamentary Committee asking those members who intended to be present at the meeting of the Assembly in Geneva whether they would be willing to act as special correspondents to various weekly and provincial daily papers. The Committee agreed, and the General Secretary was asked to forward this letter.

57. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The date of the next meeting of the Executive Committee was fixed for Thursday, August 11th 1921.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 11th
1921 AT 12 NOON.

PRESENT:-The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman); Captain W.E. Elliot, M.P.; Captain Colin Coote, M.P. G.H. Stuart Bunning, Esq., O.B.E., J.P.; Charles Roberts, Esq; Mrs. Oliver Strachey; The Viscountess Gladstone; Professor Gilbert Murray; Aneurin Williams, Esq., M.P.; John H. Harris, Esq.; Oswald Mosley, Esq., M.P.; together with the General Secretary, Captain Reginald Berkeley; Mr. A.J.C. Freshwater, Captain Lothian Small and Mr. D.H. Mills.

MINUTES.

58. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 4th August 1921 were approved as circulated.

The Committee in accepting, with great regret, Captain Berkeley's resignation as given on the 4th August (so that his three months notice would run until November 4th 1921) decided that the transfer of the Intelligence Section to Col. Borden-Turner's supervision should not take place until 4th November.

The Committee also resolved that the best thanks of the Union be conveyed to Captain Berkeley for the extremely valuable services rendered by him to the League of Nations and to the Union.

59. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Minutes of the following Committees were approved:-

Management Committee	- 4.8.21.
Editorial "	- 10.8.21.
Finance "	- 9.8.21.
Parliamentary "	- 9.8.21.
Appeals "	- 9.8.21.

The approval being subject to certain verbal alterations in the last named minutes.

Captain Small gave a resumé of the proceedings of the Parliamentary Committee at its meeting held on August 9th.

60. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement for the period ending August 9th 1921 shewed a bank overdraft on that date amounting to £16,711.5.10d. with estimated outstanding liabilities amounting to £3,000.

61. POLISH-LITHUANIAN DISPUTE.

The Committee considered a memorandum by the Lithuanian sub-Committee on the Polish-Lithuanian dispute. Lord Robert Cecil stated that he would support at the Assembly the suggestion put forward that Zeligowski should withdraw his troops from the Vilna district before any satisfactory conclusion could be reached.

62. ARMENIA.

The Committee considered a memorandum on Armenia and the League Assembly drafted by Mr. Aneurin Williams and Mr. John H. Harris. The Committee adopted the following resolution:-

"That the Executive Committee of the I.N.U. desires to draw the attention of the Assembly to the present position of affairs in Armenia, and begs it to reappoint at the opening of its session, a Committee to study the question and report to the Assembly before its conclusion."

63. ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATION.

The General Secretary reported the receipt of a telegram from the Liverpool Branch quoting a telegram which they had sent to Mr. Austin Chamberlain protesting against the appointment of Sir Rennell Rodd as one of the three British representatives to the Assembly.

Mr. H. H. Stainton, the Regional representative, had telegraphed at the same time asking for information as to what action the Union intended to take in the matter.

Resolved:- "To express regret that the appointment of Sir Rennell Rodd as the third member of the British delegation to the Assembly at Geneva will leave a large section of life and thought of the country unrepresented."

It was further

Resolved:- "That the branches be communicated with so that they might have an opportunity of discussing the matter and if they so wish, to communicate some such resolution as they approve to the Government."

The Committee discussed the possibility of getting the Trades Union Congress to take action with regard to this and it was

Resolved:- "That the question of getting the Trades Union Congress to take action be left in the hands of Lord Robert Cecil, Mr. G. H. Stuart Bunning and the General Secretary."

64. ARMAMENTS CAMPAIGN RESOLUTION.

The Committee approved of the following resolution referred for redraft at the last meeting of the Committee:-

1. "WHEREAS, competition in armaments is a direct menace to the peace of the world; WHEREAS, their upkeep imposes an intolerable burden upon the taxpayers;

WHEREAS, a general reduction of armaments would save several European Governments from bankruptcy, and ease the financial problems of the rest, WHEREAS, big armaments make for financial bankruptcy, high taxes, small trade, low wages, unemployment, bad housing, high rents, neglected education, and general social and industrial discontent and instability; WHEREAS, according to the unanimous finding of the International Financial Conference at Brussels, it is only by a frank policy of mutual co-operation that the nations can hope to regain their old prosperity and standards of productiveness.

THEREFORE THIS CONFERENCE urges upon His Majesty's Government that immediate steps should be taken to secure by collective action a general and agreed reduction of the Crushing Burden, which armaments still impose on the impoverished peoples of the world.

2. THE CONFERENCE FURTHER CONSIDERS THAT if the League of Nations reaches its full strength and stature, supported by the great moral forces of the world, peace and national independence will be secured without resort to arms; that it is upon the support of public opinion that the League of Nations depends for its strength; that British public opinion does support the League wherever the facts are made known, that it is to make the facts known and to keep British public opinion informed, alert and effective, that the League of Nations Union exists.

ACCORDINGLY THIS CONFERENCE urges every citizen to support the League by joining the League of Nations Union and assisting it to the utmost limit of his ability.

65. FAMINE IN RUSSIA.

The General Secretary read a letter he had received from Mr. F.P. Walters of the League of Nations in regard to the famine in Russia.

Professor Gilbert Murray was asked to draft a letter in reply to a leader which had already appeared in the "Times" regarding the League and the famine in Russia.

Doris H. Radstone

Oct. 6th 1921.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 6th 1921 AT 11.30 a.m.

Present:- The Viscountess Gladstone; John H. Harris, Esq.
Mrs. A. W. Claremont; Henry Vivian, Esq. J.P.; Mrs. Oliver Strachey;
J. F. Green, Esq. M.P.; F. N. Keen, Esq.; Oswald Mosley, Esq. M.P.;
Charles Roberts, Esq.; J. D. Birchall, Esq. M.P.; Raymond Unwin,
Esq.; together with the General Secretary; Mr. A. J. C. Freshwater
and Mr. D. H. Mills.

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66. CHAIRMAN.

In the absence of Lord Robert Cecil and of the Vice-Chairman,
the Viscountess Gladstone was voted to the Chair.

67. MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on
August 11th 1921 were approved as circulated.

68. ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATION - ACTION OF LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

Resolved:- "That the question of Professor Webster's
resignation be discussed at the next
meeting of the Management Committee."

69. LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS CAMPAIGN.

The General Secretary reported that the organisation of the
Conferences with regard to the limitation of Armaments Campaign
was not yet complete. It was hoped that dates would be fixed
within a week or two.

70. RUSSIAN FAMINE.

The General Secretary reported the receipt of a communication
from the Hastings Branch who wished to know what steps the Union
proposed to take in regard to the Russian Famine and Dr. Nansen's
Relief work.

Resolved:- "That a reply be sent to the effect that
individual members were interested and
were contributing generously to the funds
of the Russian Famine Relief Fund and
undertaking various work on their behalf."

71. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement for the period ending October 3rd 1921
shewed a bank overdraft on that date amounting to £23,659.6.10
with estimated outstanding liabilities amounting to £2500.

Arising out of the discussion of the Financial Statement it was

Resolved:- "That last year's resolution of the Executive Committee in regard to a proposal to reduce the budget to one of £20,000 per year, be circulated for the information of the Executive Committee."

72. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The minutes of the following Committees were approved:-

Management - 11.8.21.
Education - 30.9.21.
Religions & Ethics - 30.9.21.

The General Secretary gave a resume of the Finance & Appeals Committee held on the 4th October and spoke of the success of two luncheons which Lord Cowdray had given with a view to interesting business men in the League: the one at Bradford and the other at the Ritz Hotel on the previous day at which Dr. Nansen was the principal speaker.

73. TRUSTEES.

Resolved:- "That in addition to the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Reading and the Rt. Hon. Reginald McKenna; the Viscount Cowdray and Mr. David Davies be asked to become "trustees of the Union."

74. MANSION HOUSE MEETING.

The Committee agreed to a suggestion of the General Secretary that Lord Cowdray should be asked to speak at the Mansion House meeting in the terms of his address to business men at the Ritz Hotel.

75. MR. MC. CURDY'S PAMPHLET.

The Committee's attention was drawn to a pamphlet entitled "The Golden Rule as Practical Politics" written by the Rt. Hon. C.A. McCurdy. This pamphlet had been sent to the Union by a member, Miss M. Adamson, of Bath.

Resolved:- "To communicate with the Coalition Party Headquarters to ask if the matter in the pamphlet regarding the League of Nations represented the views of the Government towards that subject, and that having obtained a reply the matter be again discussed."

76. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - CO-OPTATION.

Resolved:- "That the following be co-opted members of the Executive Committee:"

Sir John Barran, Bt.
The Rt. Hon. Sir Charles Hobhouse, Bt.
Mr. A. Whitehead.
Mr. H. J. May.

77. EVERYMAN THEATRE - UNDER PATRONAGE OF I.N.U.

The General Secretary reported that he had received a communication from Mr. Macdermott of the Everyman Theatre in which he had stated that he had received the patronage to a series of International plays at the Everyman Theatre, of Lord Robert Cecil, Professor Gilbert Murray, and others.

He enclosed an advertisement card which had printed upon it, "Under the patronage of the League of Nations Union." The General Secretary saw Mr. Macdermott and pointed out that this was an irregularity as it had not received the approval of the Executive Committee. As, however, the matter had been printed, the General Secretary asked for the Committee's approval to the following arrangements made with Mr. Macdermott:-

- (a) That an announcement of the Union be enclosed with every programme sold in the theatre.
- (b) That the Union be allowed to place a poster (which might be changed from time to time) in the lobby of the theatre.
- (c) That a speaker on behalf of the Union be allowed to address the audience for not more than five minutes on the first night of each play presented during the International season.
- (d) That a member of the Union be allowed to take the names of new members during one of the intervals on Saturday evenings during the season.

Resolved:- "To approve of the arrangements made by the General Secretary and that the Union give its patronage to the international season at the Everyman theatre."

78. CO-OPERATIVE UNION.

The General Secretary reported an interview he had had with Mr. Whitehead, Secretary of the Co-operative Union, who agreed, subject to the approval of his Executive Committee, that a letter be sent out to the 1500 Co-operative Societies. This appears to be the best means of obtaining a large increase of members of the Co-operative Union.

79. LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS - COMMUNICATION FROM NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL

The General Secretary reported the receipt of a draft circular letter from the General Secretary of the National Peace Council in regard to disarmament, with a request that he as General Secretary should sign, on behalf of the I.N.U. This circular would also have the signatories of the Secretaries of various Peace Organisations, and it was intended to be circulated to the branches of all the signatory Societies asking that meetings should be held on the question of disarmament, and resolutions sent to the Prime Minister, etc. There was, however, no reference in this circular to the work of the League of Nations in regard to the limitation of armaments, and the General Secretary suggested the insertion of a paragraph which would meet the case. He promised to bring the matter then to the attention of the Executive Committee and ask their authority to sign such a letter on behalf of the Union.

Resolved:- "That the General Secretary should see Lord Robert Cecil on the matter, and that it be pointed out to Lord Robert that the Committee were doubtful as to the wisdom of the General Secretary's signature being attached."

80. LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS - NOVEMBER 11TH DEMONSTRATION.

The Committee discussed a proposal that a demonstration be held on November 11th, and in this connection it was reported that various organisations proposed to hold meetings throughout the country on the subject of disarmament on this particular day which was coincident with the meeting of the Disarmament Conference at Washington.

The General Secretary pointed out that with the autumn programme in regard to Appeals, Limitation of Armaments, etc. it was not possible for the present staff to cope with the organisation of a demonstration.

Mrs. Oliver Strachey volunteered to undertake the organising of an Albert Hall meeting if the Committee accepted that proposal.

Resolved:- "To accept the kind offer of Mrs. Oliver Strachey to organise a meeting at the Albert Hall or other Hall on November 11th and that every effort be made to arrange for delegates to the Assembly to be present at that meeting."

81. RESOLUTIONS.

The General Secretary reported the receipt of the following resolution from the West Saltney Parish Council:-

"That the principles of the League of Nations as propounded at the recent meeting held in Hawarden have the support and approval of this Council."

Resolutions were also received from the following public bodies:-

Inter-Parliamentary Conference.
Methodist Oecumenical Conference.
National Brotherhood Conference.
Women's Conference.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD

AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,

OCTOBER 20th 1921 AT 11.30 a.m.

Present:- The Rt. Hon. Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman).
 John H. Harris, Esq., Aneurin Williams, Esq. M.P., Captain W.E. Elliot, M.P., Percy Bigland, Esq. D. Clifton Brown, Esq. M.P., Captain Colin Coote, M.P., Major Gen. Sir Frederick Maurice, K.C.M.G., Professor Gilbert Murray, the Rt. Hon. G.R. Barnes, M.P. *by*
 J.F. Green, Esq. M.P., A.W. Claremont, Esq., Mrs. A.W. Claremont, F.N. Keen, Esq., Mrs. Oliver Strachey, Sir Ellis Hume Williams, K.B.E., K.C., M.P., Charles Roberts, Esq., together with the General Secretary. In attendance: Mr. D.H. Mills.

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82. MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held October 6th 1921 were approved as circulated.

83. APPEAL CAMPAIGN - LORD COWDRAY.

Before the ordinary business of the meeting was transacted the Chairman proposed that the very hearty vote of thanks of the Committee be expressed to Lord Cowdray for the munificent gift of £50,000 towards the Appeal fund, and also to the anonymous gentleman who made a conditional promise of £25,000.

Resolved:- "That the best thanks of the Union be accorded to these donors."

84. TRUSTEES.

The General Secretary reported that Mr. David Davies had consented to become one of the Trustees of the Union, but that Lord Cowdray felt he was unable to undertake further duties.

Resolved:- "That the question of appointment of a further Trustee be referred to the Finance Committee."

85. MR. MC. CURDY'S PAMPHLET.

The General Secretary reported a letter which had been received from the Coalition Liberal Organisation in reply to that of the General Secretary conveying the decision of the Executive Committee at its meeting held on October 6th.

The Committee expressed themselves as not satisfied with the reply of the General Secretary of the Coalition Liberal Organisation, and Captain Colin Coote promised to see the person responsible for the distribution of Coalition literature and place before him the views of the Executive Committee in regard to Mr. Mc. Curdy's pamphlet and ask him to discontinue its circulation.

86. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - NEW MEMBERS.

The General Secretary reported that the following had accepted co-optation to the Executive Committee:-

Sir John Barran, Bt.,
 The Rt. Hon. Sir Charles Hobhouse, Bt.

87. CO-OPERATIVE UNION.

The Chairman reported that he had seen Mr. Whitehead, Secretary of the Co-operative Union, who had, subject to the approval of his Executive Committee, consented that a letter be sent to the 1500 Co-operative Societies asking for their support. This meant that 4½ million people would be reached. He made a stipulation, however, that this could only be done if the Union definitely promised to provide first rate speakers for the 6 or 8 meetings that the Union intended to hold throughout the country

Resolved:- "That the Chairman and General Secretary draft a list of suggested speakers to submit to Mr. Whitehead."

Mr. C.N. Barnes volunteered that if his services were desired he would go to any of the meetings arranged.

88. IMITATION OF ARMAMENTS - NOVEMBER 11th DEMONSTRATION.

Jord Robert Cecil stated that instead of the proposed public meeting at the Albert Hall on November 11th, it had been arranged that a meeting of women should be held in the Central Hall on that date. On the same evening (but sufficiently later in time to enable them to receive a message from the London meeting) there were to be large demonstrations of women voters in New York in connection with the Washington Conference.

It was suggested to Mrs. Strachey that a representative of the Women's Co-operative Guild be asked to speak at this meeting.

89. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement for the period ending October 17th 1921 shewed a bank overdraft on that date amounting to £23,929. 1.10 with estimated outstanding liabilities amounting to £2500.

90. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The minutes of the following Committees were received and adopted:-

Management - 13.10.21.
Religion & Ethics - 17.10.21.
London Appeals - 4.10.21.

German sub-Committee (55) The General Secretary reported upon his interview with Mr. G.P. Gooch and requested that the Executive Committee should give the German sub-Committee some specific reference.

Resolved:- "That the German sub-Committee be asked to advise the Executive Committee as to what steps could best be undertaken to bring Germany into the League."

91. SILESIA.

Arising out of a letter from Mr. David Davies the reported Silesian award was discussed.

Resolved:- "That the Chairman and General Secretary nominate a sub-Committee to consider the Silesian award, and draft a manifesto to be circulated to branches for their information."

It was agreed that the memorandum should make clear that the Silesian problem was referred to the Council of the League by the

Supreme Council for its advice, and that the League was bound to have regard to the Treaty of Versailles in whatever decision it made. Captain Walter Elliot consented to serve upon this sub-Committee and it was further agreed that Mr. J.R.M. Butler be also asked to serve upon this sub-Committee which Lord Robert Cecil was asked to nominate. (Lord Robert subsequently nominated the Committee as follows:- Captain Walter Elliot, M.P. (Chairman), The Rt. Hon. G.N. Barnes, M.P., Henry Vivian, Esq. J.P., David Davies, Esq. M.P. in addition to Mr. J.R.M. Butler if he were ready to serve.

92. CAPTAIN BERKELEY.

Resolved:- "That the very cordial thanks of the Union be accorded to Captain Berkeley for the great services he had rendered to the Union and to the cause of the League of Nations."

93. APPEALS COMMITTEE.

The General Secretary reported orally upon the work of the Appeals Committee held the previous day and in this connection it was

Resolved:- "That the bank be authorised to open a Deposit Account to be called the "League of Nations Union Central Appeal Fund." The conditions as to the signing of cheques, etc. to be the same as in the case of the existing accounts."

Posters. The General Secretary submitted for the approval of the Committee draft posters in connection with the Appeal Campaign. These posters were approved in general, but the poster having reference to unemployment was referred back to the Appeals Committee for re-draft.

94. BUDGET - PROPOSAL TO REDUCE TO £20,000 P.A.

The resolution (minute 277) of the Executive Committee dated 7th October 1920 was considered.

Resolved:- "That no action be taken."

95. PROPOSED CO-OPTATIONS.

The proposal to co-opt Mr. O.F. Maclagan and Mr. David Wynter was adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

96. ECONOMIC SUB-COMMITTEE.

The General Secretary suggested that as several names proposed to act upon the I.N.U. Economic sub-Committee were already on the Economic Committee of the Fight the Famine Council economic questions upon which the Executive Committee would like advice should be submitted to the Fight the Famine Council Committee. This would save the time of the Economists and also of secretarial staff.

97. The General Secretary's suggestion was not accepted and it was

Resolved:- "That the I.N.U. Economic sub-Committee should be called when specific questions were referred to it."

97. ESPERANTO & IDO.

The General Secretary read a communication from the Manchester Branch suggesting that the Executive Committee should consider the desirability of passing a resolution commending the usefulness of Esperanto as an international language. He drew the Committee's attention to the fact that the British Association at its last meeting had received a report on the subject. These recommendations were summarised as follows:-

1. Latin is too difficult to serve as an I.A.I.
2. The adoption of any modern national language would confer undue advantages and excite jealousy.
3. Therefore an invented language is best. Esperanto and Ido are suitable, but the Committee is not prepared to decide between them.

The Chairman pointed out that the Assembly had this year discussed the subject of esperanto and had referred it to a Committee for report at the next meeting of the Assembly and it was agreed that the Manchester Branch be informed of this fact.

98. LEAGUE PUBLICITY.

Arising out of a letter from Mr. David Davies the Committee considered the question of League publicity and it was

Resolved:- "That the report on publicity which the Chairman had circulated to delegates to the Assembly be obtained and circulated for the information of the Executive Committee in time for the next meeting."

It was understood that this memorandum could be obtained from Mr. Wilson Harris.

99. RUSSIAN FAMINE.

Following upon notice of motion by Mr. F.N. Keen the Committee passed the following resolution:-

"That satisfied by the assurances of Dr. Nansen and the British Red Cross that full safeguards have now been established to secure that relief sent from this country will reach the famine areas in Russia, this Committee is of opinion that in the interests of all nations the British and other Governments would now be justified in taking immediate steps to relieve the famine in Russia."

It was further

Resolved:- "That this be sent to the Imperial War Relief Fund and the British Red Cross, and also published."

Robert Cecil

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MEMBERS OF THE

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD

AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,

OCTOBER 20th 1921 AT 11 O'CLOCK.

Present:- Major General Sir Frederick Maurice, K.C.M.G.,
Professor Gilbert Murray, The Viscountess Gladstone, J.F.
Green, Esq. M.P. Mr.A.W.Claremont, Mrs.A.W.Claremont, the
General Secretary: together with Mr.D.H.Mills.

M I N U T E S100. CHAIRMAN.

The Chair was taken by Professor Gilbert Murray.

101. APPEALS CAMPAIGN.

The General Secretary explained the plan for the Appeals Campaign and asked for the help of all the members of the Executive Committee in interviewing various people whose names he would suggest to them, and also asked for their promises to address Appeal meetings when held throughout the country.

Resolved:- "That the scheme and method of approach as detailed by the General Secretary be condensed into a pamphlet and circulated to the members of the Executive Committee for their information."

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd 1921 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil, M.P.; (Chairman);
 The Rt.Hon.G.N.Barnes, M.P., Sir John Barran, Bart., Sir
 Arthur Shirley Benn, K.B.E., M.P., Percy Bigland, Esq., Major
 J.D.Birchall, M.P., Major D.Clifton Brown, M.P., Mrs.A.W.Claremont,
 A.W.Claremont, Esq., Captain Walter Elliot, M.P., The Viscountess
 Gladstone, Mrs.Ogilvie Gordon, D.Sc., Ph.D., Major the Hon.W.
 Ormsby Gore, M.P., Lt.Gen.Sir Hubert de la Poer Gough, C.C.M.G.
 John H.Harris, Esq., Sir Arthur Haworth, Bart., The Rt.Hon.
 Sir Charles Hobhouse, Bart., F.N.Keen, Esq., Professor Gilbert
 Murray, Charles Roberts, Esq., Mrs.Walter Runciman, Mrs.Oliver
 Strachey, Aneurin Williams, Esq. M.P.; together with the General
 Secretary. In attendance: Captain Lothian Small and Mr.D.H.Mills.

MINUTES100. NEW MEMBERS.

The Chairman on behalf of the Executive Committee welcomed
 Sir John Barran, Bt., and the Rt.Hon.Sir Charles Hobhouse, Bt.,
 on taking their seats for the first time.

101. MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held
 October 20th 1921 were approved as circulated.

102. MR.MC.CURDY'S PAMPHLET.

The General Secretary reported the receipt of a letter from
 Captain Colin Coote who stated that he had seen Mr.McCurdy
 and he had agreed to revise his pamphlet and cut out the
 offending passage. Captain Colin Coote suggested that it
 would be well if the Committee drafted an amendment and sent
 it to Mr.McCurdy for his consideration.

Resolved:- "That Professor Gilbert Murray be asked to
 suggest an amendment."

103. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement for the period ending October
 31st 1921 shewed a bank overdraft on that date amounting to
 £24,009.10.6 with estimated outstanding liabilities amounting
 to £2500.

104. SILESIA.

The Committee received a draft report submitted by the sub-
 Committee on the League's award in regard to Upper Silesia. The
 Committee considered in detail the resume of the draft report
 prepared by the Chairman of the sub-Committee, Captain Walter
 Elliot. Some minor alterations were recommended in the resume
 and the Committee

Resolved:- "That the sub-Committee be authorised to modify
 the reports and the resume in the light of
 these alterations, and of the discussion at
 the Committee, and subject to the approval

of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, to issue a report and resume to the Press.

It was further

Resolved:- "That the report together with resume and a map be published in pamphlet form for sale on the bookstalls and for distribution to the branches."

105. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

The minutes of the following Committees were approved and adopted:-

Finance & Appeals - 4.10.21.
 " " " " - 2.11.21.
 London Appeals - 19.10.21.
 Education - 28.10.21.
 Management - 27.10.21.
 Women's - 25.10.21.

Staff Appointments Committee. The General Secretary reported orally upon the work of the Staff Appointments Committee held earlier in the morning. In this connection the General Secretary stated that Major Murray was prepared to undertake the duties vacated by Captain Berkeley and that until he was able to give his full time to this work, Mr. Record had consented to act in a temporary capacity for two or three months. The Staff/Appointments Committee recommended that Major Murray's salary be increased as from November 1st to £550 per annum and that Mr. Record be paid £10.10.0 per week during the time that he was in the services of the Union.

Resolved:- "That subject to the approval of the Management Committee this recommendation be adopted."

106. POSSIBLE ECONOMIES SUB-COMMITTEE.

The following recommendation of the possible economies sub-Committee was brought to the attention of the Executive Committee:

"That the attention of all Committees be drawn to the fact that over £150 a year is spent by the Union on the existing practice of circulating minutes and other papers to members of Committees before the meeting, and that they be asked to consider how far this amount in each instance can be reduced."

The Executive Committee were of opinion that they should be kept informed of the work of the various sub-Committees connected with the Union, but were agreed that it was probably not necessary that members of the Executive should receive copies of the minutes of all Committees.

Resolved:- "That only summaries of the minutes of important decisions of sub-Committees should be circulated to the Executive Committee, and that the Executive Committee's attention should be drawn to any particular matter which needed the action of the Executive Committee."

107. LONDON APPEALS COMMITTEE - PUBLICITY GRANT.

The Committee adopted the recommendation of the London Appeals Committee dated October 19th 1921 that a sum of not more than £1000 be allotted for use by the Appeals Committee for the purpose of publicity.

108. CO-OPERATIONS.

Lady Gladstone drew the attention of the Committee to a recommendation that would be brought forward at the next meeting that members of the Finance Committee should only be drawn from members of the Executive Committee,

109. LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS COMMITTEE.

Resolved:- "That the Limitation of Armaments Committee be re-appointed and that the terms of reference be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

110. ECONOMIC SUB-COMMITTEE.

The General Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that an Economic sub-Committee had been agreed upon at a meeting of the Executive Committee on July 7th but that this sub-Committee had not yet been called.

Resolved:- "That the Economic sub-Committee be not called until the Executive Committee had some definite matter upon which it would require the opinion of the Economic sub-Committee."

It was further

Resolved:- "That the gentlemen who had consented to serve on the Economic sub-Committee be informed of this decision of the Executive Committee."

111. LEAGUE PUBLICITY.

Resolved:- "That Mr. David Davies' letter on League publicity and the memorandum presented by Lord Robert Cecil to the Assembly be brought forward at the next meeting of the Committee when it was hoped Mr. Davies would be present."

112. HORNSEY MEETING.

The General Secretary reported upon a meeting at Hornsey where the Liberal candidate proposed a vote of thanks and about which Mr. Percy Hurd had written complaining that the Conservative candidate had not been invited. The General Secretary read a further letter from Mr. Percy Hurd who apparently was not satisfied with the explanation given in a letter by Mr. Henry Vivian, (Chairman of the Hornsey Branch). Mr. Hurd stated that he intended to bring the matter to the attention of the Parliamentary Committee.

The Committee were of opinion that there was no ground for complaint of partiality to any political party in the arrangements for this meeting.

113. WASHINGTON CONFERENCE - CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE.

The General Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to the following resolution of the Christian Organisations Committee:-

"That the Executive be asked to send a representative of the League of Nations Union to attend the Washington Conference as an observer and to report from time to time such matters as may require the immediate attention of the Union."

The General Secretary reported that Mr. Wilson Harris was attending the Washington Conference and he suggested that Mr. Harris might be asked to represent the Union at this meeting.

Resolved:- "To ask Mr. Wilson Harris to report to the Union on the proceedings of the Conference."

114. HAMPSTEAD MEETING - NOVEMBER 14th.

It was reported that difficulties had arisen in the way of a principal speaker for a meeting to be held at Hampstead on November 14th. The General Secretary asked for volunteers to speak at this meeting.

115. LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS CAMPAIGN.

The General Secretary recommended that the Union should grant an expenditure not exceeding £25 for each Regional Conference which was to be held in connection with the Limitation of Armaments Campaign.

Resolved:- "To agree to this recommendation."

116. ALBANIA.

Lord Robert Cecil stated for the information of the Committee that he had given notice to ask a question in the House of Commons whether it was true that the Serbian forces had advanced into Albanian territory and attacked the Albanians; if so, whether such action was not a breach of Article 15 of the Covenant, exposing the Serbian Government to the penalties of Articles 16; and whether the Government had requested the Secretary-General of the League to summon an emergency meeting of the Council under Article 11 so that joint action under Article 16 might be taken by all members of the League in accordance with the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Assembly.

Robert Cecil

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 17th 1921 AT 11.30 a.m.

Present:- The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman);
The Rt.Hon.G.N.Barnes, M.P., Percy Bigland, Esq., Mrs.A.W.
Claremont, The Rt.Hon.J.R.Clynes, M.P. the Rt.Hon.Sir W.H.
Dickinson, K.B.E., the Viscountess Gladstone, Lt.Gen.Sir
Hubert de la Poer Gough, G.C.M.G., The Rt.Hon.Sir Charles
Hobhouse, Bt., F.N.Keen, Esq. Professor Gilbert Murray, Major
General Sir Frederick Maurice, K.C.M.G., Oswald Mosley, Esq.
M.P., Mrs.Oliver Strachey, Raymond Unwin, Esq., Henry Vivian,
Esq. J.P., A.Whitehead, Esq., Aneurin Williams, Esq. M.P.;
together with the General Secretary, Col.Borden-Turner, the
Hon.Oliver Brett, Mrs.Dugdale, Mr.Freshwater, Captain Small
and Mr.D.H.Mills.

M I N U T E S

117. NEW MEMBER.

The Chairman on behalf of the Executive Committee welcomed
Mr.A.Whitehead on taking his seat for the first time.

118. MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held
November 7rd 1921 were approved as circulated.

119. MR.MC.CURDY'S PAMPHLET.

The General Secretary reported that Professor Gilbert
Murray had suggested certain amendments to Mr.McCurdy's
pamphlet, "The Golden Rule as Practical Politics", that
Mr.McCurdy had agreed that in future publications the amend-
ments as suggested should be made, and that the quotation from
the American Ambassador's speech should be omitted.

120. SILESIA - MEMORANDUM.

The General Secretary reported that the report of the sub-
Committee on the Silesian award had been revised by Lord
Robert Cecil and would appear as a signed article over Lord
Robert's signature in the December number of the "Nineteenth
Century". Meanwhile it had not been published as a separate
pamphlet as it was understood as part of the condition of the
article being inserted in the "Nineteenth Century" that no
publicity should be given to it before December 1st, the date
of the magazine's publication. The General Secretary proposed
to make arrangements with the editor of the "Nineteenth Century"
in order that the pamphlet may be published at the same time
as the article appears in the magazine.

As it was intended to print the report as amended by Lord
Robert Cecil, it was

Resolved:- "That copies of the printed report be
circulated to the Executive Committee
for their approval."

It was further

Resolved:- "That the Secretariat of the League of Nations should be invited to publish a reasoned statement as to the award in Upper Silesia."

121. ALBANIA.

Lord Robert Cecil stated that since the last meeting of the Committee, a special meeting of the Council of the League of Nations had been called to consider the case of the Serbian advance into Albania.

122. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement for the period ending November 14th 1921 shewed a bank overdraft amounting to £23,902.15.5 with estimated outstanding liabilities amounting to £2500.

123. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The reports of the following sub-Committees were approved and adopted:-

- (a) Finance & Appeals - 2.11.21.
- (b) London Appeals - 2.11.21.
- (c) Management - 10.11.21.

The Committee approved and adopted the report of the Christian Organisations Committee held 2.11.21 but referred to the Management Committee consideration of the question of a travelling van being secured for propaganda work, and also of providing a stall for religious conferences.

The report of the sub-Committee on possible economies was referred to the next meeting of the Management Committee.

124. WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

The Committee agreed to the recommendation of the Overseas Committee that the following cables be sent to America:

Mr. Balfour, British Delegation, Washington:

"The League of Nations Union cordially welcomes the announcement that on behalf of H.M. Government you have approved in principle the American proposals for the immediate reduction of naval armaments - proposals that have given so magnificent a lead to the Washington Conference."

League to Enforce Peace, America:

"The League of Nations Union most heartily congratulates the League to Enforce Peace on magnificent lead given to Washington Conference by American proposals for immediate reduction in naval armaments."

It was further agreed that the following resolutions be published:-

"The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union whole-heartedly applauds the magnificent lead given to the Washington Conference by the American proposals for the immediate reduction of naval armaments, and rejoices that H.M. Government have at once accepted its proposals in principle. It welcomes the proposals especially as a great step

in the world wide limitation of armaments which is one of the most important of the objects of the League of Nations."

125. PROPOSED PUBLICITY - PROFESSOR GILBERT MURRAY.

Professor Gilbert Murray suggested that Headquarters should try to obtain greater publicity for the Washington Conference in the provincial press where the reports were often very meagre. This suggestion was agreed to.

126. PUBLIC MEETINGS LITERATURE.

Mr. Henry Vivian stated that he did not think that the question of literature at public meetings was being efficiently dealt with. The Chairman stated that he had recently been into the question of the supply of literature for public meetings and it was ultimately

Resolved:- "That the matter be raised at the next meeting of the Council."

127. LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS COMMITTEE - PROPOSED RE-APPOINTMENT.

The Committee discussed proposed terms of reference for limitation of armaments Committee which it was recommended should be re-appointed. Major Gen. Sir Frederick Maurice who was a member of the Limitation of Armaments Committee did not agree that it was necessary that the Committee should be re-appointed, and suggested that instead three or four members should be asked to meet to take cognisance of events having regard to the Washington Conference and the acceptance by the Assembly of the report on the limitation of armaments, and when necessary to recommend to the Executive Committee the summoning of the Limitation of Armaments Committee.

Resolved:- "That a sub-Committee of the Armaments Committee be appointed to consider what practical steps can be taken to carry out the report on the reduction of armaments, accepted by the Assembly of the League of Nations, and to advise the Committee from time to time as to any action that may seem desirable in view of the deliberations of the Washington Conference."

It was agreed to ask the following to serve on the sub-Committee: Mr. Charles Roberts, Lt. Gen. Sir Hubert de la Poer Gough, Admiral Hopwood, Professor Leonard Baird, and Major Gen. Sir Frederick Maurice.

General Maurice agreed that if any communication was desired with Geneva officially, the matter should be brought to the notice of the Executive Committee in the first instance.

Lord Robert Cecil expressed the hope that it might be possible to draft a Treaty having regard to the report of the Assembly.

The Committee expressed great regret that the Temporary Mixed Commission had not met since the Assembly, and hoped that it would meet very soon.

Resolved:- "That this expression of regret should be conveyed to the Foreign Office, Prime Minister, and the Secretary-General of the League of Nations."

128. GERMAN SUB-COMMITTEE - RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee agreed to the following resolution of the German sub-Committee, and agreed that it should be applied in the case of any other sub-Committee of the Executive:-

- (a) "That the Chairman or some other member of the German sub-Committee should be invited to be present at the Executive Committee when any resolution of the German sub-Committee is discussed."

The Committee took note of the following resolution:-

- (b) "That the German sub-Committee regret that the Executive Committee took no action in regard to the resolutions of the Committee in regard to Silesia and indeed made no public declaration on the question until the irrevocable decision had been taken."

On the suggestion of the German sub-Committee it was

Resolved:- (a) "That the Economic sub-Committee of the Union be summoned immediately to consider the probably impending German failure to pay the reparations and the consequent effects."

Sanctions: In regard to a resolution of the German sub-Committee which views with the utmost alarm the continuance of the occupation of Duisberg, Dusseldorf, and Ruhrort, particularly in view of the fact that barracks were being erected in those districts.

It was

Resolved:- "That the Chairman of the German sub-Committee should be invited to attend the next meeting of the Executive Committee and make a statement as to these facts."

129. QUESTIONNAIRE - PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES.

The Committee considered a draft questionnaire to Parliamentary candidates.

Resolved:- "That this be referred to the sub-Committee which drafted the previous short questionnaire."

130. LEAGUE PUBLICITY.

Resolved:- "That Mr. David Davies' letter and the memorandum presented by Lord Robert Cecil to the Assembly be again brought forward at the next meeting of the Committee."

131. REPORT TO COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES.

Resolved: "That this memorandum be brought forward at the next meeting of the Committee."

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172. LABOUR ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The General Secretary reported that the General Council of the Trade Union Congress had nominated the following to serve upon the Labour Advisory Committee of the League of Nations Union: B. Turner, Esq. J.P. A. Findlay, Esq., J. Davenport, Esq. B. Tillett, Esq. M.P. and Miss J. Varley.

Resolved:- "That the five persons nominated by the Trades Union Congress be invited by the Executive Committee to form a Labour Advisory Committee, together with the following members: the Rt. Hon. G. N. Barnes, G. H. Stuart Bunning, Esq. and Henry Vivian, Esq. J.P."

173. HONG KONG.

Lady Gladstone asked the opinion of the Committee in regard to Child Slavery in Hong Kong. The matter was to be considered by the Women's Advisory Committee and Lady Gladstone desired the advice of the Executive Committee before it was considered by them.

The Committee were of opinion that the I.N.U. should be represented by a deputation to the Prime Minister but should not take part in any public demonstration.

Gilbert Murray.



