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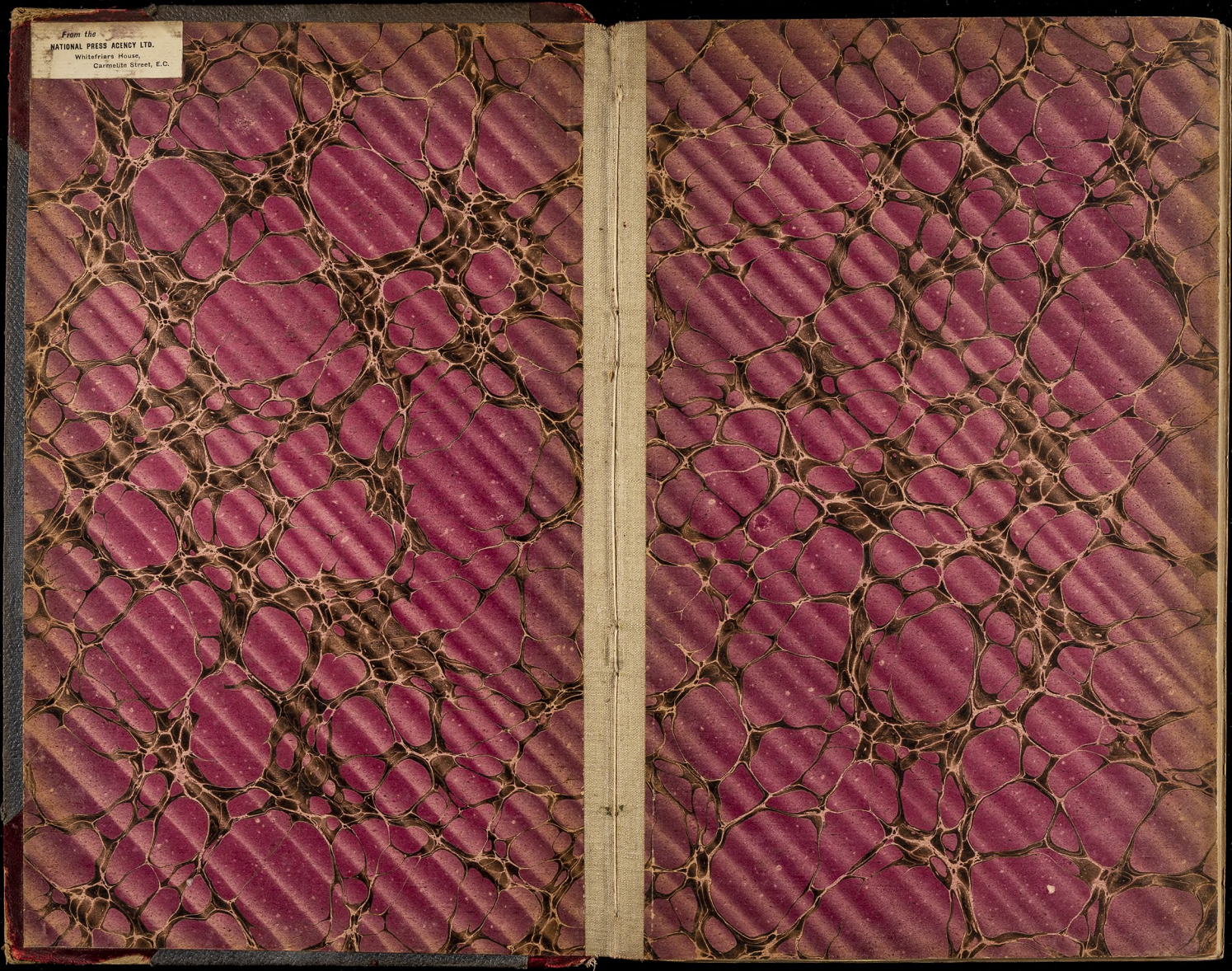
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15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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--: LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-

Minutes of Informal Conference held at  
22, Buckingham Gate, S.W.1. on Saturday,  
9th November, 1918, at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT

Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman)  
Mr. H. G. Wells.  
Rt. Hon. Sir Willoughby Dickinson, M.P.  
Sir Arthur Crosfield, Et.  
Mrs Claremont.  
Raymond Unwin, Esq.  
Aneurin Williams, Esq., M.P.  
A. W. Claremont, Esq.  
F. N. Keen, Esq.  
L. S. Woolf, Esq.  
H. W. Spalding, Esq.  
Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, M.P.  
Mrs Cross.

MINUTES

1. CHAIRMAN

On the motion of Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Professor  
Gilbert Murray was asked to take the chair.

2. AMALGAMATION OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETY  
WITH THE LEAGUE OF FREE NATIONS ASSOCIATION.

Professor Gilbert Murray reported that the Committee  
of the League of Free Nations Association had issued a letter to  
the members of the Association, enclosing a copy of the objects and  
rules agreed to between the representatives of the two Societies,  
and inviting objections before the 8th November, and that as no  
objections had been received it would be taken that the Association  
had ratified the terms of the proposed amalgamation.

Sir Willoughby Dickinson reported that the same terms  
had been submitted to the General Meeting of the League of Nations  
Society on the 8th November and that they had been agreed to with  
only one dissentient.

3. The following resolutions were arrived at:-

PRESIDENT OF THE UNION

That in view of the amalgamation having been accom-  
plished Lord Grey be invited to become President of the League of  
Nations Union and that Professor Murray and Sir Willoughby Dickinson  
be asked to draft a letter.



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4. COUNCIL OF THE UNION

A discussion took place as to the steps to be taken with a view to summoning the Council of the Union for the purpose of electing an Executive Committee.

Mr. Aneurin Williams moved that an informal Meeting be called in a week's time to consider what action should be taken. The motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Woolf moved that a meeting of the Council should be called as soon as possible for the purpose of electing Officers and the Executive.

After discussion Mr. Unwin moved an amendment that a

(a) letter should be sent to all members of the Council informing them that the amalgamation has been completed.

(b) That they have been elected members of the Council.

(c) That owing to the uncertainty of the General Election and the difficulty of securing a meeting of the Council at such a time, it is suggested that the two Committees should jointly carry on the Committee work of the Union.

(d) That as soon as possible the Council Meeting should be called, with proper notice, for a date which will not be interfered with by the election. The business of the Meeting to include the election of a new Executive Committee.

The amendment was agreed to unanimously.

5. NAMES OF VICE PRESIDENTS AND OFFICERS ON NOTEPAPER

The question of the Vice-Presidents and the names of Officers to be placed on the heading of the notepaper was discussed and was referred to the Sub-Committee to report.

6. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

The question of the conduct of business was considered and it was agreed that the existing Committees of the two Societies (except the Executive Committees) should carry on their work temporarily as heretofore.



(b) That a Sub-Committee be appointed at once to consider and report to the joint Executive as to amalgamation of work, Committees and Staff, and as to premises.

(c) That the two Executives constitute a Joint Executive Committee to carry on the work of the Union temporarily until a permanent Executive shall be appointed by the Council.

(d) That the Sub-Committee shall consist of:-

Professor Gilbert Murray.  
Sir Willoughby Dickinson, M.P.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
C. A. McCurdy, Esq., M.P.  
Sir Arthur Crossfield, Bt.  
Mrs Claremont.  
Aneurin Williams, M.P.  
H. W. Spalding, Esq.

(e) The first meeting of the Sub-Committee should be held on Wednesday, the 13th November, at 6 p.m. at the House of Commons.

7. FINANCE

It was agreed that a special Finance Committee should be appointed to consider and report to the Joint Committee as to

(a) Treasurers.

(b) Bankers.

(c) Financial position of the Union, and general arrangements carrying on the Finance.

Resolved:

That the members of this Sub-Committee be:-

A. W. Claremont, Esq.  
Raymond Unwin, Esq.  
Sir R. Vassar Smith.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
Mr. Gillett.  
Williamson Milne, Esq.  
F. W. Hyde, Esq.  
Aneurin Williams, Esq.

The first Meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee to be held on Tuesday, 12th November, at the House of Commons, at 5 p.m.

8. GENERAL SECRETARY

The Chairman brought up a memorandum from Major Davies with reference to the appointment of a General Secretary, in which he strongly recommended the appointment of Colonel Dawson, and suggested that he should offer Colonel Dawson a salary of £1,250



per annum, and stated that he was prepared to give him a personal undertaking and guarantee for three years in the event of his services being dispensed with by the Executive Committee, or by the dissolution of the Union.

Professor Gilbert Murray reported that a Sub-Committee of the League of Free Nations Association had agreed to employ Colonel Dawson as General Secretary on the terms named by Major Davies, and he asked the approval of this Committee thereto.

Resolved:

That the proposed arrangement be approved, it being understood the Union be able to terminate the appointment at any time on reasonable notice.

9. HONORARY PRESIDENTS

The Chairman read a letter from Lord Selborne, and it was agreed to refer it for reconsideration at the next Meeting of the Joint Committee.

10. PROPOSED QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

Three proposed questions for candidates were submitted: No.1 was approved, and it was agreed that No.2 required further consideration, and No.3 was disapproved.

11. WORK OF THE UNION DURING THE GENERAL ELECTION

Sir Willoughby Dickinson was asked to look into the law and report to the next Meeting of the Joint Executive.

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-: LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-  
PROVISIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
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Meeting held at 22, Buckingham Gate, S. W. 1.  
on Thursday, 21st November, 1918.  
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PRESENT Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman)  
Rt. Hon. Sir Willoughby Dickinson, M.P.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
C. A. McCurdy, Esq., M. P.  
A. W. Claremont, Esq.  
Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, M.P.  
Mrs. Claremont.  
Austin Keen, Esq.  
W. H. Spalding, Esq.  
H. G. Wells, Esq.  
F. N. Keen, Esq.  
Aneurin Williams, Esq., M.P.  
Raymond Unwin, Esq.  
J. A. Spender, Esq.

In attendance: Capt. E. Ercell Steele, (Acting) General Secretary.

MINUTES

12. The Minutes of the Meeting held on November 9th were read and confirmed.

13. HONORARY PRESIDENTS

The Chairman reported that the Prime Minister, Mr. Asquith and Mr. Balfour had consented to become Honorary Presidents of the Union.

14. VICE-PRESIDENTS

Resolved

That in addition to the following persons who have been nominated Vice-Presidents of the Union:-

Rt. Hon. G. N. Barnes, M.P.  
Rt. Hon. Viscount Bryce, C.M.  
The Archbishop of Canterbury.  
Lord Robert Cecil.  
Rt. Hon. H. A. L. Fisher, M.P.  
General Smuts  
The Archbishop of York.

the following be invited to serve as Vice-Presidents also:-

Lord Shaw of Dunfermline (as Acting Vice-President)  
Cardinal Bourne.  
Mrs. Creighton.  
Rt. Hon. Will Crooks, M.P.  
Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.  
Mrs. Henry Rawcett.  
The President of the Free Church Council.  
The Chief Rabbi.  
Mrs. H. Sidgwick.



Professor Gilbert Murray and Sir Willoughby Dickinson agreed to write these letters of invitation.

15. PRINCIPLES INVOLVED BY AMALGAMATION

A Letter addressed to the Chairman from Sir John Randles, M.P. having been read, bringing up the question of British Naval supremacy under a League of Nations,

Resolved:

That a letter be sent by the Chairman to Sir John Randles, stating:-

(1) That apart from his letter which has been carefully considered, no objections to the amalgamation have been raised.

(2) That in the opinion of the Executive Committee there is nothing in the amalgamation which alters the position of members of the League of Free Nations Association or which need give him any uneasiness.

16. APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL SECRETARY.

Resolved:

That a special sub-Committee be appointed to consider the appointment of a General Secretary; this Committee to consist of:-

Professor Gilbert Murray.  
Sir Willoughby Dickinson, M.P.  
Major David Davies, M.P.

17. GENERAL ELECTION

Sir Willoughby Dickinson reported that in his opinion there was no reason why the ordinary propoganda work of the League of Nations could not be carried on during the General Election, but that he did not advise the Union to join in ordinary political meetings.

Resolved:

(a) That the Union should get into touch with various people in the different constituencies to get their candidates pledged to a League of Nations.



- (b) To send a circular letter to all candidates for the General Election, asking them to answer certain questions.
- (c) To refer the matter of questions for the General Election to the Press & Propaganda Committee, asking them to draft
  - (i) Questions for candidates to answer.
  - (ii) Shorter questions to be put to candidates at public Meetings.

18. FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

On the motion of Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, M.P.

Resolved:

- (a) That the report of the Finance Sub-Committee called for November 12th be adopted provisionally, subject to some slight alterations in form.
- (b) That the following persons be appointed as the members of the Finance Sub-Committee:-

Aneurin Williams, Esq., M.P.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
F. Hyde, Esq.  
F. Williamson Milne, Esq.  
Mr. Gillett  
Raymond Unwin, Esq.  
Sir R. Vassar Smith.  
Mr. Claremont.

It was understood that Mr. Aneurin Williams and Mr. Raymond Unwin were willing to act temporarily only.

19. HEADED NOTEPAPER

A lengthy discussion having taken place as to the advisability of having the names of several Vice-Presidents printed on the headed notepaper of the Union, the matter was put to the vote.

Resolved: - (by 6 votes to 4)

- (a) That the general notepaper of the Union shall bear the names of:-

The President: Viscount Grey, K. G.

Honorary Presidents: The Prime Minister.  
Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P.  
Rt. Hon. E. H. Asquith, M.P.



(b) That the matter of further names being added for special propaganda purposes be brought up again at a later date.

20. SUB-COMMITTEES

Resolved:

That the recommendation of the special Sub-Committee appointed to consider this matter be adopted, and that the following Sub-Committees be amalgamated, and work together at once.

(a) THE ORGANISATION SUB-COMMITTEE

This Committee to consist of

E. B. Bull, Esq.	Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.
F. C. Chamberlain, Esq.	Captain Westby.
Major David Davies, M.P.	Mrs. Claremont.
A. F. Harvey, Esq.	Mr. J. J. Mallon.
G. S. Hirst, Esq.	Mrs. Backham.
Mrs. McArthur.	A. Williams, Esq., M.P.
C. A. McCurdy, Esq., M.P.	Sir W. H. Dickinson, M.P.
Miss A. M. Mercer.	H. W. Spalding, Esq.
Capt. Albert Smith, M.P.	Hamilton Fyfe, Esq.
Rev. Thomas Sykes.	

with power to add to their number.

(b) PRESS & LITERATURE COMMITTEE

Arnold Bennett, Esq.	Hartley Withers, Esq.
Major David Davies, M.P.	E. B. Bull, Esq.
A. J. Evans, Esq.	G. Lowes Dickinson, Esq.
A. G. Gardner, Esq.	Sir W. H. Dickinson, M.P.
J. L. Garvin, Esq.	F. N. Keen, Esq.
C. A. McCurdy, Esq., M.P.	L. S. Woolf, Esq.
J. A. Spender, Esq.	Raymond Unwin, Esq.
H. Wickham Steed, Esq.	Professor Gilbert Murray.
Robert Donald, Esq.	

with power to add to their number.

(c) OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

Principal Burrows	G. Lowes Dickinson, Esq.
Major David Davies, M.P.	Sir W. H. Dickinson, M.P.
C. Duncan, Esq., M.P.	Sir Charles Nicholson, M.P.
Col. Sir Mark Sykes, M.P.	A. McCullum Scott, Esq., M.P.
Col. Leslie Wilson, M.P.	Professor Gilbert Murray.
Major G. Wrench.	F. N. Keen, Esq.
Aneurin Williams, Esq.	J. J. Mallon, Esq.
Raymond Unwin, Esq.	H. W. Spalding, Esq.
Miss W. Stephens.	

(d) RESEARCH & BASIS SUB-COMMITTEES

to remain as they are until consideration.

Research Committee

H. G. Wells, Esq.	Viscount Grey of Fallodon, K.G.
William Archer, Esq.	J. A. Spender, Esq.
Ernest Barker, Esq.	H. Wickham Steed, Esq.
Lionel Curtis, Esq.	A. G. Zimmern, Esq.
J. Hilton, Esq.	Professor Gilbert Murray.
L. S. Woolf, Esq.	G. Lowes Dickinson, Esq.



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Basis Committee

Sir Willoughby Dickinson, M.P.  
A. W. Claremont, Esq.  
G. Lowes Dickinson, Esq.  
F. N. Keen, Esq.  
Raymond Unwin, Esq.  
Aneurin Williams, Esq.

It was understood that the Research Sub-Committee on 'Will' was in communication with the Auxiliary Educational Committee and would be glad to co-opt two members of that Committee.

(e) MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman)  
Sir Willoughby Dickinson, M.P.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
F. N. Keen, Esq.  
C. A. McCurdy, Esq., M.P.  
Raymond Unwin, Esq.

Resolved:

That to this Committee should be relegated all matters requiring prompt decision between meetings of the Executive Committee.

21. MONTHLY REPORT

Resolved:

That the first joint monthly report of the League of Nations Union should appear on the 1st January.

22. WORK OF THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Mr. H. G. Wells reported that an agreement had been drawn up between the League of Nations Union and the Oxford University Press, relating to the publication of the work of the Research Committee. The approval and signature of the Executive Committee was required, together with a definition of the Union.

Resolved:

That Mr. Claremont should examine the document and <sup>report to Mr. Wells</sup> insert the necessary definition of the Union.

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Gilbert Murray



-: LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-

Report of the Special Committee appointed on November 9th to consider the amalgamation of Work, Committees and Staffs.

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Meeting.

The Special Committee met on Wednesday, November 13th. when there were present the Rt. Hon. Sir Willoughby Dickinson, K.B.E., M.P. (Chairman), A. W. Claremont, Esq., Mrs Claremont, Sir Arthur Crosfield, Bt. and Professor Gilbert Murray.

(Secretaries - Miss Brodie, Mrs Garrett-Jones, Capt. Steele and Miss West.)

Notepaper.

1. We have to report that we have considered the question of the style, etc. to be used henceforward on the notepaper of the League of Nations Union, and we recommend that there should be the full title and sub-title as agreed to by the two Societies, together with the name of the President (Viscount Grey) and the names of the following Vice-Presidents:

President and Vice-Presidents.

- Rt. Hon. H. H. Asquith.
- Rt. Hon. G. N. Barnes.
- Viscount Bryce.
- Cardinal Bourne.
- The Archbishop of Canterbury.
- Lord Robert Cecil
- Mrs Creighton
- Rt. Hon. Will Crooks.
- Mrs Henry Fawcett
- The President of the Free Church Council.
- Mr. Herbert A. L. Fisher.
- The Chief Rabbi.
- Lord Shaw of Dunfermline.
- Mrs H. Sidgwick.
- General Smuts.
- The Archbishop of York.

We understand that of these the following have already agreed to be Vice-Presidents:-

- Rt. Hon. H. H. Asquith.
- Rt. Hon. G. N. Barnes.
- Viscount Bryce.
- The Archbishop of Canterbury.
- Lord Robert Cecil.
- Mr. H. A. L. Fisher.
- General Smuts.
- The Archbishop of York.

We recommend therefore that the following be asked whether they will agree to serve as Vice-Presidents:-

- Cardinal Bourne. ←
- Mrs Creighton. ←
- Rt. Hon. Will Crooks. ←
- Mrs Henry Fawcett
- President of the Free Church Council.
- The Chief Rabbi. ←
- Lord Shaw of Dunfermline. ←
- Mrs H. Sidgwick.

Honorary  
Presidents.

II We understand that invitations to be Honorary Presidents have been extended to the Prime Minister, Mr. Asquith and Mr. Balfour, and that Mr. Asquith has consented, but that no answer has yet been received from the others. If acceptances are forthcoming before the Meeting of the Joint Executive, we should recommend that these three names be added as Honorary Presidents; in the event of refusals or no answers having been received we think it best to refrain for the present from putting forward any names in this capacity. In that case we should recommend as above that Mr. Asquith's name be added as a Vice-President.

Sub-  
Committees.

III We have proceeded to consider the organisation of Sub-Committees. We recommend that the following Sub-Committees be amalgamated and work together at once, viz:-

A. THE ORGANISATION SUB-COMMITTEE

To this Sub-Committee should be referred:-

- (a) All matters relating to the organisation and conduct of the meetings of the Union and other Societies.
- (b) Organisation and correspondence with Local Committees and Branches.
- (c) Campaigns in co-operation with other Societies.
- (d) The general co-operation with the Auxiliary Committees for education, Church campaigns and other similar work.

This Sub-Committee to have power to act, reporting periodically to the Executive as to the work done, and to consist of:-

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| E. B. Bull, Esq.          | Captain Albert Smith, M.P.  |
| F. C. Chamberlain, Esq.   | Rev. Thomas Sykes.          |
| Major David Davies, M.P.  | Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P. |
| A. F. Harvey, Esq.        | Captain Westby.             |
| G. S. Hirst, Esq.         | Mrs Claremont.              |
| Mrs McArthur.             | J. J. Mallon, Esq.          |
| C. A. McCurdy, Esq., M.P. | Mrs Rackham.                |
| Miss A. M. Mercer.        | A. Williams, Esq., M.P.     |

We recommend that the following Auxiliary Committees for Education and Churches, as constituted by the League of Nations Society, should continue and should have power to add to their number and that these Auxiliary Committees should act in concert with the Organisation Sub-Committee:-

EDUCATIONAL AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Miss Allen              | Miss Isabel Fry           |
| G. S. Ball, Esq.        | A. J. Grant, Esq.         |
| Prof. Vernon Bartlett   | Dr. Lyttleton.            |
| G. D. Bell, Esq.        | Mrs M. Mackenzie.         |
| Miss C. Brown           | Sir Philip Magnus.        |
| G. Lowe Dickinson, Esq. | Professor Gilbert Murray. |
| B. Farquharson, Esq.    | J. M. Muirhead, Esq.      |
| Miss Noakes.            | Miss M. Stowell.          |
| Professor Nunn.         | Miss M. Strachey.         |
| J. Oliphant, Esq.       | F. H. Tawney, Esq.        |
| A. Pease, Esq.          | F. F. Urquhart, Esq.      |
| Miss Power.             | Graham Wallas, Esq.       |



Miss Sheehan-Dare  
D. Somervell, Esq.

Miss Phoebe Walters.  
Miss Olive Wright.

CLERGY AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

Archdeacon C. E. Escreet	Father J. Keating, S.J.
Rev. J. Davison Brown	Rev. E. S. Keik.
Rev. M. P. Davieson.	Dr. E. Lyttleton.
Rev. F. C. Gillie.	Rev. Thomas Wightingale.
Rev. Prim. B. Griffith Jones	Rev. J. Tollefree Parr.
Rev. A. A. Green	Dr. J. Scott Lidgett.
Rev. Francis H. Jones.	

B. PRESS AND LITERATURE SUB-COMMITTEE

To this Sub-Committee should be referred:-

- (a) The preparation and publication of leaflets, pamphlets and other literature for ordinary use.
- (b) Review of and correspondence with the Press.
- (c) The Monthly Report.
- (d) Press Advertisements.

This Sub-Committee to have power to act, reporting periodically to the Executive Committee as to the work done, and to consist of:-

Arnold Bennett, Esq.	F. N. Keen, Esq., L.L.B.
Major David Davies, M.P.	L. S. Woolf, Esq.
G. Lowes Dickinson, Esq., M.A.	H. Wickham Steed, Esq.
Sir W. Dickinson, K.B.E., M.P.	Robert Donald, Esq.
A. W. Evans, Esq.	H. Withers, Esq.
J. L. Garvin, Esq.	E. B. Bull, Esq.
C. A. McCurdy, Esq., M.P.	W. Ll. Williams, Esq.
J. A. Spender, Esq.	

C. OVERSEAS SUB-COMMITTEE

To this Sub-Committee should be referred all correspondence, etc. with representatives in overseas countries, foreign Societies and individuals.

This Sub-Committee to have power to act, reporting periodically to the Executive Committee and to consist of:-

Principal Burrows.	G. Lowes Dickinson, Esq.
Major David Davies, M. P.	Sir W.H. Dickinson, M.P.
Sir Chas. Nicholson, M.P.	F. N. Keen, Esq.
C. Duncan, Esq., M.P.	J. J. Mallon, Esq.
Professor Gilbert Murray.	H. N. Spalding, Esq.
A. McCullum Scott, Esq., M.P.	R. Unwin, Esq.
Col. Sir Mark Sykes, M.P.	Miss W. Stephens.
Col. Leslie Wilson, M.P.	A. Williams, Esq., M.P.
Major E. Wrench.	

D. RESEARCH AND BASIS SUB-COMMITTEES

The Research and Basis Committees to remain as they are till further consideration.

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Research Committee of  
League of Free Nations  
Association.

H. G. Wells, Esq. (Chairman)  
W. Archer, Esq. (Secretary)  
Ernest Barker, Esq.  
Lionel Curtis, Esq.  
Prof. Gilbert Murray.  
Viscount Grey of Fallodon, K.G.  
J. A. Spender, Esq.  
H. Wickham Steed, Esq.  
A. E. Zimmern, Esq.

Basis Committee of  
League of Nations  
Society.

Sir W.H. Dickinson, M.P.  
(Chairman)  
A. W. Claremont, Esq.  
G. Lowes Dickinson, Esq.  
F. N. Keen, Esq.  
Raymond Unwin, Esq.  
A. Williams, Esq.  
(ex-officio).

E. FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

We make no recommendation with regard to the Finance Sub-Committee in future, as a Special Finance Committee has met and will make a report to the Joint Executive Committee simultaneously with this report.

Staff.

We appointed a Committee consisting of Sir W. H. Dickinson, Mr. Aneurin Williams, Professor Gilbert Murray and Mr. C. A. McCurdy to consider the reorganisation of Staff.

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-: LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-  
JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting held at 22, Buckingham Gate, S. W. 1.  
on Tuesday, 17th December, 1918.

PRESENT

Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman)  
Rt. Hon. Sir W. H. Dickinson, K.B.E.  
Mr. Aneurin Williams.  
Mr. J. A. Spender.  
Mr. Raymond Unwin.  
Mrs Richard Cross.  
Mr. A. W. Claremont.  
Mr. Percy Bigland.  
Mr. C. A. McCurdy.  
Mr. E. Rhys.  
Mr. G. Lowes Dickinson.  
Mr. F. N. Keen.  
Mr. L. S. Woolf.

In attendance: Capt. E. Erceell Steele, (Acting) General Secretary.

MINUTES

23. The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 21st November, were read and confirmed, subject to a slight alteration regarding the Publication Agreement examined by Mr. Claremont.

24. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Management Committee held on Friday, 22nd November, Saturday, 7th December and Thursday, 10th December, were read and confirmed.

25. CHURCH CAMPAIGN.

The Acting General Secretary reported that the Management Committee had asked for a report from the Secretary of the Press & Literature Committee giving the results to date of the Church Campaign for the 22nd December, 1918. This report having been submitted by the Secretary to the Press & Literature Committee.

Resolved:

That the work be continued as previously arranged.

26. FINANCE COMMITTEE.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY.

It was reported that Mr. Idwal Roberts had received the appointment of Secretary to the Finance Committee provisionally for one month at the rate of £200 per annum on the recommendation of Mr. Claremont.

Resolved:

That this appointment be confirmed for one month and to be reconsidered at the end of that time.

27. RESIGNATION OF THE BRANCH SECRETARY.

The resignation of Mr. Percy Butlin from the post of Branch Secretary having been reported,

Resolved:

(a) That the Executive Committee accept the resignation with regret.

(b) That a letter be sent to Mr. Butlin expressing the Executive Committee's appreciation of his services.

28. ENVELOPE FILLING.

The Acting General Secretary reported that he had received instructions from the Management Committee to employ girls to replace the men now engaged in despatching literature.

Resolved:

That girls should be engaged at 25/- per week to replace the men after the Christmas holidays.

29. FIRST COUNCIL MEETING.

Resolved:

(1) That the Management Committee shall arrange a Meeting of the Council some time in January.

(2) That the Management Committee act on the following recommendations:-

The work in connection with the first Meeting of the Council to consist of:-



(A) COUNCIL BUSINESS.

(1) The Election of Officials.

VICE PRESIDENTS

(a) It was suggested that Mr. John Hills, Mr. W. F. Purdy and the Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson be removed from the Council and added to the list of Vice-Presidents.

TREASURERS.

(b) Sir Edward Holden and Sir A. Vassar-Smith be recommended for appointment.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(c) 1. That the Executive Committee be appointed for one year.

2. That the following names be omitted:-

*and*

Neal Euxton, Esq.,  
Lord Shaw.  
W. F. Purdy, Esq.

3. That 33 names be submitted for recommendation, the Committee having power to co-opt up to the number of forty, and to fill vacancies.

(B)

That the members of the Council should receive a printed report of the work of the various Committees of the League of Nations Union from June of this year. Notice to be sent 14 days before the Meeting if possible, the reports to be included, if ready.

*and*

(C)

That Viscount Grey be asked to deliver a Presidential address.

(D)

That the Management Committee take steps to arrange a date convenient to President Wilson and other Foreign Dignitaries who should be approached with a view to visiting England for the evening reception.

30. FRIENDS LEAGUE OF NATIONS COMMITTEE.

It was reported that the Management Committee had received delegates from the Friends' League of Nations <sup>Committee</sup> ~~Society~~ *with* with a view to a connection being formed between the two <sup>Bodies</sup> ~~Societies~~ *with* Societies.

It had been decided that three names should be put forward by the Friends for nomination for membership of the Council of the League of Nations Union.

31. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

(1) Sir W. H. Dickinson reported that he had received the following resignations from the Council of the Union:-

Major Gillespie.  
Miss Evelyn Sharp.  
Commander Grenfell, R. N.

Resolved:

That these names be omitted from the list of members of the Council in accordance with the wishes of the persons concerned.

(2) A list having been presented of 21 additional names of persons who had accepted the invitation to join the Council of the Union,

Resolved:

That these names be included in the Council list and invitations be issued to them to attend the Council Meeting.

32. PEACE CONFERENCE.

LORD ROBERT CECIL'S APPOINTMENT.

The Chairman reported that the Research Committee was in touch with Lord Robert Cecil who had asked to see their memoranda, which had been sent to the Foreign Office bearing the names of the writers, and not with the authority of the combined Union.

Resolved:

That the Research Committee be requested to furnish the Basis Committee with a report of their work; these Committees to meet jointly on Monday, 23rd December, to discuss the situation and present some broad principles (seven suggested) which may be brought to the notice of the Public, whose opinion it is hoped would materially influence the decision of the Peace Conference.



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33. APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE.

Mr. W. L. Claremont, Chairman pro tem. of the Finance Committee reported that it was the opinion of the Organisation Committee that the sub-Committee dealing with special appeals should properly be attached to the Finance Committee.

Resolved:

(a) That Mr. Hamilton Fyfe, Mr. E. B. Bull and Captain Westby be requested to attend the next meeting of the Finance Committee on Thursday, 19th December, to make arrangements with the Finance Committee for a Special Appeal for Funds.

(b) That a publicity campaign should be arranged in conjunction with a Special Appeal for Funds, Mr. Evans, Mr. Barber and Mr. Bull to be consulted on this matter.

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WHD Wilkinson

23 Dec 1918.

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--: LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Meeting held at 22, Buckingham Gate, S. W. 1. on  
Monday, 23rd December, 1918.

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PRESENT

Rt. Hon. Sir W. H. Dickinson, K.B.E. (Chairman)  
Major David Davies, M. P.  
Raymond Unwin, Esq.  
A. W. Claremont, Esq.  
F. N. Keen, Esq.  
Sir A. H. Crosfield, C.B.  
Sir A. Shirley Benn, M. P.  
Aneurin Williams, Esq.  
Mrs S. Cross.  
Lord Henry Bentinck.

In attendance: Capt. E. Brocell Steele, (Acting) General Secretary.

MINUTES.

34. The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 17th December were read and confirmed, subject to a slight alteration in Minute 29 under "Executive Committee (c)", and in Minute No.30.
35. MAJOR DAVIES' VISIT TO FRANCE & ITALY.

Major David Davies read a report on his visit to France and Italy. The Chairman moved a vote of thanks to Major David Davies which was carried unanimously.

36. FRENCH PRELIMINARIES.

Mr.Unwin moved, seconded by Major Davies, that the Union accept the invitation of the French Society to attend a Preliminary Conference to be held in Paris.

Resolved:-

That the invitation of the French Society for a Meeting in Paris in order to discuss the joint programme with them and similar Associations of the Allied Countries, be accepted

37. APPOINTMENTS OF DELEGATES TO WAIT UPON PRESIDENT WILSON.

Major Davies moved, seconded by Sir Willoughby Dickinson, that this was a matter for the Management Committee to deal with, to ascertain what members of the Committee, or Council, would go.



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Resolved:-

That the matter be referred to the Management Committee to make the necessary arrangements.

38. PEACE CONFERENCE

Lord Henry Bentinck moved, seconded by Sir A. Shirley Benn, that the adoption of the principle of a League of Nations should be the first business of the Peace Conference

Resolved:-

That the adoption of the principle of a League of Nations should be the first business of the Conference, and the principles laid down thereon should be applied throughout the settlement of the terms of Peace, and that this Resolution be transmitted to the French Society and to His Majesty's Government.

39. BUREAU IN PARIS FOR CONFERENCE.

Major Davies suggested that a room, or offices, be taken in Paris during the Conference, for the carrying out of the work of the Union.

Resolved:-

That the matter be referred to the Management Committee to make the necessary arrangements.

*W. H. Dickinson.*

*Jan 2 1919.*

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--: LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting held at 22, Buckingham Gate, S. W. 1. on  
Thursday, 2nd January, 1919.

PRESENT

Rt. Hon. Sir Willoughby Dickinson, K.B.E. (Chairman)  
Mr. C. A. McCurdy, M. P.  
Mr. Aneurin Williams, M. P.  
Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, M. P.  
Sir Arthur Crosfield, Bt., M. P.  
Mrs. Claremont.  
Mr. Percy Bigland.  
Mr. F. N. Keen.  
Mr. Austin Keen.  
Mr. G. Lowes Dickinson.

In attendance: Capt. E. Ercell Steele, (Acting) General Secretary.

MINUTES

40. DEPUTATION TO PRESIDENT WILSON.

Sir Willoughby Dickinson reported that President Wilson had consented to receive a deputation of three representatives of the League of Nations Union on Saturday, December 28th, 1918.

Permission was afterwards given for seven persons to be present and the following officials of the Union attended:-

Viscount Grey of Fallodon, K.G.  
President: League of Nations Union.  
Rt. Hon. Lord Bryce, O.M. Vice President.  
His Grace The Archbishop of Canterbury,  
Vice President.  
Lord Shaw of Dunfermline,  
Vice President.  
Rt. Hon. H. H. Asquith, K.G.  
Honorary President: League of Nations Union.  
Rt. Hon. Sir W. H. Dickinson, K.B.E.  
Member of the Executive Committee.  
Professor Gilbert Murray,  
Chairman of the Executive Committee.

A Manuscript Address engrossed in ornamental form during the Christmas holidays was read and presented by the Archbishop of Canterbury; Lord Grey delivered a short speech to which the President made a sympathetic reply, and the proceedings closed with a few words of thanks to the President by Mr. Asquith.



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On the motion of Mr. McCurdy seconded by Sir Arthur

Crosfield:

Resolved:-

That the action taken by the Management Committee be approved.

41. MEMORANDUM ON POLICY OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION FOR SUBMISSION TO HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT.

A memorandum entitled "Principles of Immediate Policy" having been prepared and presented by the joint Research & Basis Committee, this document was discussed in detail.

On the motion of Mr. McCurdy, seconded by Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, the vote of the Committee was taken on the advisability of referring the document back to the Research and Basis Committees to be redrafted in simpler form, shewing the essential principles for which the Union is working. This motion was defeated by seven votes to two.

Resolved:-

(a) That the document should go forward after revision by the Executive Committee.

(b) That the completed document be submitted to His Majesty's Government.

(c) That the document be sent to the Press, and printed in the Monthly Report as a Memorandum submitted to His Majesty's Government.

42. OVERSEAS CONFERENCES.

(1) Deputation to Paris.

The Overseas Secretary reported

(a) That no further information had been received from Paris relating to the approaching Conference.

(b) That a cablegram had that day been received from the American League to Enforce Peace, suggesting the end of January or first week of February for this Conference, and stating that their representatives had sailed in preparation for those dates.

Resolved:-

(a) To consult Major David Davies, M.P., as to whether the first week of February would be convenient for him to go to Paris.

(b) To cable to America and France in accordance with his reply.

(2) Suggested Conference at Berne.

The Overseas Secretary reported upon the telegrams received and dispatched by the League of Nations Union in connection with suggested Conferences with neutral nations.

Resolved:-

That a reply be sent to the invitation from Berne regretting that it was not possible to arrange a Conference for the 10th January, 1919.

43. FIRST COUNCIL MEETING.

Resolved:-

That the Management Committee be requested to consider the desirability of calling a meeting of the Council before the deputation leaves for Paris.



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-: LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Meeting held at 22, Buckingham Gate, S. W. 1. on  
Monday, 13th January, 1919.

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PRESENT Professor Gilbert Murray. (Chairman)  
The Rt. Hon. Sir W. H. Dickinson, K.B.E.  
The Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, M. P.  
Mrs Cross.  
Major David Davies, M. P.  
Mr. F. N. Keen.  
Mr. Raymond Unwin.  
Mr. A. W. Claremont.

In attendance: Capt. E. Ercell Steele, (Acting) Genl. Secretary.

MINUTES

44. The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday,  
2nd January, 1919, were read and confirmed.

45. STATEMENT OF POLICY.

Sir Willoughby Dickinson reported

(a) That the Research and Basis Committee had held four meetings, and were in touch with Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. through Mr. Zimmern.

(b) That the Union proposals coincided with those of the Foreign Office, but the Union had more definite proposals with regard to a Court of Justice and a Representative Assembly.

(c) A letter was read from Monsieur Prudhommeaux, Secretary of the French Association for the Society of Nations, stating that his Committee had considered the five points included in the programme of the League of Nations Union. They had referred it to a juristic Committee who had presented a considered report and this report had been approved by the Council at meetings held on the 23rd December, 1918, and the 6th January, 1919.

He enclosed a copy of the resolutions arrived at and invited the Committee of the League of Nations Union to say how far they could agree with it.

After carefully considering the programme it was resolved that the Committee accept the text submitted by the French Association but in view of the fact that it omitted certain important provisions contained in the Object of the Union, the French Association should be asked to reconsider the inclusion of these points and Sir Willoughby Dickinson was requested to formulate the words that should be added in order to achieve this result.

46. DELEGATES TO PARIS CONFERENCE.

Major David Davies, M.P. reported that the original intention of the French Society had been to arrange a "Manifestation of Welcome" to President Wilson. Invitations for this demonstration had been issued to all members of the Council and had been accepted by certain people. This idea had not been carried out in Paris, and in the interval a strictly limited number of our Honorary Officials had been received in London by President Wilson.

The French Society was now arranging for a Conference and had sent a list of suggested people to attend as representatives of the English League of Nations Union.

Resolved:

That the following people be asked to attend the Paris Conference:-

Viscount Grey of Fallodon, K.G.  
Viscount Bryce, O. M.  
Mr. H. G. Wells.  
Mr. Raymond Unwin.  
The Rt. Hon. Sir W. H. Dickinson, K.B.E.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
Mr. Aneurin Williams, M.P.  
The Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, M. P.  
Mr. Spender.  
Mr. Wickham Steed.  
Lord Shaw of Dunfermline.  
Mr. William Archer.

47. FINANCE.

(a) ASSETS OF RESEARCH WORK.

The Chairman reports that the Research Committee had received the sum of £84 from the Atlantic Monthly for their work, and suggested that this amount be entered to the



credit of a special Research Account.

Resolved:

That the sum be placed to the credit of the general funds of the Union.

(b) FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE UNION.

Mr. Claremont reports that the average receipts of the Union were £100 per month, whereas the present rate of expenditure was £2,000 per month. He suggested that the Executive Committee should urge upon the Appeals Sub-Committee the necessity for prompt action in the matter of organising a special appeal for large donations.

Resolved:

That the matter be left in the hands of the Appeals Sub-Committee.

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--: LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting held at 22, Buckingham Gate, S.W.1. on  
Tuesday, 14th January, 1919.

PRESENT

Professor Gilbert Murray, (Chairman)  
The Rt. Hon. Sir W. H. Dickinson, K.B.E.  
Major David Davies, M. P.  
Mr. H. G. Wells.  
Sir Arthur Crosfield, Bt.  
Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, M. P.  
Mrs Cross.  
Mrs A. W. Claremont.  
Mr. A. W. Claremont.  
Mr. Percy Bigland.  
Mr. Ernest Rhys.  
Mr. F. N. Keen.  
Mr. Raymond Unwin.

In attendance: The Acting General Secretary.

MINUTES

48. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th January, 1919, were read and confirmed.
49. PROPOSALS OF THE FRENCH ASSOCIATION.

Sir Willoughby Dickinson read a full translation of the text of the French programme presented at the previous meeting shewing the differences between the proposals of the French Association and our statement of policy.

Resolved:

That the Acting General Secretary should write a letter to Monsieur Prudhommeaux expressing general agreement with the programme of the French Association, but pointing out that we desire fuller discussion upon clauses 4 and 5 prior to the Conference.

50. STATEMENT OF POLICY

Sir Willoughby Dickinson produced a draft report by the Joint Meeting of the Research and Basis Committees for presentation to the Executive, which had been prepared "under the special reference of the Executive Committee".



A letter from Mr. McCurdy, unavoidably absent through illness, was read by the Chairman, objecting that no adequate notice had been given that any such proposals were to be brought forward, and further objecting to the proposals on their merits.

This view was vigorously upheld by Mr. H. G. Wells, who moved that the document be rejected.

That motion was not seconded.

On the motion of Mr. Claremont seconded by Mr. Bigland.

Resolved:

That the document be accepted as the report of a special Committee, and that it be authorised to be printed for private use, bearing the signature of Sir Willoughby Dickinson as Chairman of the Special Committee, and not as committing the Executive Committee or the Union to the details therein.

The motion of Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, that the names of the authors should be shewn on the document, seconded by Mr. H. G. Wells, was not adopted, ~~and the names of the authors were not shewn on the document.~~

51. FIRST COUNCIL MEETING.

The draft Agenda for the first Council meeting was presented by the Acting General Secretary and approved, the names of Col. John Echan, Mr. J. B. Braithwaite and Mr. Charles Roberts being added to the list of recommendations for the Council.

52. DELEGATES TO PARIS.

Resolved:

That Professor Murray be empowered to appoint substitutes for a Delegation to Paris in the event of refusals being received.

*J. A. Spender*

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-: THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Meeting held at 22, Buckingham Gate, S.W.1. on Friday, 7th Feb., 1919.

PRESENT

Mr. J. A. Spender (In the Chair)  
Mrs Richard Cross.  
Mr. Raymond Unwin.  
Mr. J. J. Mallon.  
Mr. Charles Roberts.  
Sir A. Shirley Benn, M.P.  
Mr. Aneurin Williams, M.P.  
Mr. A. W. Claremont.  
Mr. F. N. Keen.

In attendance: The General Secretary.

MINUTES

53. The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 14th January, were read and confirmed subject to one expurgation.

54. CHAIRMAN OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolved unanimously:

That Professor Gilbert Murray be invited to continue as Chairman of the Executive Committee newly constituted by the Council of the League of Nations Union.

55. RE-APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The General Secretary reported upon the internal arrangements of the Union, and expressed his opinion that certain re-organization was necessary for the more rapid development of the work.

Resolved:

That the Departmental Secretaries be instructed to keep in close touch with each other pending the consideration of the whole question of the reconstruction and amalgamation of Committees, but that the following Committees be vested with full powers immediately:-

(a) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

That this Committee consist of:-

The Rt. Hon. Sir W. H. Dickinson, K.B.E.  
Mr. Aneurin Williams, M.P.  
Major David Davies, M.P.



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - Continued

Mr. F. N. Keen.  
Mr. Raymond Unwin.  
Mr. C. A. McCurdy, M.P.  
Mr. Charles Roberts.

Resolved:

That this Committee be vested with Executive Powers, subsequently reporting to the Executive Committee upon action taken, and that the quorum be two.

(b) APPEALS COMMITTEE

Resolved:

That the following people be asked to act on this Committee and be vested with full powers, referring to the Chairman of the Executive Committee in cases of difficulty:-

Mr. E. B. Bull.  
Mr. A. F. Harvey.  
Mr. Hamilton Pyfe.  
Mr. J. B. Braithwaite.  
Sir Willoughby Dickinson, K.B.E. or failing him  
Mr. Aneurin Williams, M. P. to represent the Executive Committee.

Mr. Mills being appointed Appeals Secretary and Assistant General Secretary at a salary of £350 a year, subject to one month's notice.

56. REGIONAL ORGANISERS.

The General Secretary having reported upon the urgency of organising the work in the country in accordance with the recommendations of the Organisation Committee:-

Resolved:

That the following appointments be confirmed:-

(a) Mr. H. L. Jefferson, Organiser for the South Western Region, at a salary of £250 per annum and expenses when necessary, subject to one month's notice.

(b) Mrs F. S. Haire, Organiser for the Yorkshire Region, at a salary of £208 per annum and expenses when necessary, subject to one month's notice.

(c) The question of Mr. Woolf's appointment to be referred to the Management Committee.

57. OFFICERS OF THE UNION

(a) HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS

The General Secretary reported that invitations to become an Honorary Vice-President had been sent to:-

His Excellency Monsieur Venizelos of Greece.  
Monsieur Callandar of Switzerland.

Monsieur Venizelos has accepted the invitation, no reply having been received from Monsieur Callandar.

(b) MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

The General Secretary reported that invitations to join the Council had been sent to the following people:-

Mrs George Cadbury.  
Rev. Silas Hocking.

Mrs Cadbury has accepted the invitation, no reply having been received from the Rev. Silas Hocking.

(c) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The General Secretary reported that the following people had been invited to act as additional members of the Executive Committee:-

Rt. Hon. J. R. Clynes, M.P.  
Rt. Hon. W. Adamson, M.P.  
Charles Roberts, Esq.  
Col. John Buchan.  
J. B. Braithwaite, Esq.

and that acceptances had been received from the last three, no reply having been received from Mr. Clynes or Mr. Adamson.

Resolved:

That these persons be elected members of the Executive Committee and that invitations to act as members of the Committee be extended to the Rt. Hon. H. Samuel, M.P. and General Sir Frederic Sykes, - Mr. Samuel's name to be brought forward at the earliest opportunity for election to the Council.

58. CLERGY COMMITTEE

The General Secretary reported that a decision was required upon the advisability of asking members of the Clergy Committee to attend meetings if they required their expenses to be paid.



Resolved:

That this matter be referred to the Finance Committee.

59. RESIGNATION OF FINANCE SECRETARY

The General Secretary reported that Mr. Roberts, Finance Secretary, had resigned his post owing to illness, and that the question now arose as to the necessity for making a fresh appointment, Miss Oakey having intimated that she and Miss Auger could adequately carry on the work of the Department.

Resolved:

That the matter be referred to the Management Committee.

Gilbert Murray.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Meeting held at 22, Buckingham Gate, S.W.1. on Wednesday, 12th Feb. 1919.

PRESENT

Professor Gilbert Murray, (Chairman)  
Rt. Hon. Sir W.H. Dickinson, K.B.E.  
Colonel John Buchan.  
Mr. J. B. Braithwaite.  
Mr. Aneurin Williams, M.P.  
Mr. J. A. Spender.  
Mrs Richard Cross.  
Mr. F. N. Keen.  
Mrs A. W. Claremont.  
Mr. Charles Roberts.

In attendance: The General Secretary.

MINUTES.

60. MINUTES

The minutes of the Meeting held on Friday, 12th February, were read and confirmed, Mr. Charles Roberts' name being added as a Member of the Appeals Committee.

61. RE-APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The Committees were re-elected as follows:-

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

W. William Archer, Esq.  
Ernest Barker, Esq.  
Lionel Curtis, Esq.  
G. Lowes Dickinson, Esq.  
Viscount Grey of Fallodon, K.G.  
John Hilton, Esq.  
Professor Gilbert Murray.  
H. Wickham Steed, Esq.  
J. A. Spender, Esq.  
H. G. Wells, Esq.  
A. B. Zimmer, Esq.  
L. S. Woolf, Esq.  
F. N. Keen, Esq.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dominic Spring Rice, Esq.  
A. W. Claremont, Esq. (Chairman)  
Raymond Unwin, Esq.  
C. Williamson Milne, Esq.  
Sir Edward Holden, Bt.  
F. Hyde, Esq.  
A. B. Gillett, Esq.  
Sir A. Shirley Benn, M.P.  
Sir R. Vassar Smith, Bt., M.P.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
J. B. Braithwaite, Esq.  
Sir Arthur Crosfield, Bt.



ORGANISATION COMMITTEE.

E. B. Bull, Esq.  
Robert McBann, Esq.  
Mrs A. W. Claremont.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
Rt. Hon. Sir W.H.Dickinson, K.B.E.  
Hamilton Fyfe, Esq.  
A.F.Harvey, Esq.  
G.S.Hirst, Esq.  
Mrs Irene McArthur.  
C. A. McCurdy, Esq. M.P.  
Miss A.M.Mercer,  
J.J.Mallon, Esq.  
Miss Normanton,  
Capt. Albert Smith, M.P.  
H. N. Spalding, Esq.  
Rev. Tom Sykes,  
Rt. Hon. J.H.Thomas, M.P.  
A. Williams, Esq., M.P.  
Capt. Harri Williams,  
Rt. Hon. J. R. Clynes, M.P.

BASIS COMMITTEE.

Rt. Hon. Sir W.H.Dickinson, K.B.E.  
A. W. Claremont, Esq., L.C.C.  
G. Lowes Dickinson, Esq.  
F. N. Keen, Esq.  
Raymond Unwin, Esq.  
Aneurin Williams, Esq., M.P.  
Professor Gilbert Murray.  
Charles Roberts, Esq.  
William Archer, Esq.

OVERSEAS COMMITTEE.

H. Wickham Steed, Esq.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
Professor Gilbert Murray.  
Col. Sir Mark Sykes, Bt., M.P.  
A. McCallum Scott, Esq. M.P.  
Principal Burrows.  
C. Duncan, Esq.  
Aneurin Williams, Esq., M.P.  
Miss Winifred Stephens.  
Rt. Hon. Sir W.H.Dickinson, K.B.E.  
J.J.Mallon, Esq.  
Major Evelyn Wrench.  
Raymond Unwin, Esq.  
F. N. Keen, Esq.  
H. N. Spalding, Esq.  
Howard d'Egville, Esq.  
Sir A. Steel Maitland, Bt., M.P.  
J. Foster Forbes, Esq. (Assistant Secretary)  
John Buchan (Colonel)  
Lord Gainford.

PRESS & LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

Arnold Bennett, Esq.  
E. B. Bull, Esq.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
Rt. Hon. Sir W.H.Dickinson, K.B.E.  
G. Lowes Dickinson, Esq.  
Robert Donald, Esq.  
A.W.Evans, Esq.  
A. G. Gardiner, Esq.  
J. L. Garvin, Esq.  
F. N. Keen, Esq.

PRESS & LITERATURE COMMITTEE - Continued

Professor Gilbert Murray  
C. A. McCurdy, Esq., M.P.  
Ernest Rhys, Esq.  
J. A. Spender, Esq.  
Wickham Steed, Esq.  
Hartley Withers, Esq.  
L. S. Woolf, Esq.  
W. L. Williams, Esq. (Secretary)

Press Sub-Section) Miss Brodie.  
Secretary:

62. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF SUB-COMMITTEE

Resolved:

That the Chairman of the Executive Committee be an Ex-officio member of all Sub-Committees.

62-63. RESOLUTION OF AMERICAN DELEGATES AT PARIS.

A resolution from the American Delegation to the League Conference at Paris was referred to the Education Committee.

63-64. SUGGESTED TOUR BY SECRETARY.

A suggested tour by the Secretary of the Organisation Department was referred to the Management Committee.

64-65. UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE.

A communication from Mr. Edgar Jones of Timarn, New Zealand, suggesting the adoption of Esperanto by the League of Nations Union as a Universal language, was referred to the Research Committee for consideration.

*W. L. Williams*  
*Feb 26. 1919.*



-- THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION --  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting held at No.15 Committee Room, House of Commons,  
on Wednesday, 26th February, 1919.

PRESENT

- Rt. Hon. Sir W. H. Dickinson, K.B.E. (Chairman)
- Mr. Percy Bigland.
- Mrs A. W. Claremont.
- Mrs Richard Cross.
- Sir Arthur Steel Maitland, Bt., M.P.
- Mr. J. B. Braithwaite.
- Mr. F. N. Keen.
- Mr. J. A. Spender.
- Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Bt., M.P.
- Mr. Aneurin Williams, M.P.
- Mr. A. W. Claremont.

In attendance: The General Secretary.

MINUTES.

65. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 12th  
February, were read and confirmed.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

66. AMALGAMATION OF ALLIED VOLUNTARY SOCIETIES.

The General Secretary reported that he had approached  
the Chief Rabbi and Mr. F. H. Stead with a proposal for amal-  
gamating their Societies with the Union. Dr.Hertz would reply  
in writing, after consulting his Executive, but a letter from  
Mr. Stead was read. A letter had also been received from the  
"Entente People's Alliance" on similar lines.

Resolved:

- (a) That the question of the proposal amalgamation of  
the Jewish Peace Society be referred to the Organi-  
zation sub-Committee.
- (b) That the letter from Mr. F. H. Stead of "The League  
to Abolish War" be referred to the Basis sub-C'tee  
for report.

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(c) That the General Secretary communicate with the Secretary of the "Entente People's Alliance" to ascertain their views in regard to the League of Nations Covenant, and, if satisfactory, that the Organization Committee should re-open negotiations for amalgamation.

67. RE-ORGANIZATION OF PRESS & LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

The General Secretary reported that the question of re-organizing the Press & Literature Department was an urgent one, and that he had asked Mr. Spender if he would consent to be President of a special Committee to consider this matter. Mr. Spender had suggested that the following gentlemen should constitute the Committee:-

Professor Gilbert Murray  
Rt. Hon. Sir W. H. Dickinson, K.B.E.  
Mr. H. G. Wells.  
Mr. A. E. Zimmern.  
Mr. W. Archer, and  
The General Secretary.

Resolved:

That the above named Committee, together with Mr. A. G. Gardiner, Mr. G. Lowes Dickinson and Mr. C. A. McCurdy, M.P. be asked to consider the suggestions made and to report to the Executive Committee.

68. TELEGRAM TO M. CLEMENCEAU.

The General Secretary reported that a telegram, expressing the sympathy of the Union and indignation at the attempt on his life, had been sent to M. Clemenceau.

69. COMMENTS ON THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS COVENANT.

The Rt. Hon. Sir W. H. Dickinson, K.B.E. reported that the Basis Committee had given careful consideration to the draft of the League of Nations Covenant presented at the Peace Conference. They now presented to the Executive Committee a document commenting briefly upon the Covenant, which it was suggested should be sent out to the Members of the Union.



70. Resolved:

That the Comments (with the alterations suggested by the Executive Committee) be published and sent to members of the Union.

TELEGRAM FROM DR. B. DE JONG VON BEEK EN DONK.

It was reported that a telegram had been received from Dr. B. de Jong Von Beek en Donk, asking if delegates could be sent to a Conference to be held in Berne on March 5th., or if delegates could be sent if the Conference was postponed for some weeks.

Resolved:

That a cable be sent to Dr. B. de Jong von Beek en Donk, stating that the Union could not contemplate sending delegates to Berne at present.

71. INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

A proposal by Mr. Percy Bigland "that the Peace Conference should appoint an international Education Committee" was referred for consideration to the Basis Committee.

72. CONFERENCE IN LONDON.

The Chairman stated that it was proposed to hold a Conference of allied League of Nations Societies in London during the second week in March. For the Conference the following eminent gentlemen, among others, had promised to come over :-

M. Venizelos.  
M. Leon Bourgeois.  
Mr. Oscar Strauss.

Conferences on several days of the week were suggested, as well as a Public Meeting on one evening in any large hall available, at which Lord Grey of Fallodon should be asked to preside.

Resolved:

- (a) That this Conference be held in London during the week beginning 11th March.

- (b) That the Management Committee make the necessary arrangements for same.
- (c) That Mr. W. J. Treseder Griffin be the Secretary of the Conference.
- (d) That the Premier, and possibly Lord Robert Cecil, should be asked to speak, and also Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Rt. Hon. J. R. Clynes, M.P., or at least one Labour Leader.

73. APPRECIATION OF MR. GRIFFIN'S SERVICE IN FRANCE.

The Chairman read a letter from the American delegates to the Conference of the Allied Societies for a League of Nations, expressing their obligations to Mr. W. J. Treseder Griffin for the assistance given them at the Conference by him. They wished their expressions of appreciation to be transmitted to the Executive Committee.

These sentiments were endorsed by the Chairman and other members of the Executive Committee.

74. FINANCE.

Mr. Claremont stated that officers of Departments were not conforming to the rule of budgetting monthly for intended expenditure.

Resolved:

That at the next Meeting of the Executive Committee the question of Finance be discussed, and that meanwhile the Finance Committee be asked to submit a report as to strengthening personnel and introducing a system.

*Gilbert Murray*



-: THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting held at No.15 Committee Room, House of Commons,  
on Wednesday, 5th March, 1919.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman)  
J. A. Spender, Esq.  
Charles Roberts, Esq.  
Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, M.P.  
J. B. Braithwaite, Esq.  
A. W. Claremont, Esq.  
Mrs Richard Cross.  
Mrs E. L. Claremont.  
Austin Keen, Esq.  
Col. John Buchan.  
Percy Bigland, Esq.  
F. N. Keen, Esq.  
Aneurin Williams, Esq., M.P.  
Rt. Hon. Sir W. H. Dickinson, K.B.E.

In attendance: Mr. J. W. Treseder Griffin. (Acting Genl. Secretary).

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75. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 25th Feb.,  
1919, were read and confirmed.

76. GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

AMALGAMATION OF ALLIED VOLUNTARY SOCIETIES.

It was reported that the Basis Committee had met and had  
discussed the points raised in the letter of Mr. F. H. Stead,  
of the "League to Abolish War". A report (submitted to the  
Executive Committee) was drawn up and sent to Mr. Stead.

No reply has been received from the Jewish Peace Society.

In regard to the Report of the General Secretary in  
reference to the proposed amalgamation of the "Entente People's  
Alliance", it was

Resolved:

That literature issued by the "Entente People's Alliance"  
be obtained and same be submitted to the Basis Sub-Committee.

The proposed meeting of the representatives of the Alliance with the representatives of the Union could then take place.  
RE CONFERENCE.

The Secretary reported on the Conference arrangements and stated that the proposed Public Meeting would not now be held.

The arrangements of the Dinner given by Major David Davies were well in hand.

The General Secretary reported that the following gentlemen were selected as British Delegates to the Conference:

- Lord Shaw of Dunfermline.
- Rt. Hon. Sir W. H. Dickinson, K.B.E.
- Sir A. Steel Maitland, M.P.
- Rt. Hon. J. R. Clynes, M.P.
- F. N. Keen, Esq.
- Sir Paul Vinogradoff.
- J. A. Spender, Esq.
- Sir A. Shirley Benn, Bt., M.P.
- Major David Davies, M.P.
- Professor Gilbert Murray.
- Aneurin Williams, Esq., M.P.
- Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.
- William Archer, Esq.,
- Wickham Steed, Esq.

Resolved:

That the following names be added to the list of British Delegates:

- Charles Roberts, Esq.
- Colonel John Echan.
- Percy Bigland, Esq.
- Austin Keen, Esq.
- A. W. Claremont, Esq.

77. APPEALS COMMITTEE

The General Secretary reported that he had secured the co-operation of the Marchioness of Queensberry to assist the Appeals Committee. He asked the consent of the Executive to having her definitely appointed a Member of the Appeals Committee.

Resolved:

That the Marchioness of Queensberry be invited to become a Member of the Appeals Committee.



78. STAFF

Resolved:

That the letter from Miss Dora Watts be referred to the Management Committee.

79. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Finance Secretary submitted a report on the Finance of the Union.

Resolved:

(a) That a Meeting of the Chairmen of Committees be held at the earliest possible date to discuss the position.

(b) That this Meeting be arranged when Major David Davies could be present and that the following gentlemen be also asked to attend:-

J. B. Braithwaite, Esq.  
Charles Roberts, Esq.

80. BASIS SUB-COMMITTEE.

Resolved:

That the names of Mr. C. A. McCurdy, M.P. and Mr. J. A. Spender be added to the Basis Committee.

*Gilbert Murray.*

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-: THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-

SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Special Meeting held on Wednesday, 19th March, 1919.  
at 22, Buckingham Gate, S.W.1.

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PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman)  
Rt. Hon. Sir W. H. Dickinson, K.B.E.  
Sir Arthur Crosfield, Bt.  
Raymond Unwin, Esq.  
Mrs Richard Cross.

In attendance: The General Secretary.  
Mr. W. Archer, Secretary: Research Dep't.

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81. IRISH LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETY.

The Chairman explained the object for which the special Meeting was called, viz: to meet representatives of the Irish League of Nations Society.

Professor Trench, a member of the Irish Committee and Mr. E. A. Aston, the General Secretary to the Irish Society, were introduced to the Committee.

After discussing at length various articles, particularly Article 11, in the League of Nations Covenant, it was suggested by Professor Trench that the Union might help the Irish Society in making a suggestion to the Peace Conference that Article 11 be so altered that it would nullify an incitement - which the Irish representatives said it contained - to violence in Ireland. They submitted two alternative articles to the Executive which the Irish Society proposed should be added to those already submitted to the Peace Conference.

The Chairman, after further discussion, said that he could not commit the League of Nations Union to adopting



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a resolution such as was presented by the Irish League of Nations Society, or any amendment to it. He felt justified, however, in saying that although ~~the Union were interested~~ <sup>they could not move in the</sup> matter, ~~the Union were interested~~ <sup>the Union were interested</sup> they could not move in the matter.

Professor Trench and Mr. Aston then retired.

82. SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR RE-ORGANIZATION.

The General Secretary requested that instead of the two special Committees already appointed to discuss questions of (a) Finance and (b) Re-organization of Press and Literature and similar departments, another sub-Committee should be appointed to deal with the two questions, as the one involved the other. He suggested that the following Committee meet on the following Friday:-

Professor Gilbert Murray.  
Rt. Hon. Sir W.H. Dickinson, K.B.E.  
Colonel John Buchan.  
J. A. Spender, Esq.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
E. B. Bull, Esq.

Resolved:

That this Committee, with the addition of the names of Mr. F. N. Keen and Mr. Charles Roberts, be appointed to discuss re-organization and recommend to the Executive.

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Gilbert Murray.

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-: THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-

Meeting of the Executive Committee held at 22, Buckingham Gate  
on Wednesday, 26th March, at 5 p.m.

PRESENT Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman)  
J. J. Mallon, Esq.  
P. N. Keen.  
Charles Roberts, Esq.  
Raymond Unwin, Esq.  
Raymond Unwin, Esq.  
Lt. Hon. Sir W. H. Dickinson, K.B.E.  
J. A. Spender, Esq.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
J. B. Braithwaite, Esq.

In attendance: The General Secretary.

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83. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on March 5th. were read and approved.

84. The Minutes of the special Meeting held on March 19th. were read and confirmed, subject to one alteration. (See Minute 81).

85. CO-OPTION TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Major David Davies, M.P. gave notice of motion that Mr. E. B. Bull be co-opted a member of the Executive Committee, but that, in the meantime, he be asked to attend the next meeting of the Executive.

86. SPECIAL RE-ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

Resolved:

That the two Committees already appointed to discuss (a) questions of Finance and (b) re-organization be merged into one and form the Special Committee for re-organization and that this Special Committee be granted executive powers.

87. GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Letter from Lord Robert Cecil.

The General Secretary reported that having ascertained that no representative of the Union was in Paris to attend the



Conference of Neutrals, he sent Mr. Foster Forbes to Paris.

Mr. Forbes returned with (a) a letter to Lord Grey for publication by this Union from Lord Robert Cecil.

(b) Reported that he had interviewed the Premier's Secretary at Paris, who had said that the Premier was of the opinion that the agitation in the shape of propaganda would be necessary when the people realize that they are committed to a League. It is then that the Union could expect the Premier's support.

(c) Mr. Forbes got into touch with several neutral representatives with good results, notably with Holland and Denmark. He brought back a report of the Conference written by Lord Robert Cecil.

Resolved: That copies of Lord Robert Cecil's report be sent to all members of the Executive.

88. CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER.

The General Secretary reported that he had interviewed Mr. Arthur Mee, the Editor of the "Children's Newspaper", who had agreed to give the Union a column per week in his newspaper in support of a "Children's League". This was also receiving the support of Mr. Perez.

Resolved: That Mr. Perez should be asked to become a member of the Education Committee.

89. Resolved: That Departmental Secretaries present a brief monthly report of the work of their department for presentation to the Executive Meeting, and that this report be sent to members of the Executive with the notice of the Meeting.

90. RECOMMENDATIONS OF RE-ORGANIZATION SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee agreed to the following recommendations:-

- (a) That there should be one Department dealing with Press & Literature and Research.
- (b) That a Director be appointed to take charge of this Department.

- (c) That in view of this amalgamation, Mr. Llewelyn Williams be given a month's notice.
- (d) That Mr. Spender interview Mr. Archer with regard to the proposed re-organization and report further.
- (e) That when the question of a Secretary for the Educational & Clergy sub-Committee is considered, Mr. Williams could apply for the post in the ordinary course, but that in the meantime Mr. Williams be asked to give his time and attention to the organizing of the Education and Clergy Committee.
- (f) That the question of Parliamentary Secretary be referred for reconsideration of the re-organization sub-Committee.

91. BASIS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT.

Major David Davies, M.P. gave notice of motion that the report of the Basis sub-Committee to Mr. F. H. Stead of the "League to Abolish War" be discussed at the next Meeting of the Executive Committee. *Only that the resolution of the League to which was to be discussed.*

92. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The General Secretary submitted the Financial statement up to and including March 26th. This shewed a credit balance at Bank of £328.18.3. but there were outstanding cheques amounting to £118.14.9. and outstanding liabilities amounting to £1,698.13.5.

93. EASTER HOLIDAYS.

The General Secretary recommended that Easter Holidays be granted from Thursday, April 17th. to Tuesday, April 22nd. inclusive.

Resolved: To agree to this recommendation, but that an arrangement be made whereby some members of the staff would be on duty on the Saturday and Tuesday in case of emergency.

W. H. Dickinson  
4 April 1919.



:- THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-

Meeting of the Executive Committee held at 22, Buckingham Gate,  
on Wednesday, 9th April, at 5 p.m.

PRESENT Rt. Hon. Sir W. H. Dickinson, K.B.E. (In the Chair)  
J. A. Spender, Esq.  
Sir Arthur Crosfield, Bt.  
P. N. Keen, Esq.  
Raymond Unwin, Esq.  
J. B. Braithwaite, Esq.  
Percy Bigland, Esq.  
Mrs Richard Cross.  
Capt. Harri Williams.

In attendance: Mr. O'Brien. (Organization Secretary).  
Acting General Secretary.

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94. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on March 26th. were read and approved.

95. RESEARCH & BASIS COMMITTEE.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Archer and Capt. Steele had been informed that their appointments would terminate on the 30th instant and that Mr. Archer had written that he would take steps for the winding up of the Research & Basis Committee.

Resolved:

That the Committee desired to express their high sense of gratitude to Mr. Archer for the services he has rendered to the Union, and hope that they will still be able to avail themselves of his services.

96. ENTENTE ALLIANCE.

The Secretary reported that he had arranged April 16th for a Meeting between four members of the Entente Alliance and four members of the Executive Committee, and asked that the Committee nominate the four representatives of the Union to meet the representatives of the Entente Alliance.

Resolved:

(a) That as it was impossible to obtain sufficient members to meet them on that date, the Secretary be instructed to arrange another date after Easter convenient to all Parties.

(b) That resolution No.76 of the Committee that literature of the Entente Alliance be obtained and submitted to the Executive be carried out.

97. NEW MEMBERS FOR COUNCIL.

The General Secretary pointed out in his report that Colonel Wade, Military Attache (Copenhagen) had asked to be appointed a member of the Council.

Resolved:

That this gentleman's name be recommended at the next Meeting of the Council.

98. NEW MEMBERS ON EXECUTIVE.

The General Secretary pointed out that Sir Arthur Haworth, Bt., M.P. (of Manchester) had asked to be appointed a member of the Executive, and Major David Davies proposed that the names of Mr. E. B. Bull, Lord Eustace Percy, Col. George Crosfield and Capt. Hon. W. Ormsby-Gore, M.P. be also added to the Executive.

Resolved:

That these names be added to the Executive Committee.

99. GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The General Secretary submitted a report received on the telephone by Capt. Harri Williams, as follows:-

"That the Committee were premature in concluding  
"that Major Davies made a definite offer of £10,000 for  
"the present liabilities and the cost of the Whirlwind  
"Campaign. He wished to make it quite clear to the  
"Executive that this offer was dependent on the Executive  
"assuring him in writing in the course of the next few  
"days that the President, the Honorary Presidents and  
"the Executive Committee were willing to personally  
"undertake the task of raising the necessary funds at



"once and give their personal support. He also suggested  
"that representatives of the Executive should personally  
"interview Lord Grey, Mr. Asquith, etc."

Mr. Spender explained that it would be impossible to assure  
Major Davies in writing that the people concerned would <sup>undertake the duty</sup> subscribe  
<sup>of attending for help from</sup> as the Committee considered they could not very well approach them  
under the present conditions, and Sir Willoughby Dickinson  
explained that until the Prime Minister had expressed his attitude  
towards the Union, little progress would be made amongst people of  
influence in getting them to subscribe.

Resolved:

That the Committee are fully in accord with Major Davies in  
his desire to see a vigorous action taken at the earliest possible  
moment for raising the necessary money for the future work of the  
Union, and will do their utmost to achieve this result, but in  
view of the importance of knowing what the idea of the Prime  
Minister is with regard to the future work of the Union, they  
cannot decide as to their action until Colonel Fisher has returned  
from Paris. In the meantime, Mr. Spender, as Chairman of the  
Organization sub-Committee, he asked to write Major Davies  
explaining the position as it appears to the Committee.

100. COUNCIL MEETING.

That a Meeting of the Council be summoned to consider the  
position of the Union and the best means of organizing public  
opinion in support of the League of Nations and that the Special  
Reconstruction Committee be asked to draw up a report to be  
presented to the Council.

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-: THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-

Meeting of the Executive Committee held at 22, Buckingham Gate,  
on Monday, 14th April, at 2 p.m.

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PRESENT: Rt. Hon. Sir W. H. Dickinson, K.B.E. (In the Chair)  
Mrs. Richard Cross.  
Ernest Rhys, Esq.  
Sir A. Shirley Benn, M.P.  
Charles Roberts, Esq.  
Percy Bigland, Esq.  
J. A. Spender, Esq.  
Sir A. H. Crosfield, Bt.  
Rt. Hon. J. R. Olynnes, M.P.  
Capt. Harri Williams.

In attendance: Mr. O'Brien (Acting General Secretary)

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101. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on April 9th. were read and approved, subject to an alteration in Minute 99.

102. REPORT FROM COLONEL FISHER.

The Chairman read a letter from the General Secretary reporting upon his visit to Paris. In this letter Col. Fisher reported that he had interviewed Mr. Wickham Steed and Lord Robert Cecil. The latter had drafted a letter which he promised he would ask the Prime Minister to sign. Lord Robert also promised to sign a letter inviting several prominent gentlemen (including Lord Selborne) to become members of the Council. After discussion and upon the suggestion of Sir A. Shirley Benn it was

Resolved:

That the Committee meet again on Wednesday, 16th April, at the House of Commons, when Colonel Fisher would most probably be present to make his report. The Prime Minister would have then made his report on progress to the House of Commons.

103. APPEALS CAMPAIGN.

Mr. Spender read a letter he had received from Major David Davies, M.P., and in the discussion following the



name of Mr. E. B. Bull was mentioned as a probable Campaign Organizer.

Resolved:

That Colonel Fisher should report upon this suggestion and that Capt. Harri Williams obtain Major Davies' views regarding same.

104. COUNCIL MEETING.

Resolved:

That the next Executive Committee decide upon a date to hold the Council Meeting.

J. A. Spender

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-: THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-

Meeting of the Executive Committee held at No.7 Room, House  
of Commons, on Wednesday 16th April, at 5-30 p.m.

PRESENT: J. A. Spender, Esq., (In the Chair).  
Mrs. E. S. Claremont.  
Mrs. Richard Cross.  
E. B. Bull, Esq.  
Percy Bigland, Esq.  
Sir Arthur Crosfield, Bart.  
Sir A. Shirley Benn, M.P.  
F. N. Keen, Esq.  
Raymond Unwin, Esq.  
Charles Roberts, Esq.  
Colonel John Buchan.  
H. Jones, Esq. (Asst. Secretary to Major David  
Davies, M.P.)

In attendance: Mr. A. O'Brien (Acting General Secretary).  
Mr. D. H. Mills (Asst. General Secretary).

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105. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on April 14th, 1919,  
were read and approved.

106. GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Colonel Fisher was unable to be present through  
indisposition but a report on (a) his Paris visit and (b) his  
interview with Major David Davies, M.P. was read. In the  
report, the General Secretary stated that he had interviewed  
Sir Robert Borden, Sir George Foster, Mr. Massey, all of whom  
had promised to become Vice-Presidents of the Union. He had  
also seen Lord Robert Cecil who had promised to give all  
assistance possible and also Mr. Wickham Steed.

107. REPORT ON INTERVIEW WITH MAJOR DAVID DAVIES, M.P.

The Committee then discussed in detail the condition  
which Major David Davies makes in Colonel Fisher's report, in  
respect to his offer of £10,000 towards the present liabilities  
and the Whirlwind Campaign.



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Resolved:

That the launching of the Appeal must wait for the right moment and for the Prime Minister's approval.

In regard to the various conditions laid down by Major David Davies it was

108. Resolved:

(1) That in view of the communications that have passed between Lord Grey and Professor Murray and that Lord Grey would be in Town on May 8th, it is not thought advisable at the moment to send a deputation to Lord Grey.

(2) That any action in regard to Mr. Asquith be subsequent to the interview with Lord Grey.

(3) That the amount to be asked for in the Appeal be decided upon by the Committee after the proposed Organizer has conferred with Major Davies.

(4) That Mr. E. B. Bull be asked to see Major David Davies and discuss the matter with him.

(5) (a) That a Committee to report on re-organization of the Union be formed, subject to the action taken being in accordance with the Constitution of the Union.

(b) That Lord Robert Cecil be asked to be Chairman of such a Committee.

(c) That the Executive approves of the names as suggested by Major David Davies.

109. DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING.

Resolved:

(a) That a Council be called for Wednesday May 14th at 5 o'clock.

(b) That the Secretary be instructed to rent a room at the Central Hall for the purpose.

(c) That Professor Gilbert Murray be asked to draft a letter for circulation to members of the Council explaining the necessity for calling the Council and setting forth the exact position of the Union.

110. TELEGRAM FROM CHINESE PARLIAMENT.

Resolved:

That the telegram from the Chinese Parliament asking that the leased territory of Kiachow be handed back to China, be acknowledged.

*Gilbert Murray*



:- THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-

Meeting of the Executive Committee held at 22, Buckingham Gate, S.W.  
on Monday, April 28th. 1919, at 5 p.m.

PRESENT: J. A. Spender, Esq. (In the Chair).  
Mrs. A. W. Claremont.  
P. N. Keen, Esq.  
Mrs. Richard Cross.  
Percy Bigland, Esq.  
Ernest Rhys, Esq.  
E. B. Bull, Esq.  
Sir Arthur Crosfield, Bart.  
C. A. McCurdy, Esq., M.P.  
Capt. Harri Williams.  
Raymond Unwin, Esq.

In attendance: The General Secretary.

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111. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on April 16th. 1919,  
were read and approved.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

112. APPOINTMENT OF MR. PERUGINI.

The General Secretary reported that, after consultation with Major David Davies, M.P., he had appointed Mr. Perugini to take charge of the Press & Literature Dep't. This was a temporary arrangement pending further consideration.

113. ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE.

The General Secretary reported that the following had accepted seats on the Executive Committee:-

- Capt. The Hon. W. Ormsby-Gore, M.P.
- Mr. E. B. Bull.

Colonel George Crosfield had written regretting his inability to accept, and that no reply had been received from Lord Eustace Percy.

Resolved:

That at the next Meeting of the Executive the question of co-opting Brig. General H. de T. Phillips, C.B., C.M.G., Royal Artillery, be discussed and that a list of

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attendances of the present Executive Committee be submitted.

114. BANK POSITION

A letter read from the London City & Midland Bank, Ltd., showed the Union's account to be overdrawn by a sum of £1,141. 7. 9. on April 14th. 1919.

Resolved:

That a letter be written to the Bank stating that the matter was receiving consideration and that meanwhile the position shall be referred to the Special Committee mentioned in Minute 115.

115. MR. BULL'S REPORT.

The General Secretary was asked to retire from the Committee whilst Mr. Bull reported upon his visit to Major Davies and made his proposals regarding an Appeals Campaign.

Resolved:

(1) That Sir Arthur Crosfield and Mr. McCurdy be asked to confer with Major Davies at the earliest possible moment to consider and take any action they think desirable on proposals to be put before them by Mr. Bull and Col. Fisher respectively, and that the above Committee be authorised either to instruct the Basis Committees to redraft the objects of the Union in view of the present situation or to submit a new draft drawn up by themselves to the Executive Committee.

(2) To consider Bank position with reference to overdraft.

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*Gilbert Murray*



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:- THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-

Meeting of the Executive Committee held at 22, Buckingham Gate,  
on Wednesday, 7th May, 1919, at 5 p.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (In the Chair)  
Mrs. Richard Cross.  
F. N. Keen, Esq.  
Ernest Rhys, Esq.  
Percy Bigland, Esq.  
Charles Roberts, Esq.  
The Rt. Hon. Sir W. H. Dickinson, K.B.E.  
J. A. Spender, Esq.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
Sir Arthur Crosfield, Bart.  
E. B. Bull, Esq.  
Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, K.B.E., M.P.

In attendance: The General Secretary.

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116. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on April 28th. 1919,  
were approved as circulated.

117. MATTERS ARISING.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. PERUGINI.

The General Secretary reported that Mr. Perugini  
had withdrawn his offer to take charge of the Press & Literature  
Department.

118. CO-OPTION OF BRIG. GEN. H. de T. PHILLIPS, C.B., C.M.G.

Resolved:

That the question of the co-option of Brig. Gen.  
H. de T. Phillips, C.B., C.M.G., Royal Artillery be referred  
to the Reconstruction Committee. (Under Chairmanship of  
Lord Robert Cecil.)

119. INTERVIEW WITH THE RT. HON. H. H. ASQUITH, K.C.

The General Secretary reported upon an interview he  
had been granted with Mr. Asquith. The interview was a very  
satisfactory one, and Mr. Asquith declared himself to be of  
the opinion:

- (1) That a National Campaign was necessary.
- (2) That it was essential to open it with the proposed Mansion House Meeting.
- (3) That it was a mistake to give a premature impression that we were in a weak financial position - and consequently he considered that appeals to individuals for financial support should wait until the Campaign had opened and the public were assured that a genuine National Movement was actually launched under powerful support.
- (4) He considered that the closest co-operation of Lord Robert Cecil with the Executive was most essential.
- (5) That Lord Inchcape (as well as Lord Cowdray and Aberconway) should be asked to give their support. Also Mr. Smillie and other Labour Leaders and General Sir Douglas Haig if possible.
- (6) He considered clear "Objects" very essential and took a draft of suggested "Objects" and promised to draft his ideas as to the Objects for which he considered a Campaign necessary.
- (7) He also promised a letter for publication urging on the public the need for supporting the Union.

120. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

A preliminary report from the Special Committee was read and considered by the Executive and its general terms were approved.

Resolved:

That the matter be referred back to the Special Committee for amplification and final re-statement after further negotiations with Mr. Bull.

121. PROPOSAL FOR PUBLIC MEETING.

The suggestion of Mr. Mallon for a large Public Meeting to be held to welcome the formation of a League of Nations was approved and the General Secretary was instructed to confer with Mr. Mallon as to convening such a meeting as soon as possible.



122. NATIONAL PEACE CONGRESS.

The question raised by Mr. Butlin in a letter, as to whether the Committee thought it desirable for the Union to be represented at the Peace Congress to be held in June in Manchester was discussed.

Resolved:

That the auspices under which the Congress was to be held be ascertained.

*Gilbert Murray.*

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:- THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-

Meeting of the Executive Committee held at 22, Buckingham Gate  
on Wednesday, 21st May, 1919, at 4 p.m.

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PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman)  
E. B. Bull, Esq.  
F. N. Keen, Esq.  
Mrs. Richard Cross  
Percy Bigland, Esq.  
The Rt. Hon. Sir W. H. Dickinson, K.B.E.  
Lord H. Cavendish-Bentinck, M.P.  
A. W. Claremont, Esq.  
Major David Davies, M.P.

In attendance: The General Secretary.

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123. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on May 7th. 1919,  
were approved as circulated.

124. MATTERS ARISING.

National Peace Congress. A letter from Mr. Percy Butlin stating  
the auspices under which the National Peace Congress at Manchester  
was being held and it was

Resolved

That the Union be not represented at the Congress.

125. GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

COUNCIL MEETING.

The General Secretary reported that an extraordinary  
Council Meeting had been called for Monday, May 26th. The  
Meeting had been called for two purposes only.

(a) A report by the Chairman of the Executive on the  
present situation of the Union.

(b) The appointment by the Council of a Special  
Committee including representatives of all the principal political  
parties with Lord Robert Cecil as Chairman for the purpose of  
re-construction in view of the new situation.



The names suggested for this Committee were as follows:-

CHAIRMAN: Lord Robert Cecil, M.P.

MEMBERS: Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, Bt., M.P.  
Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, M.P.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
Professor Gilbert Murray;  
The Rt. Hon. Sir W. H. Dickinson, K.B.E.  
The Rt. Hon. G. N. Barnes, M.P.  
The Rt. Hon. J. R. Clynes, M.P.

Resolved:

To recommend to the Council that this Committee be appointed and be given plenary powers.

126. APPEALS CAMPAIGN.

The General Secretary reported that Mr. Bull had definitely declined the post of Appeals Organiser. Sir Herbert Morgan had since been interviewed and he had expressed his willingness to become Chairman of the Appeals Committee, provided

- (a) That a sufficiently cogent reason and object could be found on which to base the Appeal for funds.
- (b) That he could appoint his own Committee.

Resolved:

- (a) That Sir Herbert Morgan be thanked on behalf of the Committee for his interest.
- (b) That he be asked to undertake the Chairmanship of such a Committee.
- (c) That this Committee meets to discuss Objects, formulate plan of Campaign, etc., and submit to the Executive.
- (d) That a Meeting of the Basis Committee be called to discuss, revise, and popularise Mr. Spender's draft with a view to its being extensively used as a pamphlet in the Campaign.

127. ALBERT HALL MEETING.

Colonel Fisher reported that arrangements were in hand for the Meeting at the Albert Hall on June 13th. Viscount Grey had promised to take the Chair and Lord Robert Cecil would speak. Mr. Barnes was also being approached to speak.

Sir Herbert Morgan had recommended a Press Agent for this Meeting only. This would test the capabilities of the said Press Agent as regards future employment.

Resolved:

- (a) That the Press Agent be appointed to undertake publicity work in connection with the Albert Hall Meeting.
- (b) That the General Secretary takes all necessary steps to prepare for the coming Campaign.

128. APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTANTS.

Resolved:

(a) That the Secretary presents at the next Meeting of the Executive, names of Accountants (together with fees required) with a view to their being appointed Accountants to the Union.

(b) That this action be also taken in regard to Solicitors.

129. LETTER FROM CAPT. STEELE

A letter from Captain Steele asking for a month's salary on compassionate grounds was discussed.

Resolved:

That the Executive Committee cannot accede to the request.

130. FINANCIAL POSITION.

Resolved:

That the General Secretary incorporates in his Report to each meeting of the Executive a statement showing the Financial position of the Union to date.

131. RESIGNATION OF LORD HENRY CAVENDISH BENTINCK, M.P.

A letter was read from Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck resigning his seat on the Executive. The resignation was accepted with regret.

\_\_\_\_\_ Robert Cecil



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-: THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-

Special Meeting of the Executive Committee held at  
22, Buckingham Gate, on Wednesday, May 28th. at 4 p.m.

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PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman)  
Mr. A. W. Claremont.  
Mr. F. N. Keen.  
Sir Arthur Haworth, Bart.  
Rt. Hon. Sir W. H. Dickinson, K.B.E.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
Mr. E. B. Bull.  
Mr. Raymond Unwin.  
Mrs. Richard Cross.  
Mr. J. A. Spender.  
Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, K.B.E., M.P.

In attendance: The General Secretary.  
Sir Herbert Morgan, K.B.E.

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132. OBJECT OF MEETING.

The General Secretary explained that the meeting had been called to meet Sir Herbert Morgan whom he had approached with a view to his being asked to become Chairman of the Organization and Appeals Committee.

Sir Herbert Morgan thereupon made a statement regarding his views for a Campaign pointing out the difficulties which appeared to him.

Two questions to his mind required an answer:-

- (1) Why should I join the League of Nations Union?
- (2) If I became a member what am I to do?

He suggested that a feature of the Union both at Headquarters and Branches would be the entertainment of distinguished Foreign visitors. Problems of health, labour, etc., which by the League of Nations become matters of international importance could be undertaken - in fact discussions on all problems that affect reconstruction should be encouraged.

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Education, through Schools, Universities, Cinemas etc. is a feature which must not be lost sight of.

Sir Herbert recommended that for Organization purposes there should be one Committee having two objects:-

Propaganda and Publicity, for the dual purpose of education and the obtaining of funds and membership.

The work would be divided as follows:-

(a) PROPAGANDA. To organise meetings, procure speakers, arrange concerts, etc., etc.

(b) PUBLICITY. Divided into:-

(1) Paid for advertisements.

(2) Inspired paragraphs. Unpaid advertisements could be obtained by:-

(a) Circulation of well written clever paragraphs.

(b) Arrangements for interviews.

(c) Getting well known people to write letters for ultimate publication.

(d) Writing letters for publication and getting distinguished persons to sign them.

Sir Herbert Morgan was heartily thanked for his suggestions and on an invitation by the Chairman, he agreed to become Chairman of the Campaign Committee.

Resolved:

That a Campaign Committee to include Organization and Appeals be formed under the Chairmanship of Sir Herbert Morgan - Sir Herbert to form this Committee, and the names to be submitted for ratification to the Special Reconstruction Committee under the Chairmanship of Lord Robert Cecil.

133. APPEALS ORGANISER.

The question of the appointment of an Appeals Organiser was discussed and the Executive Committee interviewed Colonel Izod who had been recommended for the post by the General Secretary.

After several questions had been put to Colonel Izod it was Resolved:

That whilst Colonel Izod appeared suitable, his appointment be left in the hands of Sir Herbert Morgan's Committee, and an agreement drawn up.

*Robert Cecil*



Special Meeting of the Executive Committee held at  
22, Buckingham Gate, on Friday June 13th. at 4 p.m.

PRESENT Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman)  
Ernest Rlys, Esq.  
G. Lowes Dickinson, Esq.  
J. A. Soender, Esq.  
Major General Sir Frederick Sykes, C.M.G.  
Charles Roberts, Esq.  
Rt. Hon. Sir W. H. Dickinson, K.B.E.  
F. N. Keen, Esq.  
Sir A. H. Crosfield, Bart.  
Colonel John Buchan.  
Mrs. A. W. Claremont.  
Percy Bigland, Esq.  
Major David Davies, M.P.

In attendance: The Rt. Hon. Lord Robert Cecil, M.P.  
The General Secretary.

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134. OBJECT OF MEETING.

The Chairman explained that the special meeting of the Committee had been called with the object of discussing the invitation of the "Association Francaise pour la Societe des Nations" to participate in a Conference of analogous Societies which was being held in Brussels.

Lord Robert Cecil had written from Paris suggesting that in reply to this invitation the Union should reply "that if the object of the proposed Conference is to consider ways of arousing and sustaining public interest in the League, the Union would gladly be represented, but if it is called with the object of considering possible changes in the Covenant, the Committee of the Union felt that any save purely drafting changes ought not to be considered until the provisions of the Covenant shall have been put to some extent to the test of experience." Lord Robert Cecil had kindly attended this

meeting of the Executive to express his views regarding the proposed Conference. After discussion it was

Resolved:

(a) That the Union reply to Mr. Prudhommeaux that a Conference at the moment was thought inopportune, but that the Union were in favour of a Conference being held sometime before the end of September. In the meantime, however, it was suggested that three or four representatives of the Union should meet French representatives to discuss with them the programme and Agenda of the proposed Conference.

(b) That Colonel Fisher should go to Paris at the earliest possible moment to see Mon. Prudhommeaux, explain the views of the Executive to him in regard to the postponement of the Conference; discuss the question of an International Bureau and the recommendation of the Committee that only the Societies which had already participated in other Conferences be invited.

(c) That Colonel Fisher should also see the American representatives and ascertain their views.

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:- THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 22, BUCKINGHAM  
GATE, S.W.1. ON FRIDAY, JULY 25th, 1919 at 3.p.m.

PRESENT: The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil.,M.P.(Chairman)  
Sir Herbert E.Morgan,K.B.E.,  
Major David Davies,M.P.  
F.N. Keen Esq,  
J.A.Spender Esq,  
Lord Queenborough,  
Sir Arthur H.Crosfield,Bart.,  
Sir Arthur Shirley Benn,K.B.E.,M.P.  
Professor Gilbert Murray,  
A.W.Claremont Esq.,  
G.Lowe Dickinson Esq,  
The Rt.Hon.Sir W.H.Dickinson,K.B.E.,  
Percy Bigland Esq,  
The General Secretary.

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The Minutes of a meeting of the Executive held May 21st,  
and of Special meetings held May 23th and June 13th,1919  
were approved as circulated.

134. (b)

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:

APPEALS ORGANISER.

The General Secretary reported that the Finance  
Committee had appointed Mr R.H. Rees as Central Appeals  
Organiser on an agreement to the effect that he is to  
receive 2% of all monies raised during his term of office,  
over and above the preliminary sum of £50,000 ~~subject to~~  
~~the restriction of not exceeding 15% advertisement~~  
~~expenses and~~ subject to one month's notice of termination  
of appointment given by either party.

135.

SEASIDE CONFERENCE:

The General Secretary reported that a seaside Campaign  
had been fully organised and that fifty towns were being  
visited by various speakers in this connection.

136.

DISSOLUTION OF OLD COMMITTEES:

On the recommendation of the Reconstruction Committee it was

Resolved:

(a) That in view of the changed situation necessitated by the acceptance of the League of Nations Covenant, new Committees are necessary.

(b) That in consequence, they agree that all former Committees except the Executive Committee be hereby dissolved and that the recommendations of the Reconstruction Committee be approved.

(c) That in the case of these new Committees, as also in the case of Committees still to be formed (notably the Editorial Committee and the Educational Committee) the Chairman shall be appointed by the Executive Committee with power to select his own Committee, subsequently reporting the names to the Executive Committee for their approval.

Also Resolved:

(d) That the Management sub-Committee consider proposals for Chairmanship of the Educational Committee.

(e) That the General Secretary write to Colonel John Buchan asking him to accept the Chairmanship of the Editorial Committee and suggest names for the constitution of that Committee. In the meantime the following provisional Committee was appointed to consider question of Staff appointments and suggest a chairman in the event of Colonel John Buchan being unable to accept, viz:-

- Professor Gilbert Murray. (chairman)
- Lord Queenborough.
- F.N. Keen Esq.
- J.A. Spender Esq.,
- G.Lewes Dickinson, Esq.,
- Sir Herbert Morgan, K.B.E.,



137.

RECONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE'S REPORT:

The Reconstruction Committee (Chairman - Lord Robert Cecil) called attention to their findings in their report as submitted to the Council and asked the Executive to approve the appointment of the various Committees as follows:-

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE:

- Sir A. Shirley Benn, K.B.E., M.P. (Chairman)
- Hon. Alex Shaw, M.P.
- Major A.C. Murray, D.S.O., M.P.
- Sir Samuel Hoare, Bt., C.M.G., M.P.
- Major the Hon. E. Wood, M.P.
- J.A.R. Marriott Esq., M.P.
- Percy Hurd Esq., M.P.
- Major General Sir J.H. Davidson, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., M.P.
- Tom Shaw Esq., M.P.
- V. Hartshorn Esq., M.P.
- Aneurin Williams Esq., M.P.
- Rt. Hon. J.R. Clynes, M.P.
- Major David Davies, M.P.
- Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, Bt., M.P.
- Rt. Hon. J.H. Thomas, M.P.
- G.R. Thorne Esq., M.P.

INTERNATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE:

- Rt. Hon. Sir W.H. Dickinson, K.B.E., (Chairman)
- Rt. Hon. Lord Robert Cecil, M.P.
- Professor Gilbert Murray,
- Major David Davies, M.P.
- Lord Eustace Percy,
- F.N. Keen Esq.,
- Aneurin Williams Esq., M.P.
- J.A. Spender Esq.,
- Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, Bart., M.P.
- Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, K.B.E., M.P.

FINANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE:

- Lord Queenborough (Chairman)
- Major David Davies, M.P.
- Sir Herbert Morgan, K.B.E.,
- Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, K.B.E., M.P.
- Major Lionel de Rothschild.
- Sir Arthur Crosfield, Bart.,
- Colonel S.H. Pollen.
- A.W. Claremont Esq.,

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NATIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE:

- Sir Herbert Morgan, K.B.E., (Chairman)
- Rt. Hon. Lord Robert Cecil, M.P.
- Sir A. Shirley Benn, M.P.
- Major David Davies, M.P.
- Sir Ernest Hodder Williams.
- Sir Howard Spicer, Bart.,
- Sir Edwin Cornwall.
- Lord Eustace Percy.
- Lord Queenborough.

OVERSEAS COMMITTEE:

Major David Davies, M.P. (Chairman)  
Members of this Committee not yet suggested.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. (CHAIRMAN OF ALL COMMITTEES)

Rt. Hon. Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman of Executive)  
Professor Gilbert Murray. (Vice Chairman)  
Lord Queenborough. (Finance and Appeals)  
Sir Herbert Morgan, K.B.E., (National Campaign)  
Rt. Hon. Sir W.H. Dickinson, K.B.E. (International Policy)  
Major David Davies, M.P. (Overseas)  
(Editorial)  
Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, K.B.E., M.P. (Parliamentary)

138. HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

Sir Herbert Morgan urged the necessity for the formation of a Hospitality Committee and it was

Resolved:

That the suggestion be referred to the Overseas Committee for consideration and to form a sub-Committee if considered desirable.

139. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

It was reported that the following gentlemen had resigned from the Executive Committee:-

The Rt. Hon. W. Adamson, M.P.  
J.L. Garvin Esq.,  
Capt the Hon. W. Ormsby-Gore, M.P.

The Chairman pointed out that there was a need to make the Executive Committee a really live body and in this connection pointed out the fact that about a half of the members had not attended a third of the meetings called.

Resolved:

That the General Secretary communicate with these members who had not attended one-third of the meetings held, pointing out this fact and enquire if they wished their names retained as members of the Executive in view of the limitation of numbers.

140. ELECTION OF TREASURER:

Lord Queenborough was asked to nominate a Treasurer vice the late Sir Edward Holden, Bart.,



141.

PROGRAMME TO BE LAID BEFORE THE ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES:

Lord Robert Cecil then left and the chair was taken by Professor Gilbert Murray.

Sir W.H. Dickinson ~~raised the question of the~~ <sup>presented the</sup> programme, approved by the International Policy Committee, to be laid before <sup>the</sup> meeting of the Associated Societies. <sup>to be held at Brussels in September</sup> ~~This he said should have been discussed by the Executive.~~

Resolved:

That the programme as approved by the International Policy Committee be circulated to members of the Executive Committee and that a meeting of the Executive Committee be called for Thursday July 31st, at 2.30.p.m.

*Gilbert Murray*

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-: THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 22, BUCKINGHAM GATE, S.W. ON THURSDAY, JULY 31ST.  
1919, AT 2.30 P.M.

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PRESENT. Professor Gilbert Murray.  
The Rt. Hon. Sir W. H. Dickinson, K.B.E.  
Raymond Unwin, Esq.  
Lord Quosenborough.  
Sir Arthur Crosfield, Bt.  
Charles Roberts, Esq.  
Aneurin Williams, Esq., M.P.  
F. N. Keen, Esq.  
The General Secretary.

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142. CHAIRMAN:

In the absence of Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. the chair was occupied by Professor Gilbert Murray.

143. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held July 25th. were, subject to alteration in minute 141, approved as circulated.

144. PROGRAMME TO BE LAID BEFORE THE ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES.

The Chairman explained the object for calling a special meeting, namely, to consider the memorandum prepared by the International Policy Committee with reference to the programme to be laid before the Conference of the Associated Societies in Brussels in September. Minor amendments to the memorandum were made and it was resolved:

(1) That with reference to para A, sub-para (4) this Union shall appoint two members of the Bureau and announce their appointment at the Brussels Conference and ask other Societies to do the same.

(2) That the General Secretary shall write a letter to Major Davies setting forth the details on which he will confer with the French Society in Paris on the occasion of



his forthcoming visit.

(3) That the General Secretary shall ask all the English delegates who attended the last Conferences in Paris and London whether they will be able to attend the Conference at Brussels on the 22nd September next.

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Resignation The General Secretary reported that the following gentlemen had resigned their membership of the Executive Committee:-

Mr. Austin Keen.

Colonel Leslie Wilson, M.P.

Mr. Lowes Dickinson.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 22  
BUCKINGHAM GATE, S.W.I. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, 1919 AT 5 P.M.

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PRESENT: The Rt.Hon. Sir W.H.Dickinson, K.B.E. (In the chair)  
Mrs. A.W. Claremont.  
Raymond Unwin, Esq.  
F.N. Keen, Esq.  
E.B. Bull, Esq.  
A.W. Claremont, Esq.  
Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, Bart., M.P.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
Lord Henry Bentinck, M.P.  
Rt. Hon. J.R. Clynes, M.P.  
Lt. Col. S.H. Pollen, C.M.G.  
Percy Bigland, Esq.  
Phillip Baker, Esq.  
Ernest Rhys, Esq.  
The General Secretary.

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146. CHAIRMAN.

In the absence of Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. and of the Vice-Chairman, the Rt.Hon. Sir W.H.Dickinson, K.B.E. was voted to the Chair.

147. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held July 31st were approved as circulated.

148. GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

VICE PRESIDENTS, &c.

The General Secretary reported the following additions to the list of Officers:-

Vice-Presidents.

His Eminence the Cardinal Bourne.  
The Rt.Hon. The Marquis of Crewe.  
The Rt.Hon. Earl Curzon of Kedleston.  
The Rt.Hon. A. Bonar Law, M.P.  
The Rt.Hon. Sir Donald Maclean, K.B.E., M.P.  
Her Grace the Duchess of Marlborough.  
The Marquis of Salisbury, K.G.  
The Rt.Hon. the Earl of Selborne, K.G.

Hon. Vice-Presidents.

M. Paul Cambon, French Ambassador.  
His Highness Prince Charoon of Siam.

Treasurer.

Lord Faringdon.



Executive Committee.

Marchioness of Londonderry.  
Dr. R.W. Kimmins (Chairman, Educational Committee).  
Colonel S.H. Pollen, C.M.G. (Chairman Finance Committee).  
Phillip Baker, Esq., (Chairman Campaign Committee).  
Lord Henry Bentinck, M.P.

149. CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

The Campaign Director's Report as already submitted to the Management Committee was discussed and Colonel Fisher reported that since the meeting of the Management Committee held the Thursday previous to the Executive Meeting he had received the following promises of subscriptions:-

Lord Revelstoke (For Messrs. Baring Bros & Co.Ltd.)	£5,000.0.0.
Sir Ernest Cassel	£1,000.0.0.
Lady Rhondda	£1,000.0.0.
Lord Aberconway	£ 100.0.0.

150. PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

The question of the "Times" Subscription List was again raised and it was

Resolved:

That Lord-Northcliffe and Mr. Wickham Steed should be again approached that in view of the changed circumstances in America they would possibly now consider the opening of a "Times" List for the Union. If this was not possible it was agreed that efforts be made to have a Subscription List inserted in other papers.

151. FINANCE STATEMENT.

Finance Statement to November 21st showed a bank balance on the 20th November of £1,981. 6. 5. with outstanding liabilities amounting to £2,901. 17. 0.

152. REGULATIONS FOR BRANCHES AND LOCAL COMMITTEES.

The Memorandum drawn up by the Rt.Hon.Sir W.H.Dickinson on regulations for branches and local Regional Committees, together with the draft of the letter which it was suggested should be sent to the secretaries of the branches, were discussed and, subject to one or two alterations, namely, that Wales should be treated as one region rather than as two regions; that a paragraph be inserted that the regulations extend for six months after which they would come up for

for consideration at a Conference of Branch Secretaries to be held somewhere about that date. These were approved and it was

Resolved:

That this memorandum and letter be circulated immediately.

153. HONORARY MEMBERS.

Arising from a request by the American Sub-Committee that all foreigners resident in this country should be accepted as full members of the Union, the Committee considered the ruling of the Union in regard to Hon. Members. The General Secretary reported that he had seen Lord Robert Cecil in regard to this matter, that Lord Robert, after an interview with Mr. Huntingdon, the Secretary of the American Sub-Committee, recommended to the Executive Committee that our rules be so altered to allow all foreigners resident in Great Britain to be eligible for full membership.

The Committee fully discussed this matter and it was unanimously agreed to recommend at the next meeting of the Council that

Resolution: (a) Rule 2 be so altered to read as follows:-

"The Union shall consist of all persons who signify in writing their desire to join it and their general acceptance of the objects of the Union."

(b) The list of foreign members marked "A" and filed was considered and in accordance to rule were elected Hon. Members of the League of Nations Union.

154. BRUSSELS CONFERENCE.

Sir Willoughby Dickinson reported that the British delegates to the International Conference to be held in Brussels will be as follows:-

Rt.Hon. Sir Willoughby Dickinson, K.B.E.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
F.N. Keen, Esq. L.L.B.  
Percy Bigland, Esq.  
Sir George Paish, Kt.  
Sir Harry Johnston, G.C.M.G.  
Lt.Colonel Lord H. Cavendish-Bentinck, M.P.  
Mrs. Henry Pawcett.  
Sir Philip Magnus.

Lieut.Colonel H.F.T. Fisher.  
W.J.Treseder-Griffin, Esq. M.A.  
Colonel Chapman-Huston.



155. AFFILIATION.

The question of affiliation of other societies with the League of Nations Union was discussed and the General Secretary submitted that affiliation was a great source of weakness to the Union and that not only did the Union lose the individual members' subscriptions but that it also failed to get the distribution of literature among members. The following societies had asked to become affiliated to the League of Nations Union:-

Gladstone League.	National Co-operative Men's
Huddersfield Study Circle.	Guild Society.
National British Women's	The Order of the Sons of
Temperance Society (Headingley	Temperance, Leeds.
Branch).	General Co-operative Society,
Blackburn & District Incorp.	Bolton.
Chamber of Commerce.	
Cleckheaton Liberal Club.	
Ordnance Survey Association, Southampton.	
Ilfracombe Peace and Arbitration Society.	
Northfield Liberal Association.	

Resolved:

That the question of the affiliation of these societies be held in abeyance for the time being, but that in the meantime the General Secretary write to each of the secretaries concerned inviting their members to become members of the Union.

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Robert Cecil

-: THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
22, BUCKINGHAM GATE, S.W.I. ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH  
1920 AT 3-45 P.M.

PRESENT:

- The Rt. Hon. Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman)
- E. E. Bull Esq.,
- F. E. Keen Esq.,
- Mrs. A. W. Claremont.
- Percy Bigland Esq.,
- A. Williams Esq., M.P.
- Philip Baker Esq.,
- J. H. Harris Esq.,
- A. W. Claremont Esq.,
- Sir Arthur Shirley Penn, K.B.E., M.P.
- Professor Gilbert Murray.
- The General Secretary.

In attendance:

- Commander W. H. Chamberlain, R.N.
- Mr. D. H. Mills.

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156. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee held November 24th, 1919 were approved as circulated.

157. IMMEDIATE POLICY OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION:

The Committee considered a circular which had been sent out to members of the Committee (drafted by Lord Robert Cecil) in regard to the Policy of the League of Nations Union, in respect to urgent pending questions of International Policy. Certain further recommendations of Professor Gilbert Murray and resolutions drafted by Captain Berkeley, were also considered at the same time, and as a result the leaflet entitled "The Next Step" was decided upon.

Resolved:

- (a) That this circular be printed immediately and circulated to members of the Council, at the meeting to be held the following day.



(b) That it be sent to Branch Secretaries together with a covering letter stating the action the Branches should take in the furtherance of the policy decided upon.

(c) That it be published in the Press immediately.

158. CHAIRMAN FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL:

Resolved:

That in the absence of the President, Lord Robert Cecil should be asked to preside at the meeting of the Council, to be held the following day.

159. POLICY OF THE UNION TO THE UNION OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES:

The circular of the International Policy Committee regarding the policy of the League of Nations Union, in respect to the Union of League of Nations Societies, was postponed for discussion until the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

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Robert Cecil

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-: THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 22, BUCKINGHAM GATE, S.W.1. ON WEDNESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY, 1920

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PRESENT: The Rt. Hon. Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman)  
Mrs. Clarendon.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
R. J. Baker Esq.,

IN ATTENDANCE: The Director of Administration.  
The Director of Operations.  
The Director of Propaganda.

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160. CONSIDERATION OF THE ADRIATIC QUESTION:

After consideration of the matter the Committee decided to send telegrams as under, subject to no objection being made by the Foreign Office. Drafts of the telegrams were sent to Lord Curzon with a covering letter from the Chairman.

(1) To Ex President Taft, U. S. A.

Is League to Enforce Peace taking any action on Adriatic question? Can we help? Would you approve reference of whole question to Council of League.

(2) To M. Leon Bourgeois, Paris.

Would your society approve reference of Adriatic question to Council of League of Nations under Article 11 of Covenant?

(3) Signor Bessolati, Rome.

Would your society approve reference of Adriatic question to Council of League of Nations under Article 11 of Covenant?

161. THE FUTURE OF CONSTANTINOPLE:

It was proposed by Major Davies that a meeting of the Council should be called at the earliest possible date.

Resolved:

That notices be at once sent out summoning a meeting of the Council for Friday, 5th March at 2-20 p.m.

*Robert Cecil*



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-: THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
22, BUCKINGHAM GATE, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 4TH, 1920.

AT 11 A.M.

PRESENT: The Rt. Hon. Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman)  
Mrs. A.W. Claremont.  
Lieut. Gen. The Earl of Cavan, K.P., G.C.M.G.  
A. W. Claremont Esq.,  
Ernest Rhys Esq.,  
E. B. Bull Esq.,  
J. H. Harris Esq.,  
Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon.  
Oswald Mosley Esq., M.P.  
Aneurin Williams Esq.,  
Raymond Unwin Esq.,  
Philip Baker Esq.,  
Sir Arthur Shirley Bann, K.B.E., M.P.

In attendance: Mr. D. H. Mills.

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162. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on February 4th, 1920 together with the minutes of the Special Committee held on February 18th, 1920. were approved as circulated.

163. GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The General Secretary reported upon his visit to Manchester on February 24th and following few days. In accordance with Colonel Fisher's recommendation it was

Resolved:

That the names of Sir Brien Cokayne and Lord Revelstoke be submitted to the next meeting of the General Council for election as Vice-Presidents.

164. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

The General Manager reported that during the previous week fourteen new Branches had been formed; 1196 new members had joined whilst nineteen public meetings had been held with an aggregate attendance of 7,500.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The financial Statement up to March 1st, 1920 showed a credit Bank Balance of £7,594. 13. 0. with outstanding accounts amounting to £1,167.9.4. This statement, however, included the balance of the loss on the "Auction of Souls" production and Major Davies had now offered to make good the loss entailed. The Secretary was instructed to draw the attention of the Finance Department to this fact.

166.

DISTRESS IN FAMINE STRICKEN AREAS - RESOLUTION:

Mrs. A. W. Claremont submitted a resolution in regard to the relief of the distress in stricken areas by the entertainment in this country of destitute children. The Resolution as submitted was thoroughly discussed and as a result, the resolution slightly amended was unanimously carried as follows:-

"That in view of the extraordinary and far reaching influences for future peace throughout the world by the relief of distress in the famine stricken areas, the Executive of the League of Nations Union wishes to call the attention of the Branches to the desirability of their aiding by all means in their power the schemes for such relief."

it was also unanimously

Resolved:

That this resolution be communicated to the Press.

167.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - ADDITION:

Resolution of the Management Committee under date 29-1-20 was discussed and it was

Resolved:

That the Rt. Hon. Walter Runciman be invited to serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

168.

RESIGNATION FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

A letter was read from Lady Londonderry resigning her seat upon the Executive Committee in view of pressure of work in other spheres.



Resolved:

That the Secretary should write to Lady Londonderry accepting the resignation and expressing the regret of the Committee. It was also decided that Lady Londonderry's name be brought forward later with a view to being proposed as a Vice-President.

169. ORGANISATION OF WOMEN'S COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, the Chairman of the Women's Committee at the request of Lord Robert Cecil explained at length the constitution of the Women's Committee as at present and agreed with the views expressed that the present Committee was quite temporary, and acted in an advisory capacity. At the earliest opportunity, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, the Women's Committee would be formed to consist of

One Third representing various Women's Organisations  
One-Third delegated from Branches (or Council)  
One Third to be co-opted.

It was decided to await a definite recommendation from the provisional Committee before expressing any opinion on the subject. Lord Robert Cecil promised to speak upon this matter to the Women's Committee at their meeting on the 12th.

170. LUXEMBURG: - FORMATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETY.

A letter from Mr. Alfred Welter which had been considered by the Overseas Committee on February 11th in regard to the formation of a League of Nations Society in Luxemburg was considered together with recommendation of the Overseas Committee. The recommendation of the Overseas Committee was to the effect that a suitable representative of the Union should be sent to Luxemburg to assist in the formation of a League of Nations Society.

Resolved:

To leave the matter in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee who would suggest someone to visit Luxemburg and assist in the formation of a society.

171. AUDITORS' REQUIREMENTS:

The Chairman of the Finance Committee, in a letter, stated that in order to comply with the Auditors' requirements with reference to the issue by them of a "clean certificate" it was necessary that the two following resolutions should be placed upon the Minute book. It was therefore agreed to adopt the following Resolutions:-

1. That the Finance Committee have authority, on behalf of the Union, to pass accounts for payment, and that they are empowered to issue cheques in settlement of the same; and that all accounts passed and paid by the Finance Committee since the formation of the Union, are included within the scope of this Resolution.
2. That the Minutes of the Finance Committee meetings held on the following dates are hereby approved and adopted :-  
December 5th & 19th, 1918. January 2nd & 9th, February 17th, July 10th & 25th, August 8th & 12th, October 17th, 24th & 28th, November 5th, 12th, 17th & 20th, December 3rd, 10th & 17th, 1919 January 7th & 21st. February 4th, 1920.

172. REGIONAL ORGANISERS - POLICY OF THE UNION:

Sir Arthur Shirley Benn stated that he had received certain correspondence in regard to replies given at a Public Meeting by one of the Regional Organisers. The matter was discussed and it was

Resolved:

That Regional Organisers should be informed that when they address Public Meetings they must not speak on behalf of the Union as to its policy, unless a specific policy has been in fact adopted by the Union. It was, however, desirable that at meetings in connection with the Union or its branches free discussion of International problems should be encouraged.

173. THE FUTURE OF CONSTANTINOPLE:

The Committee then discussed the Agenda for the Council Meeting on the following day, and in order to meet the objections raised by one or two members of the Committee in regard to a Resolution to be brought forward by Professor Gilbert Murray, it was agreed that the Earl of Cavan should



propose a certain amendment, this amendment to be drafted by Lord Robert Cecil and Lord Cavan.

174.

POLICY SECRETARY:

The Committee then considered a suggestion of Major David Davies' and as a result the following resolution was passed.

"The Committee authorises the Chairman if he shall think wise after consulting with Professor Gilbert Murray to appoint Mr. Turner Secretary of the Policy Committee at a salary to be paid by the Union of £500 per annum, it being clearly understood that Mr. Turner will in carrying out his duties, conform to all directions given to him by the General Secretary or General Manager."

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Robert Cecil

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS :-

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 22,  
BUCKINGHAM GATE. S.W.1. ON TUESDAY MARCH 30th 1920 at  
11.15 a.m.

PRESENT: The Rt. Hon. Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman).  
Sir Arthur Shirley Bann, K.B.E., M.P.  
Mrs. A.W. Claremont.  
Lt. Gen. The Earl of Cavan, K.E., G.C.M.G.,  
Philip Baker Esq.,  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
J.H. Harris Esq.,  
Aneurin Williams Esq., M.P.  
Percy England Esq.,  
In attendance: Mr. D.H. Mills.

MINUTES

175. MINUTES:

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

176. "AUCTION OF SOULS" - LOSS:

It was reported that Major David Davies, M.P. had sent  
a cheque for £1251. 17. 4. to the Union, this being the balance  
of the loss on the "Auction of Souls" production.

Resolved:

That the warm thanks of the Committee be accorded to  
Major Davies for his generosity.

177. ARMENIA - RESOLUTION:

The Committee then considered a resolution in regard  
to Armenia proposed by Lord Robert Cecil and also a  
memorandum on the subject drawn up by Mr. Philip Baker.

The resolution was amended and carried as follows:-

"That it is of the utmost importance to the future  
of the League of Nations that it should not  
lightly refuse any responsibility or duties  
offered to it by the Supreme Council in connection  
with the future of the Armenians or of the  
racial minorities in Turkey and that we urge  
the Government to instruct its representative  
on the Council in that sense".



Resolved:

(a) That the above resolution be sent to the Government.

(b) That the resolution be also sent to the Branches stating what action Headquarters had taken in the matter and requesting them to take similar action. Also that Mr. Baker's Memorandum, slightly amended, be sent to the Branches as from the Executive Committee.

178. MEETING OF ASSEMBLY - RESOLUTION:

The following resolution of the Management Committee dated March 11th, 1920 was confirmed.

"That in the opinion of this Committee it is of great importance to the interests of the League of Nations that the Assembly should meet as soon as possible".

Resolved:

That this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister and also to the Branches.

179. COLONEL CHAPMAN HUSTON : SALARY:

The resolution of the Finance Committee dated February 4th 1920 recommending that Colonel Chapman-Huston's Salary be raised to £600 per annum as Secretary to the Overseas, International Policy and Parliamentary Committees, was confirmed.

180. 15. GROSVENOR CRESCENT CONTRACT WITH BUILDERS:

The Director of Administration reported upon the draft articles of Agreement with Messrs. Ruscos Brothers & Co., Builders and Decorators in regard to 15, Grosvenor Crescent. The total sum specified in the agreement amounted to £2,268.

Resolved:

To authorise Lord Robert Cecil on behalf of the Union to sign the Contract with Messrs. Ruscos Brothers & Co.,

*Robert Cecil*

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 22, BUCKINGHAM GATE, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 22nd.  
1920 AT 11 A.M.

Present:- The Rt. Hon. Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman)  
Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon.  
J.H. Harris, Esq.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
E.B. Bull, Esq.  
A.T. Davies, Esq., C.B.E., M.P.  
Raymond Unwin, Esq.  
Professor Gilbert Murray.  
Percy Bigland, Esq.  
The General Secretary.  
The General Manager.  
In attendance. Colonel Borden Turner. (Overseas Dept.)  
Mr. D.H. Mills.

M I N U T E S

181. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held March 30th.  
1920 were approved as circulated.

182. APPEALS COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN.

Lord Robert Cecil reported that he had asked Mr. A.T. Davies,  
C.B.E., M.P., to accept the Chairmanship of the Appeals Committee  
but in order that matters might be regularised, and as Mr. Davies  
was attending the Committee he asked for the approval of the  
appointment by the Committee.

Resolved:

- (a) That Lord Robert Cecil's action in inviting Mr. Davies  
to accept the Chairmanship of the Committee be approved.
- (b) That the Committee be elected as follows, but that  
the Chairman be given power to propose further members,  
as customary.

E.R. Davies, Esq.  
E.B. Bull, Esq.  
Lt. Col. H.F.T. Fisher.  
Hugh Williams, Esq..  
Capt. R. Berkeley.

183. LEAGUE OF NATIONS COUNCIL.

The Chairman and the members of the Committee discussed the  
action of the Council of the League of Nations with regard to  
a mandate for Armenia and expressed dissatisfaction with the  
lack of press publicity in regard to the decisions of the  
Council, and the need for action being taken to ensure greater  
publicity in the future. The matter was very fully discussed,  
several members of the Committee participating in the discussion,  
and it was ultimately resolved:-



"That a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee be called at the earliest opportunity to discuss this question and to make suggestions as to the best plan for making a protest to the proper quarters.

Lord Robert Cecil promised that he would see Mr. H.A.L. Fisher in regard to this matter, prior to the meeting of this Committee.

184. MEETING OF ASSEMBLY.

The Committee considered a memorandum urging the early meeting of the Assembly, drafted by Lord Robert Cecil, and it was Resolved:

That this memorandum be circulated to Branches.

185. GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The General Secretary reported upon his visit to Liverpool and Manchester and arrangements made for the County Appeal. Both of these towns have announced their intention to endeavour to raise substantial sums for the Union, but that this would take some four or five months. The arrangements for the Campaign in London, Bristol and Brighton and other County arrangements were also reported.

A further supplementary report from the General Secretary was considered. In this report Col. Fisher dealt with criticisms of the Appeals Campaign namely:-

1. That the announcement of the Press campaign was not followed up.
2. That if it was not intended to follow it up at the present time, it was premature to launch it.
3. That it is necessary to conduct an extensive publicity campaign costing perhaps £10,000.

Colonel Fisher in this report also referred to the work that he had already accomplished in the preparation for the Appeals Campaign and asked for the Committee's approval of and satisfaction with the work that he had already done since taking over from Mr. Rees.

The Chairman stated that the Committee recognised the work that had been done by Colonel Fisher and his devotion and energy and had in no way lost confidence. The fact that an Appeals Committee was appointed did not for one moment make any difference or cause any change to be made in the arrangements already decided upon, namely, that Colonel Fisher should continue to work up the County Scheme for the Appeals Campaign, in co-operation with the newly appointed Appeals Committee which was appointed upon an original suggestion made by Colonel Fisher. Mr. A.T. Davies, as Chairman of the Appeals Committee would be ipso facto a member of the Management Committee in order to report upon Appeals work.

186. MANCHESTER CAMPAIGN.

Colonel Fisher reported that Manchester had requested that a sum of £500 be advanced to them for the purpose of meeting the Preliminary expense of the Campaign in Manchester.

Resolved:

That this matter be referred to the Appeals Committee with power to act.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, RESIGNATION.

The General Secretary reported that Major-Gen. Sir Frederick Sykes, K.C.B., G.B.E., had tendered his resignation from the Executive Committee of the Union.

Resolved: That the resignation of Major Gen. Sir Frederick Sykes be accepted with regret.

188. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT- SCOTTISH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION.

The General Manager submitted a report from his visit to Scotland on April 15th when he discussed with Miss Findlay, Organising Secretary for Scotland, and several members of the Scottish Executive, the question of the Scottish Constitution. He had considered the question very carefully and had come to the following conclusions.

1. That details of organisation were not carefully thought out before the Scottish Council was formed.
2. That the personnel of the Council needs strengthening. Above all that it is necessary to enlist the services of a really eminent man who will actively espouse the cause in Scotland.
3. That great care should be taken to ensure that there are no causes of friction between Edinburgh and Glasgow.
4. That the Scottish Press has not been properly approached nor the sympathies of the wealthy business interests enlisted.

The Committee expressed themselves as very dissatisfied with the organisation in Scotland and it was

Resolved: "That a Sub-Committee consisting of:-

Lt. Col. The Hon. A. C. Murray, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.P.  
J. H. Harris, Esq.,  
& Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon.

be asked to meet the undermentioned Scottish officials to discuss the question of the organisation in Scotland and to report to the Executive Committee, namely,

Miss Findlay.  
Mr. McKerrow.  
Mr. McLennan.  
Mr. Barbour.

189. WELSH NATIONAL COUNCIL - CONFERENCE.

Major David Davies raised the question of the holding of a Conference at Llandrindod Wells and it was

Resolved: "That the General Manager instruct the Regional Organiser for Wales to proceed with the arrangements for the holding at Llandrindod Wells of a Conference to consider the formation of a Welsh National Council of the Union and that the expenses incidental to such Conferences be defrayed by the Union."



180. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement up to April 19th, 1920 showed a credit Bank Balance of £7669.16.1. with approximate outstanding accounts on that day amounting to £900. Mr. A.T. Davies requested that at the next meeting a statement showing the expenditure per month for the preceding three months be submitted.

191. BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st. 1919.

The Committee examined the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account for the 13th month ended 31st December 1919.

Resolved:

"That further consideration of the Annual Accounts be adjourned until the report of the Routine and Organisation expert is received."

182. INTERNATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The Committee then considered the minutes of the International Policy Committee dated April 15th. The various resolutions of that Committee were considered and it was

Resolved: in regard to Minute No.102 -

1. Questions of International Policy.

"That all questions of International Policy should be considered by the International Policy Committee before being submitted to the Executive Committee in all cases except where considerations of urgency prevent this course being followed, in which case a special meeting of the Executive Committee should be summoned for their consideration."

2. Minutes of the International Policy Committee.

"That the Executive Committee do not think that all the minutes of the International Policy Committee should be circulated to the members of the Executive Committee for consideration and approval but only those involving decision of first rate importance."

3. Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

"That Lord Robert Cecil should be the Chairman of the International Policy Committee and that Sir Willoughby Dickinson be Vice-Chairman."

4. Liaison between the Overseas, International Policy and Parliamentary Committees.

"That the question of the Secretary to the International Policy and Overseas Committee being the same person, be adjourned for future consideration."

5. Re Mr. Josiah T. Gumede.

"To approve of the International Policy Committee's resolution, that the claims advocated by Mr. Gumede are not matters with which the League of Nations Union can advantageously deal."

Minute 104 was approved.

Minute 105. 1 and 2 were approved.

Minute 106. 1 was approved, but No. 2 referring to a permanent Court of Justice was referred back to the International Policy Committee for further consideration and report."

Minute 107. 1 and 2 were approved.

Resolution 1 of Minute 108 was referred back to the International Policy Committee for further consideration as well as sub-paragraphs, b, c, d, and e, with the notification that the Executive Committee was against these 4 sub-paragraphs being placed on the Resolution paper.

Minute 109 on the future of Constantinople. 1 and 2 were approved, but minute 110 referring to the Seat of the League was referred back to the International Policy Committee for further report.

193. POLICY COMMITTEE.

The Committee considered the General Manager's memorandum on a Policy Committee and it was

Resolved:

"That in view of the fact that Lord Robert Cecil had accepted the Chairmanship of the International Policy Committee, that the formation of another Policy Committee be held over for the time being."

194. OVERSEAS COMMITTEE MINUTE - ROME CONFERENCE.

The request of the Overseas Committee that the Executive Committee should invite prominent members of the Union to attend the Rome Conference was discussed and it was

Resolved:

"That the Overseas Committee be asked to invite the following to attend on behalf of the Union and failing these to make the best arrangements possible. Lord Robert Cecil stated that he was quite unable to attend but would personally see Sir Samuel Hoare with a view to his attending. Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon promised to ask one or two ladies on the Women's Committee who would possibly be able to attend:-

Viscount Grey.  
Sir Willoughby Dickinson.  
Sir Samuel Hoare, M.P.  
Rt. Hon. G. N. Barnes, M.P.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
Mr. Stuart Bunning.  
Mr. Tom Shaw, M.P.  
Col. John Buchan.  
Lord Eustace Percy.  
Mrs. Walter Runciman.  
Mr. F. N. Keen.  
Professor Gilbert Murray.  
Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, M.P.  
Mr. J. R. Clynes, M.P.  
Miss Winifred Stephens.  
Sir Fred. Maurice.



195. LUXEMBOURG - FORMATION OF A LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETY.

Resolved: "That Sir Willoughby Dickinson be asked to visit Luxembourg in response to the request that someone from the Union should visit that country to form a League of Nations Society."

196. BRANCHES OF THE UNION ABROAD.

In response to the request of the Overseas Committee for a ruling, it was

- Resolved. (a) "That formation of separate Societies should be encouraged in these parts of the Empire with a representation on the League and that they should have direct representation on the Federation of Societies."
- (b) That formation of separate Societies should be encouraged in those parts without representation but that they should be grouped round the League of Nations Union and represented by it on the Federation.

It was also

Resolved: "That British people in foreign countries be recommended to form branches of or Sub-Committees to the Society existing in the country in which they reside."

In regard to the request for the ruling of the Executive Committee it was agreed,

"That the Campaign Secretary of the Union has no authority to appoint Secretaries of Branches of the League of Nations Union in other countries."

197. THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION AND DIPLOMATIC BODIES.

The recommendation of the Overseas Committee that the publications of the Union should be forwarded in suitable quantities and free of charge to all British Embassies, Legations and Consulates if funds permit, was discussed. This recommendation was agreed to with the exception of sending literature to the Consulates. This last suggestion was considered to be a large and expensive item.

198. PROPOSED SUB-COMMITTEE REPRESENTING LATE ENEMY COUNTRIES.

It was

Resolved: "That a Sub-Committee should be formed for late enemy countries immediately peace with such countries had been ratified."

This resolution was passed in answer to the request of the Overseas Committee as to whether the time had not come to form Sub-Committees for late enemy countries.

199. RESOLUTION FOR THE ROME CONFERENCE.

The recommendations of the Overseas Committee were approved in regard to:-

- (a) Amendments to the provisional rules for the Federation of League of Nations Societies to be made at the Rome Conference as suggested in Appendix 1. (Overseas Committee Minutes dated 14.IV.1920).
- (b) Resolutions to be proposed at the Rome Conference under Item No. 2 of Agenda as suggested in Appendix 11. (Overseas Committee Minutes dated 14.IV.1920).

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Robert Cecil



THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION.

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held at 22, Buckingham Gate, S.W., on Thursday, May 6th, 1920. at 11 a.m.

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PRESENT: The Rt.Hon. Lord Robert Cecil, M.P.(Chairman).  
A.T. Davies, Esq., C.B.E., M.P.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
J.H. Harris, Esq.  
Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon.  
Mrs. Walter Runciman.  
Professor Gilbert Murray.  
Sir Arthur Haworth, Bart.  
Mrs. A.W.Claremont.  
Lt.Gen.The Earl of Cavan, K.P., G.C.M.G.  
Raymond Unwin, Esq.  
Lord Eustace Percy.  
Oswald Mosley, Esq., M.P.  
Percy Bigland, Esq.  
Philip Baker, Esq.  
The General Secretary.

IN ATTENDANCE: The Deputy General Manager.  
Mr. D.H. Mills.

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M I N U T E S .

200. MINUTES.

The minutes of the last Meeting of the Committee held April 22nd, 1920, were approved as circulated.

201. APPEALS COMMITTEE.

Arising from Minute 182 it was

Resolved.

(a) That the following officials of the Union should attend Meetings of the Appeals Committee without being members of that Committee viz:-

Lt.Col. H.F.T. Fisher.  
Hugh Williams, Esq.  
Capt. R. Berkeley.

(b) That the following gentlemen be invited to serve as members of the Appeals Committee:-

Sir Allan Smith, K.B.E., M.P.  
Robert Young, Esq., M.P.

202. LEAGUE OF NATIONS COUNCIL AND SUPREME COUNCIL.

The Chairman reported that the Parliamentary Committee had met and considered the question of greater publicity being given to work accomplished by the League of Nations Council. Certain action had been taken and it was thought that good results had followed.

Arising from this the Committee discussed action being taken by the Union in regard to the Government's statement that it was not thought advisable at the moment to terminate the Supreme Council.

Resolved.

That, in the absence of the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee, Mr. Percy Hurd, M.P., be approached with a view to summoning an early meeting of that Committee in order to discuss what further action could be taken.

203. SCOTTISH COUNCIL - CONSTITUTION.

The Chairman reported that he had had an informal discussion with some of the Scottish members and Lt. Col. The Hon. A. G. Murray, M.P., and Major Glyn, M.P., who were visiting Scotland were to discuss the situation with the various Officers there and ask that a deputation should come from Scotland to meet the Scottish members and the sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Committee for that purpose.

204. INTERNATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE - Circulating of Minutes.

It was agreed that the Minutes of meetings of the International Policy Committee should be circulated for information to members of the Executive Committee.

205. ROME CONFERENCE - Delegates.

Colonel Borden Turner reported that the following had accepted the invitation of the Executive Committee to attend the Rome Conference as delegates on behalf of the Union.

Rt. Hon. G. N. Barnes, M.P.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
Mr. Stuart Bunning.  
Mrs. Walter Runciman.  
Mr. F. N. Keen.  
Miss Winifred Stewens.  
Sir Frederick Maurice.  
Col. The Hon. Aubrey Herbert, M.P.

Replies had not been received from Mr. Tom Shaw or Sir Willoughby Dickinson. Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon reported that Mrs. Percy Bigland had promised to attend and it was

Resolved.

That in the event of both Sir W. H. Dickinson and Mr. Tom Shaw being unable to go, Mrs. Percy Bigland be invited to attend.

206. QUESTION OF AFFILIATION.

The Committee very carefully and at length considered a memorandum drafted by the General Manager on the question of Affiliation. As the question involved an important question of principle it was

Resolved

(a) "That this Committee, having considered the Memorandum on Affiliation presented by the General Manager is of opinion that proposals therein contained are worthy of serious consideration and appoints a sub-committee of five to present a scheme by which such proposals could in practice be carried out".



(b) That the Committee be constituted as follows:-

Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
Lord Eustace Percy.  
Lord Robert Cecil, M.P.  
F.N. Keen, Esq., M.P.

207. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNION.

The Committee considered the Majority and Minority Reports of the sub-Committee appointed to consider and report on the Constitution of the Union.

The Constitution of the signatories to the Majority Report was considered to be the best as a basis for discussion and the Committee considered Articles 1 to 10 and made various alterations.

As there was other important business on the Agenda it was decided that further consideration of the Constitution be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

208. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - NEXT MEETING.

Resolved.

That the next Meeting of the Executive Committee be held on Thursday, May 13th, 1920, at 11 a.m.

209. RESIGNATION OF GENERAL SECRETARY.

The Committee considered the following letter from Colonel Fisher addressed to the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

"As I am no longer employed on the duties which formed the basis of my original Agreement to join the League of Nations Union as General Secretary and am no longer in agreement with the methods employed in organising the Union, I beg to hereby tender my resignation of my appointment such resignation to take effect under the terms of my Agreement three months from the date of the acceptance of this notice by the Executive Committee".

It was

Resolved.

That the present division of responsibility between the General Secretary and General Manager was unsatisfactory and that one official must be appointed responsible for all activities of the Union. And that in view of the recent appointment of a sub-committee on organisation it would be better to defer a final decision as to the appointment of that official until a report of the Committee had been received. And that pending such decision a reply to Col. Fisher's letter should be suspended.

210. LANCASHIRE APPEAL - PAID ORGANISER.

On the representation of Sir Arthur Haworth it was resolved that no paid organiser for the appeal in Lancashire should be appointed.

Robert Cecil

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THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee held  
at 22, Buckingham Gate, S.W.1. on Thursday, May 13th, 1920 at 11 a.m.

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PRESENT:      The Rt. Hon. Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman)  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
J.H. Harris, Esq.,  
Mrs Ogilvie Gordon.  
The Rt. Hon. Sir W.H. Dickinson, K.B.E.  
Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, K.B.E., M.P.  
Ernest Rhys, Esq.,  
Lt. Gen. the Earl of Cavan, K.P., G.C.M.G.  
Mrs A.W. Claremont.  
Raymond Unwin, Esq.,

IN ATTENDANCE:      The Deputy General Manager.  
The Assistant General Secretary  
Mr. D.H. Mills.

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211. MINUTES

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Committee held May 6th, 1920 were approved as circulated.

212. POLAND - ACTION OF UNION.

The Chairman reported that on May 3rd he had addressed a letter to Earl Curzon of Kedleston stating that the Executive Committee regretted the fact that the machinery provided by Articles 11 and 17 of the Covenant had not been utilised in regard to the action of Poland against Russia. The letter also expressed the hope that an immediate meeting of the Council of the League may be summoned at the instance of the British Government to deal with the situation.

An unsatisfactory reply had been received from Lord Curzon and it was

Resolved:

- (a) That Lord Robert Cecil should again write to Lord Curzon replying to the points raised in his letter.
- (b) That this correspondence be published in the Press.
- (c) That copies of the correspondence be immediately sent to Branches with the request that a resolution urging the Government and the Council of the League of Nations to take action, be sent to local members of Parliament and to the Government.
- (d) That a Meeting of the Parliamentary Committee be called at the earliest possible opportunity to discuss the question and to decide upon what action could be taken in the House of Commons.

Major David Davies promised to see Mr. Percy Hurd in



regard to calling a Meeting of the Parliamentary Committee, and Lord Robert Cecil promised to raise the matter in the House on the Adjournment on the 20th.

213. LEAGUE OF NATIONS COUNCIL AND SUPREME COUNCIL

The Chairman reported in regard to Minute 202 of the last Meeting that a Meeting of the Parliamentary Committee was not held in view of the definite assurance of the Government that it is not intended that the Supreme Council should be a permanent body.

214. ROME CONFERENCE - DELEGATES

It was reported that Sir Willoughby Dickinson and Mr. W.J.T. Griffin had consented to go to Rome in addition to the Delegates reported at the last meeting of the Committee.

215. QUESTION OF AFFILIATION.

The Chairman reported that a Sub-Committee had been called to consider the question of affiliation but as no other members of the Committee had attended he had, with the General Manager, made certain suggestions in regard to this question. It was

Resolved:

That this memorandum be presented at the next meeting of the Committee.

216. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNION

The Committee again considered the question of the Constitution of the Union and made various suggestions and alterations to the Constitution as submitted by the Sub-Committee. It was

Resolved.

That the Constitution be re-drafted according to the decisions of the Executive Committee, that it be printed and submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

217. GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The General Secretary in his report stated that he had held an informal meeting at which Lord Queenborough and Sir Arthur Haworth were present. This Committee was of the opinion that three organisers should be appointed and it was

Resolved:

(a) That Lord Robert Cecil be empowered to engage three Appeals Organisers for one month, after consultation with Colonel Fisher.

(b) That Col. Baynes' Salary for the month of April be paid.

Lord Robert Cecil promised to investigate the misunderstanding that had arisen in regard to the General Manager's letter to Mr. Stephenson.

218. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The financial statement up to May 10th, 1920 showed a credit balance of £6956. 7. 3., with approximate outstanding accounts on that date amounting to £600.

219. INCREASE IN SALARY - MISS MACKINTOSH

The Committee considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee dated April 28th, namely that Miss Mackintosh's salary be raised to £4 per week and that the increase be dated back to August 24th, 1919, in accordance with the General Secretary's letter of July 17th, 1919, engaging her.

Resolved

To approve of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

220. APPEALS COMMITTEE - RECOMMENDATION.

The Committee considered the recommendation of the Appeals Committee dated April 27th in regard to (1) that no money raised for the Central Branch should be allocated to any Branch before the sum of One Million pounds had been raised. (2) That Mr. Stephenson be given a permanent appointment on the Appeals Staff at a salary £700 per annum. (3) That a Group Organiser be appointed to reorganise each group of Counties as detailed in the General Secretary's Report. It was

Resolved.

That these questions be discussed at a future Meeting of the Committee.

221. BIRMINGHAM BRANCH - MAINTENANCE.

The Finance Secretary reported that Headquarters had paid the salary of the Organising Secretary and also the cost of running the Office of the Birmingham Branch since April 15th, 1919. This had amounted to £443. 14. 2. and the Finance Committee requested the decision of the Executive Committee in regard to continuing the payment of these expenses. It was

Resolved:

That for the moment, and especially while the General Appeal throughout the Country was being made by Headquarters, the expenses entailed in the maintenance of the Birmingham Branch be paid by Headquarters.

222. ROME CONFERENCE - EXPENSES OF DELEGATES

It was

Resolved:

That the expenses of Delegates representing the League of Nations Union for the Rome Conference be paid by Headquarters.



223. DR ELISABETH ROTTEN - Correspondence.

The Committee considered a letter and memorandum from Dr. Elisabeth Rotten, Deutsche Liga Fur Volkerbund, and it was

Resolved.

That this correspondence be referred to the Policy Committee.

*Robert Cecil*

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
22, BUCKINGHAM GATE, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, JUNE 3rd, 1920.

AT 11 A.M.

PRESENT:

The Rt. Hon. Lord Robert Cecil M.P. (Chairman)  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
J. H. Harris Esq.  
The Rt. Hon. J. R. Clynes, M.P.  
Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon.  
Mrs. Walter Runciman.  
The Rt. Hon. Sir W. H. Dickinson, K. E. E.  
Philip Baker Esq.,  
Ernest Rhys Esq.,  
Mrs. A. W. Claremont.  
F. N. Keen Esq.,  
Professor Gilbert Murray.  
Deputy General Manager.  
Assistant General Secretary.  
Colonel D. Borden Turner.  
Captain R. Berkeley.  
Mr. D. H. Mills.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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224. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Committee held on May 13th, were approved as circulated.

225. POLAND - ACTION OF UNION:

Arising from Minute 212 of the last meeting, the Committee discussed the relation of the League to the question of Poland, and in this connection, mention was made of the reported break of diplomatic relations between Czecho Slovakia and Poland and also the reported application of Persia, that the League should interfere in its particular dispute.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That a short memorandum on the three subjects should be drafted. Professor Gilbert Murray and Sir Willoughby Dickinson promised to draft this memorandum in collaboration with Captain Berkeley.
- (2) That this memorandum be sent to Branches and Bodies which it was intended should be invited to affiliate with



the Union, (viz: the Free Church Council, Trades Unions, etc.,) and that this memorandum should point out to these bodies what action the Union Headquarters would like them to take, such as sending resolutions to the Government and to local Members of Parliament.

(3) That the memorandum should be published in the Press.

(4) That a very strong deputation from the Union should wait upon the Prime Minister and express the views of the League of Nations Union in regard to the points raised.

(5) That Sir Arthur Shirley Bann should be consulted with a view to calling an early meeting of the Parliamentary Committee to discuss this question, and in order that the deputation might be as strong as possible, that representatives of the Parliamentary Committee should also be asked to join in the deputation.

226. GENERAL MANAGER - RESIGNATION:

The Chairman read a letter from the General Manager resigning his position from the League of Nations Union.

RESOLVED:

That the resignation of Mr. Hugh Williams be accepted and that the best thanks of the Committee be accorded to him for the services he had rendered to the Union.

227. ORGANISATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Committee confirmed the resolution of the Management Committee held May 20th, viz:

"That in view particularly of the slowness of the response to the recent Appeal for funds the Committee accept the general conclusions of the Report of the Sub Committee and give them power to effect drastic economies on the lines indicated and to make the other administrative changes proposed."

In this connection it was reported that Mr. Charles H. Roberts had very kindly accepted the Honorary Secretaryship of the League of Nations Union for the time being and in that capacity would be in supreme control of the activities of the Union.

Mr. Roberts on behalf of the Organisation Committee

presented a report, which was read at the Committee, making suggestions in regard to the re-organisation of the Headquarters office and the report as presented was accepted and referred to the Organisation Committee for action upon the lines indicated.

In view of the drastic changes which would be effected by the carrying out of the recommendations of this report it was

RESOLVED:

That the best thanks of the Union be accorded to all the officials for the very valuable work they had done, and that any action which was found to be necessary on account of the economies which had to be effected, was not to be regarded as a slur or censure upon any member of the staff.

228. RE-ORGANISATION - STAFF:

Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon raised the question of Staff holidays, in view of probable dismissals and asked that as far as possible as long notice as possible should be given - a month at least being suggested and in addition that those members of the Staff who had qualified for holidays should be given the holiday for which they had qualified.

RESOLVED:

That this suggestion be referred to the Organisation Committee for their consideration.

229. GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - APPEALS COMMITTEE:

The General Secretary in his report suggested names for an Appeals Committee, and it was

RESOLVED:

That Lord Queensborough should be appointed Chairman of the Appeals Committee and that the question of the names to be suggested as members of that Committee be left to Lord Queensborough and Mr. Charles Roberts.

230. APPEALS COMMITTEE - RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN:

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. A.T. Davies, resigning his position as Chairman to the Appeals Committee,



Lord Robert Cecil stated that he had personally written to Mr. Davies thanking him for the work he had done for the Union.

RESOLVED:

To accept Mr. Davies' resignation with regret.

231. GENERAL SECRETARY'S SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT:

The Committee considered the Supplementary Report by Colonel Fisher, and it was

RESOLVED:

That the full question be adjourned pending a report by Mr. Charles Roberts upon the points raised as regards the question of the appointment of an Organiser - Mr. Lister - for Liverpool, it was decided that this question be left to Mr. Clynes in consultation with Mr. Charles Roberts, but that the expressed wish of Sir Arthur Howarth that a paid Organiser be not appointed for the Lancashire area, be pointed out to these gentlemen.

232. SCHEME OF APPEAL:

The Assistant General Secretary presented a scheme of Appeal as requested by the last meeting of the Management Committee.

233. FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The Financial Statement up to May 31st. showed a credit Bank Balance amounting to £3,062.6.5. with approximate outstanding accounts on that date amounting to £750. There were however, outstanding accounts on the new house amounting to £4,725.

234. FINANCE COMMITTEE - REORGANISATION:

The Chairman referred to a letter from Lord Queensborough mentioning the very poor attendance made by members of the Finance Committee at meetings of that Committee and urging strict economy in the Union's expenditure.

RESOLVED:

That this letter be referred to Mr. Charles Roberts

with the request that he be asked to make suggestions with a view to making the Finance Committee a really effective body.

235. CONSTITUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION:

The revised draft Constitution of the Union was presented and a few small verbal alterations were made.

RESOLVED:

That the draft as corrected be printed and recommended for adoption at the next meeting of the Council.

236. GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING:

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting of the General Council be called for 3 p.m. on Thursday July 15th 1920 and that for this meeting, business for discussion should be,

- (a) Adoption of the Rules.
- (b) Report of Secretary.
- (c) Adoption of the Balance Sheet.
- (d) That the International Policy Secretary be asked to formulate Resolutions for presentation for adoption at the Council meeting and that these resolutions be submitted to the Management Committee.

Sir Willoughby Dickinson promised to consult with Mr. Charles Roberts in the preparation of the Agenda and Report.

237. LEAGUE OF NATIONS - LETTER FROM SIR ERIC DRUMMOND:

The Chairman read a letter from Sir Eric Drummond expressing the high appreciation of the League of Nations Council of the work done by Voluntary Associations such as the League of Nations Union.

RESOLVED:

That a letter of thanks be sent to Sir Eric Drummond.

238. RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE:

The following resolution of the Parliamentary Committee at its meeting on 8.4.20. was considered

"That in the opinion of this Committee the Constitution of the League of Nations should be completed and its activities fully established as soon as possible and when peace is made, the Supreme Council should be dissolved with a view to the effective exercise by the League of Nations of its proper functions under the Covenant."



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RESOLVED:

To refer this resolution to the Policy Committee with the request that this Committee should draft a more elaborate resolution expressing in greater detail the work to be done and that this should then be placed before the Council.

239. RESOLUTION OF BALING BRANCH:

The Committee considered the following resolution of the Baling Branch,

"That in the opinion of the Baling Branch of the League of Nations Union steps should be taken to secure the publication at an early date of the conditions of the colonial mandates."

and it was

RESOLVED:

To reply that the Executive Committee agrees with the resolution and to state that a Sub-Committee had been appointed to go into the question of Mandates.

240. ALBANIA - RESOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE:

The Committee considered the following resolution of the International Policy Committee dated June 2nd.

"That the League of Nations Union urge upon the Council of the League of Nations the desirability of appointing a Mandatory for Albania as soon as possible under Article 22, of the Covenant which lays it down specifically that the wishes of these communities must be a principal consideration in the selection of the Mandatory!"

RESOLVED:

That this resolution be referred for further consideration to the International Policy Committee.

Robert Cecil

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, JULY 1st.  
1920 AT 11 A.M.

PRESENT:- The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman).  
Oswald Mosley, Esq., M.P.  
Ernest Rhys, Esq.  
Mrs.A.W.Claremont.  
Mrs.Ogilvie Gordon.  
The Rt.Hon.J.R.Clynes, M.P.  
J.H.Harris, Esq.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
The Rt.Hon.Sir W.H.Dickinson, K.B.E.  
Percy Bigland, Esq.

In attendance: Mr.I.G.Pilkington.  
Mr.Leslie Owen.  
Mr.D.H.Mills.

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241. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held June 3rd 1920 were approved as circulated.

242. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement up to June 28th 1920 showed a credit Bank Balance amounting to £2,597 with approximate outstanding accounts on that date amounting to £100, but with outstanding accounts on the new house amounting to £3,706.

243. AFFILIATION - RECOMMENDATIONS OF SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Committee considered the resolutions of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the question of Affiliation and adopted the following:-

1. "The Affiliation to the Union of certain approved organisations or groups of organisations would be desirable for the purpose of securing co-operation on the lines indicated in Major David Davies' memorandum".
2. "Such organisations should be confined to those which are non-party and representative of considerable sections of opinion; each case to be determined on its merits by the National Council or Executive Committee."
3. "When affiliation was agreed to, it would include admission to the Council of not more than two



individuals representative of the organisation affiliated."

244. STAFF APPOINTMENTS - RESOLUTIONS GOVERNING.

The following Resolutions suggested by the Honorary Secretary were adopted regularising future appointments on the Staff of the Union.

(a) "All applications for Staff should be considered by the General Secretary; who may engage clerical staff, and any employees under a wage of £3. per week, if he considers it necessary but shall report all such appointments to the next meeting of the Management Committee. All other appointments shall require the previous consent of the Management Committee."

(b) "Employees, who might have been engaged by the General Secretary, may be dismissed by him, but the facts shall be reported to the Management Committee. Other dismissals shall only be made by the Management Committee."

245. RESOLUTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE.

The following resolution of the International Policy Committee was received:-

1. "TURKISH TREATY.

The full text of the Turkish Treaty, especially the provisions as to minorities, should be published as soon as practicable and that all regulations protecting racial linguistic and religious minorities should be submitted to the Council of the League of Nations."

The following resolution was approved:-

2. "That steps should be taken to ensure that the Mandates Commission of the League of Nations under Article XXII of the Covenant should be constituted and function forthwith.

The following resolution was referred back to the International Policy Committee:-

3. "That in all mandated areas any commercial agreement to which any member of the League is party should be submitted to the Council of the League for examination and approval."

246. RE-ORGANISATION.

The Committee discussed in private the report of the Re-Organisation Committee. Further consideration of this report was adjourned to a special meeting of the Executive Committee to be summoned for Monday, July 5th at 5 p.m.

*Robert Cecil*

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-: THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION :-

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1.  
ON MONDAY, JULY 5th 1920 AT 5 p.m.

PRESENT:- The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman)  
Philip Baker, Esq.  
Mrs. Walter Runciman.  
Mrs. A.W.Claremont.  
A.W.Claremont, Esq.  
E.B.Bull, Esq.  
The Rt.Hon.the Lord Queenborough.  
The Rt.Hon.Sir V.H.Dickinson, K.B.E.  
F.N.Keen, Esq.  
Ernest Rhys, Esq.  
Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, K.B.E., M.P.  
J.H.Harris, Esq.

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247. RE-ORGANISATION COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Committee gave further consideration to the report of the Re-Organisation Sub-Committee presented by Major David Davies. On this report the Committee

Resolved:-

1. "To invite Col.D.Borden-Turner to undertake the work of Acting General Secretary pending the appointment of a permanent General Secretary."
2. (a) "That Col.Borden-Turner be instructed to formulate immediate proposals for the reduction of expenditure to a fixed sum per annum and to report to the Re-Organisation Committee thereon."  
  
(b) "That the Re-organisation Committee should lay alternative schemes before the Executive Committee showing results which may be expected from the expenditure of various sums per annum."
3. "That Lord Robert Cecil should be authorised to write to Mr.Maxwell Garnett inviting him to meet the Management Committee at the earliest possible opportunity."

*Robert Cecil*



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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1  
ON THURSDAY, JULY 15th 1920, AT 11 A.M.

PRESENT:- The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman).  
Raymond Unwin, Esq.  
J.H.Harris, Esq.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, K.B.E., M.P.  
Professor Gilbert Murray.  
The Rt.Hon.Sir W.H.Dickinson, K.B.E.,  
A.W.Claremont, Esq.,  
Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon.  
In attendance: Mr.D.Borden-Turner. (Acting General Secretary).  
Mr.I.G.Pilkington.  
Mr.D.H.Mills.

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248. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held July 1st 1920, and of the Special meeting of the Committee held July 5th. 1920, were approved as circulated.

249. PRESIDENT LOWELL - HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

The Chairman reported that he had taken the responsibility of inviting President Lowell of Harvard University, who was the Chairman of the "League to Enforce Peace" in America, to be present at the meeting of the Executive Committee. The Committee concurred in the invitation of the Chairman and at the request of the Committee, President Lowell addressed the meeting on the situation as regards the League of Nations in America at the present moment.

President Lowell was thanked for his address and retired.

250. GENERAL SECRETARY - APPOINTMENT OF MR.J.C.MAXWELL GARNETT.

The Committee considered the resolution of the Management Committee held July 8th 1920, namely:-

"To recommend the Executive Committee to appoint Mr.J.C.Maxwell Garnett as General Secretary of the League of Nations Union at a salary of £1500 per annum."

On the motion of the Chairman and seconded by Major David Davies, M.P., it was unanimously

Resolved:-

"To invite Mr. J.C. Maxwell Garnett to accept the General Secretaryship of the League of Nations Union at a salary of £1500 per annum and that he be asked to take up his duties in that capacity as soon as possible."

It was further decided that the question of tenure of office be referred to the Re-organisation Committee who if necessary would take legal advice in regard to an agreement being drawn up.

251. REPORT OF RE-ORGANISATION COMMITTEE.

The Committee considered the report on Organisation which Mr. Borden-Turner, at the request of the Executive Committee, had submitted to the Re-organisation Committee. The latter Committee had also submitted a subsidiary report enlarging in detail upon the report presented by Mr. Borden-Turner. The Committee discussed the two reports at length but in view of the drastic recommendations contained in the report it was

Resolved:-

"That the whole matter of re-organisation be adjourned to another meeting of the Executive Committee to be held on Thursday, July 22nd 1920, at 11 a.m. on the understanding that a definite decision in regard to the adoption of the report or otherwise, be taken at that meeting".

252. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The weekly Financial Statement up to July 12th 1920 showed a credit Bank Balance of £1992.9.10 with approximate outstanding accounts on that date amounting to £800. There were additional outstanding accounts for the new house (including nine months rent and rates) amounting to approximately £2464.0.0.

253. RESOLUTIONS - HORSFORTH AND EXETER BRANCHES:

The Resolutions of the Horsforth and Exeter Branches, as follows, were received:-



Horsforth Branch:

"That the Horsforth Branch wishes to press upon Headquarters the advisability of permitting the affiliation of various organisations to the Union."

Exeter Branch:

"That a suggestion be sent to Headquarters that in view of the wide circulation amongst lesser educated citizens, of such papers as John Bull and London Opinion, some steps should be taken to influence the Editors thereof to change their tone of scornful hostility to the League of Nations."

254. REPORT OF THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE.

Resolved:-

"That the report from the Chairman, Editorial Committee be circulated to members of the Executive Committee for discussion at their next meeting."

*Robert Cecil*

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT,  
S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, JULY 22nd 1920.  
AT 11 A.M.

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PRESENT:- The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil, M.P., (Chairman).  
Mrs. A.W.Claremont.  
The Rt.Hon.Sir W.H.Dickinson, K.B.E.,  
Percy Bigland, Esq.  
The Rt.Hon.Lord Queenborough.  
J.H.Harris, Esq.  
The Rt.Hon.J.R.Clyne, M.P.  
Oswald Mosley, Esq. M.P.  
Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, K.B.E.,M.P.  
Major David Davies, M.P.  
Aneurin Williams, Esq., M.P.  
Philip Baker, Esq.

In attendance:- Mr.D.Borden-Turner. (Acting General Secretary).  
Mr.D.H.Mills.

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255. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Special meeting of the Committee held July 15th 1920 were approved as circulated.

256. GENERAL SECRETARY - MR.J.C.MAXWELL GARNETT:

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Mr.J.C.Maxwell Garnett accepting the post of General Secretary to the League of Nations Union at a salary of £1500 per annum. Upon the Chairman's invitation Mr.J.C.Maxwell Garnett attended the meeting of the Committee.

257. CAPT.BERKELEY - REQUEST OF SECRETARIAT:

Lord Robert Cecil read a letter from Sir Eric Drummond Secretary-General to the League of Nations requesting that Capt. Berkeley should accompany the Staff of the Secretariat for the Council meeting to be held at San Sebastian.

Resolved:-

"That the proposal made by the Secretary-General to the League of Nations in his letter dated July 21st 1920 be sanctioned".



258. REPORT OF RE-ORGANISATION COMMITTEE:

Prior to reconsidering the report of the Re-organisation Committee, (adjourned from the last meeting), the Chairman reported that he had seen Lord Cowdray and had explained to him the financial difficulties in which the Union found itself.

Lord Cowdray had very generously promised, conditional upon the activities of the Union not being relaxed, to guarantee the expenses which would be incurred up to the end of October.

Resolved:-

"That the very best thanks of the Union be accorded to Lord Cowdray for his most generous offer."

In view of this it was

Resolved:-

"That further consideration of the report of the Re-organisation Committee be postponed for a fortnight so as to give Mr. J.C. Maxwell Garnett an opportunity of expressing his opinion on it."

259. PERIODICALS - REPORT OF EDITORIAL COMMITTEE:

The Committee considered the report of the Editorial Committee and the recommendations contained therein in regard to the periodicals of the Union, and it was

Resolved:-

1. "That the production of the "Covenant" shall be discontinued."
2. "That the further recommendations in regard to "To-day and To-morrow" and "Headway" and also in regard to business arrangements (including advertisements, etc.) be postponed for the report of Mr. Maxwell Garnett."

260. REPORT OF APPEALS DEPARTMENT:

Lord Queenborough reported upon the work of the Appeals Department and the following recommendations of that Committee were approved:-

- (a) "That in future the Appeals Department should be under the direct control of the General Secretary."
- (b) "That the Finance and Appeals Committee should be amalgamated forthwith and that this Committee should be called for its first meeting on Wednesday 28th inst. at 10.30 a.m. at Headquarters."

It was also

Resolved:-

"That the Appeals Department be asked to place before the Executive Committee the plan for the Appeals Campaign, and that Mr. Maxwell Garnett be asked to offer his advice in regard to the plans suggested.

261. LABOUR DEPT. - LETTER FROM SIGNATORIES TO LABOUR MANIFESTO.

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter signed by 29 signatories to the Labour Manifesto requesting that the use of their names shall be suspended until they have had an opportunity of meeting the Executive Committee of the Union.

Resolved:-

"That a letter be sent requesting the signatories to meet the Executive Committee to discuss matters."

262. SPECIAL MEETINGS:

An application from the Norwood District Branch requesting Headquarters to advance £500 for a Mass meeting which it was intended should be held at the Crystal Palace was referred to the Finance Committee for report.

263. FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The Financial Statement for the week ending July 19th 1920 showed a credit Bank Balance on that date amounting to £1612.10.2 with approximate outstanding accounts amounting to £3264.0.0.

264. RESOLUTIONS:

The Resolutions of the Rectory Road Brotherhood and of the General Conference of the New Church, expressing support for the League of Nations Union, were received.

Charles Roberts  
5 Aug 1920



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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5th 1920 AT 11 A.M.

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PRESENT:- Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, K.B.E., M.P.  
Dr. C.W. Kimmins.  
J.H. Harris, Esq.  
Lord Eustace Percy.  
Oswald Mosley, Esq. M.P.  
Sir Arthur Haworth, Bt.  
The Rt. Hon. Sir W.H. Dickinson, K.B.E.  
Charles Roberts, Esq.

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

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265. CHAIRMAN:

In the absence of the Rt. Hon. Lord Robert Cecil on the motion of Sir Arthur Haworth, Mr. Charles Roberts was voted to the Chair.

266. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the special meeting of the Executive Committee held July 22nd 1920 were approved as circulated.

267. FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The Financial Statement for the period ending August 3rd 1920 showed a credit Bank Balance of £1492.12.10, with outstanding accounts (including nine months rent and rates) amounting approximately to £2657.0.0.

268. REPORT OF THE RE-ORGANISATION COMMITTEE:

The Committee further considered the report of the Re-organisation Committee which had been postponed from the last meeting so as to give Mr. Maxwell Garnett an opportunity of expressing his opinion upon it.

The Chairman reported that Mr. Garnett had stated to him that he would be prepared to work with either

(a) The existing Staff, or

(b) With the depleted Organisation which the Executive Committee would decide upon after having considered the Re-organisation Committee's report."

He felt, however, that there should be no delay to a decision being taken in regard to members subscriptions and the question of periodicals. Considerable time was given to the discussion of the Report and ultimately on the motion of Lord Eustace Percy, seconded by Mr.Oswald Mosley, it was

Resolved:-

"That unless the expenses of the Organisation are guaranteed or covered to the end of the year, the Organisation should be reduced to a normal expenditure of £20,000 a year from November 1st."

It was further

Resolved:-

"That the above resolution be placed on the Agenda for the first meeting of the Executive Committee in October, and Lord Eustace Percy gave notice that he would move the resolution at this particular meeting and Sir Arthur Shirley Benn intimated that he would support."

269. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND PERIODICALS:

The Committee considered a memorandum drafted by Mr.J.C. Maxwell Garnett in collaboration with Mr.Charles Roberts and Mr.D.Borden-Turner in regard to members subscriptions, and it was

Resolved:-

"That the Finance Committee be asked to prepare for the first meeting of the Executive Committee to be held in September a report setting out the working of the new Rules more especially in regard to their effect upon members subscriptions and the issue of periodicals."

270. PLAN OF APPEALS CAMPAIGN:

The Committee considered a plan of an Appeals Campaign in which it was recommended that a three months Campaign should be undertaken from the 1st August with the definite object of raising £20,000 by the end of October. The Chairman asked that



this plan should be accepted as otherwise there would not be a Campaign scheme adopted for the raising of money.

Resolved:-

"That the Appeals Committee be asked to work upon the lines of the memorandum of the Special Committee setting forth a plan of Campaign for three months as from August 1st."

271. LETTER TO C.E.M.S.

The Committee approved of a letter signed by Lord Robert Cecil which it was suggested should be sent to the various Branches of the C.E.M.S.

272. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - CO-OPTION:

On the proposal of Sir Willoughby Dickinson it was

Resolved:-

"That the Viscountess Gladstone and Major the Hon.Ormsby Gore, M.P. be asked to serve on the Executive Committee."

It was reported that Miss M.E.Durham had resigned from the Council.

273. LETTER FROM NORTHAMPTON BRANCH:

A letter from the Northampton Branch dated July 20th requesting a list of Officers and stating the amounts which those Officers had subscribed to the Union funds, was considered.

Resolved:-

"To reply that no list of subscriptions had as yet been published, but when this is done a copy would be furnished to the Northampton Branch."

274. PERIODICALS - SALE OF

The following Minute of the Editorial Committee dated July 8th 1920 was considered:-

"That Branches of the Union be circularised with a view to increasing the sales of the periodicals and other literature, and that such literature and periodicals be supplied, where so required, on "sale or return."

Resolved:-

"That this resolution be complied with, but that literature or periodicals be supplied on "sale or return" only to responsible Branches upon application."

*Robert Cecil*

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7th 1920 AT 11 A.M.

PRESENT: The Rt.Hon.Lord Robert Cecil, M.P. (Chairman).  
Lord Eustace Percy.  
Percy Bigland, Esq.,  
Mrs. A.W.Claremont,  
The Rt.Hon.Sir W.H.Dickinson, K.B.E.,  
E.B.Bull, Esq.,  
Charles Roberts, Esq.,  
F.H.Keen, Esq.,  
J.H.Harris, Esq.,  
Mrs. Walter Runciman.  
The Viscountess Gladstone,  
Sir Arthur Shirley Bann, K.B.E., M.P.  
The General Secretary.  
In attendance: Mr. D.H.Mills.

M I N U T E S

275. MINUTES:

The minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee held on August 5th 1920 were approved as circulated.

276. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement for the period ending October 4th 1920 showed a Bank overdraft amounting to £4643.15.10 together with outstanding liabilities estimated at £600.0.0

277. ORGANISATION - NOTICE OF MOTION.

In accordance with notice given to the last meeting of the Executive Committee, Lord Eustace Percy formally moved:-

"That unless the expenses of the Organisation are guaranteed or covered to the end of the year, the Organisation should be reduced to a normal expenditure of £20,000 a year from November 1st."

The General Secretary stated that he had visited Manchester in the early part of the week and had seen Mr. Mathewson Watson who was organising the campaign in East Lancashire. Mr. Mathewson Watson gave a satisfactory report of the financial progress of the campaign to raise £100,000 in East Lancashire as a result of which, the General Secretary requested that the motion of Lord Eustace Percy be not pressed at that meeting.



The General Secretary also stated that he could see his way to effect certain economies amounting to about £10,000 a year, so soon as these reductions would be fully effective.

Upon the report of the General Secretary, Lord Eustace Percy and Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, who had notified his intention of seconding the motion, agreed to withdraw the motion on the understanding that the whole matter be again discussed at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Resolved:-

"That in the main the General Secretary's scheme for saving expenses, including the giving of a month's notice to Major Owen, be acceded to, but that in the case of certain proposed economies, the question was referred to Lord Robert Cecil, Mr. Charles Roberts, and the General Secretary to act as they saw fit."

278. MAJOR LESLIE OWEN - HOLIDAYS.

The application of Major Leslie Owen for salary in lieu of holidays was considered.

Resolved:-

"That Major Owen's request be acceded to."

279. FRANCO-BELGIAN AGREEMENT.

The Committee considered a letter from Lord Curzon of Kedleston in reply to one from Lord Robert Cecil in regard to the reported Franco-Belgian Agreement.

Resolved:-

"That Lord Robert Cecil be asked to write to the Foreign Office in the terms of the discussion at the Committee."

The General Secretary reported that in respect to minute 474 of the Management Committee held September 22rd, Capt. Berkeley had seen Sir Eric Drummond and as a result it had been decided, subject to the approval of the Committee, that the suggested newspaper article be held up until some definite pronouncement was made by either the French or Belgian Governments in regard to the reported agreement.

The following resolution of the National League of Young Liberals was received:-

"That this Executive Committee of the National League of Young Liberals regards the reported decision of France and Belgium to refrain from registering with the Secretariat of the League of Nations the Franco-Belgian Military agreement, as a violation of Article 18 of the Covenant of the League of Nations; and urges the Government to exert its influence in order to avert this threat to the fundamental principle on which the League is based."

280. IT. GEN. THE EARL OF CAVAN, G.C.M.G.

The Chairman reported that the Earl of Cavan had written resigning his seat from the Executive Committee, having taken over command of the Aldershot Military area.

Resolved:-

"That the Earl of Cavan's resignation be accepted with regret."

281. IT. GEN. SIR HUBERT de la POER GOUGH, G.C.M.G.

It was agreed to invite It. Gen. Sir Hubert de la Poer Gough to accept a seat on the Executive Committee in the place of the Earl of Cavan, resigned.

282. MILAN CONFERENCE - ATTENDANCE OF LORD ROBERT CECIL.

Lord Robert Cecil intimated that he would be unable to attend the Milan Conference.

283. LEAGUE OF NATIONS DAY.

The Committee considered a memorandum drafted by the General Secretary at the request of the Management Committee on the subject of the best day for a League of Nations celebration. He pointed out that Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon was in agreement with the memorandum drafted.

Resolved:-

1. "That the decision of the Management Committee that the last Saturday in May be regarded as a League of Nations day be rescinded.
2. "That the last Saturday in June be accepted as the best day for a celebration on behalf of the League of Nations."

284. CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES.

The Committee considered a suggestion made by the Wesleyan Conference that the League of Nations Union should convene a Conference of representatives of all the churches with a view to closer co-operation in the work of the Union.



Resolved:-

1. "That a sub-Committee be asked to forward a proposal and report."

2. "That the sub-Committee consist of:-

The Rt. Hon. Lord Robert Cecil, M.P.  
The Rt. Hon. Sir W.H. Dickinson, K.B.E.  
The Viscountess Gladstone.  
The Rev. T. Nightingale.  
The Rev. Carter.  
The Rev. H.R.I. Sheppard.

and that this Committee be asked to meet as soon as possible after the 25th."

285. MR. MAXWELL GARNETT - AGREEMENT.

The Committee authorised Lord Robert Cecil to sign on behalf of the League of Nations Union, an agreement with Mr. Maxwell Garnett as General Secretary.

286. LONDON REGIONAL COUNCIL - AUTHORITY TO FORM.

The Committee after discussion authorised the General Secretary to take preliminary steps to form a Regional Council for the county of London, together with the county boroughs of West Ham, Croydon, and other adjoining areas of London, with a view to ultimate extension to include the whole of certain Home counties as well as the county of London.

287. STAFF APPOINTMENTS.

The Committee agreed to the appointment of:-

(a) Miss Berner as clerk in the Intelligence Department at a salary of £2.10.0 in the place of Miss Dugdale.

(b) Miss Kathleen Bonner as Shorthand Typist Supervisor at a salary of £2.10.0 per week.

288. MISS C.M. ALEXANDER - APPLICATION.

The Committee considered an application for a part time appointment on the Staff of the Union from Miss C.M. Alexander.

Resolved:-

"That enquiries be made in the Intelligence department or Propaganda Department to ascertain if her services could be utilised."

289. BRANCHES - FORMAL RECOGNITION.

The Committee formally recognised the following Branches and authorised the issue of certificates of constitution:-

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Addiscombe Congregational Church, Croydon.  
 Briston.  
 Boars Hill and District.  
 Birkenhead.  
 Croydon.  
 Cawthra & Co., Bradford.  
 Camberwell.  
 Cowley.  
 Derby County.  
 Finchley-Church End Congregational Church.  
 Frome.  
 Highbury - Wesleyan Church.  
 Ilkeston.  
 Lancaster.  
 Liverpool.  
 Mill Hill.  
 Melton Constable.  
 Newport, Monmouth.  
 Ossett.  
 Pateley Bridge.  
 Preston.  
 Reading.  
 Rugby.  
 Rock Ferry.  
 Swanland, Nr. Hull.

Troedyrhiw.  
 Tunstall.  
 Upton Park Wesleyan Church.  
 University College, Bangor.  
 Worthing.  
 Walham Green United Methodist  
 Church.  
 Whitworth.  
 Wallasey.  
 Waterloo, Crosby and Seaforth.  
 Woolton, Gateacre and Huntscross.  
 Ynystawe, Glam.

290. MILAN CONFERENCE - REPRESENTATIVE ON GENERAL COUNCIL.

It was reported that Major David Davies was unable to join the British delegation to the Milan Conference.

Resolved:-

1. "To ask the Viscountess Gladstone to attend.
2. "That Mrs. Walter Runciman be asked to be one of the three representatives of the British delegation to the general Council."

291. PARTS PRIVATE CONFERENCE ON MANDATES.

The Committee agreed to the recommendation of the Mandates Committee that a delegation from the Mandates Committee chosen by the Chairman and Secretary should go to Paris to attend the private Conference on Mandates between French and English representatives to be convened by M. Leon Bourgeois.

292. BRITISH WEST AFRICA CONGRESS.

The General Secretary stated that he had invited the London Committee of the National Congress of British West Africa to meet members of the Executive Committee to discuss League of Nations problems in British West Africa. This was a very influential deputation, and he asked that as many members of the Committee as possible would attend.



293. MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY LECTURE COURSE.

The General Secretary reported that in conjunction with the League of Nations/<sup>Union</sup>in Manchester, the Manchester University had prepared an excellent course of lectures on international subjects. The Committee agreed that Mr. Garnett should try and induce other Universities to follow the example of Manchester.

294. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - NEXT MEETING.

Resolved:-

"That the next meeting of the Management Committee be called for Thursday, 21st October 1920 at 11 a.m.

*Robert Cecil*

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