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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY,  
DECEMBER 14th 1922 AT 11.45 a.m.

PRESENT:- Lord Robert Cecil, G.N.Barnes, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Major J.D. Birchall, Major Clifton Brown, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, E.W. Morten-George, J.F. Green, F.N. Keen, Professor Gilbert Murray, Lord Quenborough, Mrs. Walter Kuncinan, Mrs. Oliver Strachey; together with the General Secretary and D.H. Mills.

MINUTES.

500. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir John Barran, Percy Bigland, Mrs. A.W. Claremont, Mr. A.W. Claremont, and Mr. A. Oberlin.
501. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee held December 7th 1922 were approved as circulated subject to the deletion of the words "the European members of" in paragraph 5 of the resolution in regard to Christian minorities in Turkey, in minute 497.
502. NEAR EAST. The Chairman read a letter which had been drafted and sent to the Prime Minister on the subject of the Near East. The Prime Minister had acknowledged this letter but requested that it should not be published, and further stated that it has been sent to Lord Curzon at Lausanne.
- Resolved:- "That a telegram of congratulations on behalf of Christian Minorities, be sent to Lord Curzon, and the Committee approved of a telegram in the following terms:-
- The Executive Committee of the L.N.U. begs to express to you its high appreciation of your services to the League and humanity by your firm attitude at Lausanne, especially on the question of Minorities in Turkey.
503. VILNA - JOINT COMMITTEE. It was reported that the proposed joint meeting of the Polish and Lithuanian Sub-Committee had not yet taken place. Sir Willoughby Dickinson was authorised to take such action as he thought fit in order to bring about such a meeting, or alternatively to ascertain how far the Committees disagreed.
504. QUEEN'S HALL MEETING. The General Secretary reported upon the success of the Queen's Hall meeting and stated that it had resulted in 297 new members, and that there was a credit balance of £45.2.2. This did not take into account membership subscriptions of which there was one of £50 p.a.
505. HAMPSTEAD BRANCH. In reply to Mr. Keen the General Secretary reported that the Hampstead Branch had collected £671.15.0 towards the Central Appeal.
- Resolved:- "That a letter of thanks be sent to the Hampstead Branch for their efforts."
506. REPARATIONS - DEPUTATION. Lord Robert Cecil reported that he had seen the Chancellor of the Exchequer with a view to his receiving a deputation headed by Mr. W.T. Layton in regard to reparations.
- Mr. Baldwin had replied that if no agreement was arrived at between the Foreign Prime Ministers who were arriving that evening he would consider receiving a deputation afterwards.
- Resolved:- "That the General Secretary should write a letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer referring to the conversation of Lord Robert Cecil and to ask him, if Mr. Layton was also agreeable, whether he would now be prepared to receive a deputation."
507. "HEADWAY". Lord Robert Cecil suggested that as far as possible "Headway" should give a definite lead to Branches as to any action desired by the Executive on important and topical political issues. For instance, he thought for the coming number of

"Headway", the Union's reparations policy should be emphasised. It was pointed out that as Christmas intervened, it would be rather late to have anything inserted now for the January number, but that at a small cost a leaflet could be inserted.

Resolved:- "That the matter be left to the Editorial Committee which met that afternoon."

508. GENERAL COUNCIL. Hon. Presidents. Lord Robert Cecil promised to see Mr. Arthur Henderson to ask his advice as to which of the leaders of the Labour Party should serve as Hon. President of the Union.

The Committee received the draft minutes of a meeting of the General Council held on Tuesday, December 12th.

The following decision of the Council was considered:-

"That a Committee be formed to consider and report upon the financial position of the Union and to submit a scheme for producing a permanent income sufficient to meet the Headquarters expenditure; that this Committee be constituted of eleven members, one each from each of the following regions:-  
SCOTLAND, NORTH, NORTH-WEST, NORTH-EAST, WEST MIDLANDS, EAST MIDLANDS, EAST ANGLIA, SOUTH-WEST, SOUTH, SOUTH-EAST, LONDON; that the Union's Regional representatives nominate the members of the Committee after enquiry among the Branches and districts in their regions; and that the Regional Representatives at the same time nominate substitute members of the Committee, one each from each of the eleven regions already named, to take the place of the members if and when the members are prevented from attending meetings of the Committee."

Lord Robert Cecil stated that in addition to the eleven Regions named it was his opinion that Wales should also be represented. He would therefore take the responsibility for asking for a representative from Wales to sit with the Budget Committee and to take such part in its deliberations and decisions as the Committee may determine.

Lord Robert Cecil added that although it was not expressly stated in the resolution he considered that the Council did not wish members of the Executive Committee to sit on the proposed Budget Committee. He therefore ruled that members of the Executive Committee should not be members of the Budget Committee although they might attend its meetings in order to give advice or assistance.

Mr. Morton George stated that he did not so understand the intentions of the Council, and that he had already allowed the London Regional Federation to nominate him as a member of the Budget Committee.

509. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Management. The General Secretary reported orally upon the Management Committee held immediately prior to this meeting.

Budget for 1923. The General Secretary presented the following revised budget from April 1st 1923. It was different from the previous budget presented in that a charge of £1125 was made against the Appeals Department for overhead and administrative charges. The previous Budget only charged for salaries and wages and the new proposal would give the Union £1,125 more to spend next year.

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PROPOSED ANNUAL EXPENDITURE FROM 1ST APRIL, 1923.

	First Estimate approved by Finance Committee.	Revised Estimate approved by Executive.
	£	£
A. ADMINISTRATION	2200	2200
B. EDUCATION & PUBLICITY		
a. Direct		
Intelligence (Special enquiries and reports)	920.	1024.
Publications	-	-
Press Publicity.	600.	600.
Public meetings.	2170.	2455.
Distribution of publications (Book Room).	374.	374.
Library.	50.	50.
Branches		
1. Central organisations.	1261.	1266.
2. Regional organisations.	3050.	3065.
b. Indirect		
Overseas.	1145.	1201.
Parliamentary.	475.	475.
Educational organisations.	590.	590.
Labour organisations.	500.	500.
Christian Organisations.	-	500.
Religions and Ethics.	-	-
Women's Organisations.	-	250.
C. ESTABLISHMENT.		
Deputy Secretary.	700.	700.
Clerical services.	3308.	3310.
Accounts.	1155.	1160.
Stationery and office requisites.	1100.	1100.
Postages and Telegrams.	1300.	1300.
Office Maintenance.	2702.	2700.
Insurance charges.	200.	200.
Auditor's fee.	105.	105.
Miscellaneous.	95.	-
D. CONTINGENCIES.	1000.	1000.
		£26125.
Less Appeals Department's share of general overhead charges.		1125.
	£25000.	£25000.

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Resolved:- "That this recommendation and consequent revised budget be approved."

This report further stated:-

(1) That 42 Branches, 1 Junior Branch, 42 Corporate Members were formally recognised. There were now 1,088 Branches, 56 Junior Branches and 174 Corporate Members.

(11) That the proposal of Mrs. Atkinson for a Women's Association had been referred to the Women's Advisory Committee.

The General Secretary further reported that the Management Committee had approved the minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee held earlier in the day, and this approval meant giving notice to several members of the staff, necessitated by the reduction in the Budget to £25,000.

The report of the Management Committee was adopted.

(b) Management. The minutes of the Management Committee dated November 30th 1922 were approved and adopted.

(These minutes included (306) Proposed department for organisation of Women's Societies; (307) Recognition of Branches; (308) Staff Appointments Committee; (309) Election activities; (310) Letter to Branches; (311) Colonel Fisher; (312) Reparations.)

(c) Education. The minutes of the Education Committee dated November 24th 1922 were approved and adopted.

(These minutes included (275) Education Section; (277) Summer Schools; (278) League of Nations and Schools; (279) Local Education Authorities; (281) Grogynog Conference; (282) Sunday Schools; (284) Syllabus by Mr. Delisle Burns; (283) Text Book on League; (285) George Philip's & Sons proposals for maps and atlases.)

(d) Religions and Ethics. The minutes of the Committee of Religions and Ethics dated November 27th 1922 were approved and adopted.

(These minutes included (113) Secretaryship; (115) Pamphlets on the Aims promoted by the Committee; and (117) Peace Sunday.)

(e) Parliamentary. It was reported that a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee had been held on Tuesday, the 12th, which was addressed by Sir Eric Drummond.

Resolved:-

"That it be suggested to the Parliamentary Committee that frequent meetings be held to be addressed by experts upon the League of Nations when they arrive in London, such as Sir Arthur Salter, M. Albert Thomas, etc.

(f) Women's Advisory. Mrs. Strachey reported orally upon the meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee and referred to section 2 of the Women's Advisory Committee minutes which read as follows:-

"Members nominated by the Women's Council (for appointment by the Executive Committee of the L.N.U.) and such other members as may be appointed by the Executive, the numbers not to exceed one-third of the number nominated by the Societies."

The Women's Advisory Committee recommended the following amendment:-

"to insert the words 'not exceeding six' after the words 'such other members'.

Resolved:- "To inform the Women's Advisory Committee that this amendment would necessitate a change in the Rules, and therefore could not be accepted."

Mrs. Strackey was asked to tell the Women's Advisory Committee that the Executive Committee did not think it would raise any objection to any nomination that might be made to the Women's Committee.

(g) Labour Advisory. The minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee dated 5.12.22 were approved and adopted.

(81c) Family Endowment Committee. The recommendation of the Labour Advisory Committee in regard to the desirability of appointing a Commission of Enquiry into the question of which family allowances are now being paid in different countries, and the desirability, or the reverse, of such methods of wage payments, was adjourned for further particulars from the Labour Advisory and I.L.O. Committees.

(These minutes included (80) Secretary's report; (80a) Interviews; (80b) Week-end Conference; (81) British Constitutional Labour Movement;

(h) Christian Organisations. The minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated 6.12.22 were approved and adopted.

(i) Editorial. A minute of the Editorial Committee dated November 9th 1922 which was omitted when the report of that Committee was placed before the Executive on November 23rd 1922 recommending the Executive to ask the Government as to their attitude on the question of compulsory jurisdiction of the permanent Court of International Justice, was considered. It was stated that Mr. Gerald Spicer had early in the year written a memorandum on this subject, and it was

Resolved:- "That Mr. F.N. Keen be asked to read this memorandum and to make a recommendation to the next meeting of the Committee.

(j) Overseas. Certain recommendations of the Overseas Committee held on the previous day which were considered urgent were brought forward for consideration of the Executive and adopted

(439) Canada.

Resolved:- To approve of the Overseas Committee's recommendations that enquiries be made of the Canadian Society as to the possible inclusion of Canada in the Pan-American League.

(440) Polish Appeal.

Resolved:- To approve of the recommendation that an appeal for books should be made in the columns of "Headway", and to ask the Universities Library organised by the Universities' Section of the Imperial War Relief Fund to undertake the practical work of receiving and despatching the books.

(449) Letter from Dr. Simons.

Resolved:- "That the sum of £6 be sent to Dr. Simons, the General Secretary of the German L.of N. Society, in order to enable him to go from Basel to Geneva in January so that he might visit the Secretariat."

510. INDUSTRIAL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.

Resolved:- "To approve of the following recommendation of the Labour Advisory Committee:-

"That on intimation to the Union by the Industrial Christian Fellowship, League of Nations Union Branch Secretaries should be notified of all forthcoming meetings of the I.C.F. in the areas concerned."

511. CO-OPTIONS.

Resolved:- "That the following names be brought forward to the next meeting of the Executive Committee with a view to their being co-opted as members:-

The Rt.Hon.H.A.L.Fisher, M.P.  
Mr. Philip Snowden, M.P.  
Captain Berkeley, M.C.,M.P.  
Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe.

512. CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY BRANCH - RECRUITING FOR O.T.C. A letter from the Cambridge University Branch asking for the Executive's guidance in regard to possible difficulties arising next term in view of a big recruiting campaign for the University O.T.C. was received.

Resolved:- That the Cambridge University Branch be advised to take no action in regard to the proposed increase in the University O.T.C., but that the Branch be prepared to intervene in the event of any talk of the Union being raised in connection with the proposed extension of the O.T.C."

513. HEADWAY (MANAGEMENT) SUB-COMMITTEE. The General Secretary reported that the "Headway" (Management) sub-Committee had met on three occasions, and within the next week would be able to make a definite recommendation. Meanwhile they recommended that the London Mercury should be advised that it was not intended to renew the contract with them after the end of this year, and that they be told that their services during the past nine months were highly appreciated. Also that the London Mercury be thanked for the kind offer of assistance in the future as set out in Mr. Richards' letter of the 6th December.

Resolved:- To accept the Committee's recommendation that a letter of thanks be sent to the London Mercury."

*Gilbert Murray*

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1122.LEAGUE OF NATIONS' UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21st 1922 AT 11.30

PRESENT: - Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair); Mrs. A. J. Claremont; A. J. Claremont; B. W. Morton-George; Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon; John H. Harris; J. W. Keen; Sir Frederick Maurice; Lord Queenborough; Mrs. Oliver Strachey; Raymond Unwin; and Henry Vivian; together with the General Secretary and D. E. Mills.

MINUTES

514. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir John Barran, Mr. Percy Bigland, Lord Robert Cecil, Sir Hubert Lough and Sir Arthur Haworth.

515. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee held December 14th 1922 were approved as circulated, subject to the resolution in minute 512 being slightly modified to read as follows:-

Resolved: - "That the Cambridge University Branch be advised to take no action in regard to the proposed increase in the University O.T.C. as such, but that if it be made the basis of attack upon the League the Branch be prepared to intervene."

516. NEAR EAST. The General Secretary reported the receipt of the following telegram from Lord Curzon at Lausanne:-

"Greatly obliged for your telegram. You will be interested to hear that in reply to my speech yesterday Turkish Delegation this morning announced their intention to apply for admission to the League of Nations immediately after conclusion of peace."

517. REPARATIONS - DEPUTATION. The General Secretary reported that he had communicated with Mr. Layton to ask whether the time was opportune to send a deputation to the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the question of reparations, and that Mr. Layton in reply had stated that we should wait until the result of the Paris negotiations were known.

518. HEADWAY LEAFLET. It was reported that a leaflet was being placed in HEADWAY in January which would cost the Union about 225.

519. HONORARY PRESIDENT - LABOUR. The General Secretary reported that Lord Robert Cecil had advised that as he understood the Chairman of the Labour Party would probably be changed each session, the whole question of the appointment of Honorary President to represent Labour be adjourned.

Resolved: - "To agree to this proposal."

520. PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE. Lord Robert Cecil had suggested that a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee should be invited to hear an address from Dr. Sweetzer, a member of the Secretariat on his return from America to London before proceeding to Geneva.

Resolved:- "That this suggestion be made to Captain Berkeley."

521. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending December 19th showed a Bank overdraft to date amounting to £11,275.14.0 with estimated outstanding liabilities amounting to £2,500.

522. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Management. The minutes of the Management Committee held on December 14th 1922 were approved and adopted.

(These minutes included (219) Mrs. Atkinson;  
(221) Staff Appointments).

(b) Editorial. The minutes of the Editorial Committee held on December 14th 1922 were approved and adopted, subject to an addition in the HEADWAY report as detailed below -

"Headway" sub-Committee -

Resolved:- "That in the changes recommended in recommendation 4, there should be a further recommendation, namely:-

(8) "that none of these proposals should interfere with any message or messages that the Executive Committee wished to include in HEADWAY."

League Inset for Parish Magazine.

Resolved:- "That Mr. Fox be requested to make enquiries as to how far and at what cost this scheme could be carried into effect in the non-conformist Churches as well as in the Anglican Church."

(c) Women's Advisory. The Committee adopted the following recommendations of the Women's Advisory Committee dated December 18th:-

1. That the Women's Advisory Committee **disapprove** in principle of the proposal to form a separate Union or League of women.
2. That the Women's Advisory Committee consider that in practice the formation of an association on the lines indicated in Mrs. Atkinson's pamphlet might seriously interfere with the work of the F.W.U.
3. They therefore advise that Mrs. Atkinson be not allowed to use in any way the name of the League of Nations Union, and that if she persists in creating an organisation of her own, branches should be warned that it may damage existing work.

The General Secretary read a letter for the approval of the Committee which Lord Robert Cecil had drafted to be sent by him to Mrs. Atkinson in which he suggested that Mrs. Atkinson



should meet the Women's Advisory Committee and discuss with them how best to overcome difficulties.

Mrs. Strachey promised to arrange for the Women's Advisory Committee to meet Mrs. Atkinson on a date before January 11th.

It was further agreed that Lord Robert Cecil be asked to write a postscript to his letter requesting in the meantime that Mrs. Atkinson would not use the name of the League of Nations Union.

(d) Headway Management. The General Secretary reported that Mr. Claremont was now considering the question of the contract for HEADWAY, and it was

Resolved:- "That as this involved questions of detail the question of the contract be left in the hands of the Headway Management sub-Committee together with Professor Gilbert Murray and Mr. A. W. Claremont."

(e) Staff Appointments. The General Secretary reported orally upon the meeting of the Staff Appointments Committee held earlier in the day. The Committee recommended:-

- (a) That Mrs. Strachey be co-opted a member of the Staff Appointments Committee.
- (b) That in view of Colonel Forty's communication he be retained on the staff of the Union and that a letter asking for her resignation be sent to Miss Tynan.
- (c) That Mr. A. W. Bain be invited to resign and that the General Secretary be instructed to advertise for a chartered accountant.
- (d) That on Mr. Graham Green's return from America Colonel Fisher be appointed to take charge of the Appeals department, and that Mr. Graham Green be invited to help him. The salaries to remain as at present.
- (e) That Captain Bissett should remove from Glasgow where the cost of his Secretary, his office, his travelling expenses, and his own salary, falls upon the Union's Headquarters - to Aberdeen, where the new Federation of Branches would bear the whole cost with the exception of £100 p.a.

It was hoped by this arrangement that the new Glasgow and West of Scotland Federation, with Mr. Fishman as its Secretary, would be able to look after Glasgow and the south-west, and that a similar Federation would be formed with its centre in Edinburgh to look after the South-east. The north-west of Scotland would under this plan be left alone for the present, except for such slight attention as Captain Bissett might be able to give to it in consideration of the small proportion of his expenses that the Headquarters of the Union might still meet.

- (f) That Miss Bulkeley should be paid at the rate of £2.10.0 per week as from October 26th until January 6th.

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

523. LAUSANNE CONFERENCE. The Committee received a report from Mr. J.H. Harris and Mr. O'Molony on their visit to Lausanne on behalf of the Union.

Resolved:- "That the congratulations of the Committee be accorded to Mr. Harris and Mr. O'Molony for the work they had done at Lausanne, evidence of which was furnished in the report.

It was further

Resolved:- "That a resume of the report, leaving out reference to any suggestion that the Union's representatives had any influence in the work done there, together with a definition by General Sir Frederick Maurice on the "Freedom of the Straits" should be inserted in the next issue of HEADWAY".

524. CO-OPERATIONS.

Resolved:- "That the following be invited to serve upon the Executive Committee of the Union:-

Captain Reginald Berkeley, M.C., M.P.  
Rt. Hon. H.A.L. Fisher, M.P.  
Rear Admiral Drury Lowe, C.M.G.  
Mr. Philip Snowden, M.P.

525. SUB-COMMITTEES, 1923.

The Committee considered the attendances of members of the various sub-Committees.

Resolved:- That the individual sub-Committees should be asked to make any suggestions themselves as to any further co-operations or other improvements in their respective Committees.

The Committee approved of the re-appointment of the Women's Advisory Council. (Ames A')

526. SIR CHARLES HOBHOUSE. The General Secretary read a letter from Sir Charles Hobhouse who suggested that he should resign in view of the fact that he had been unable to attend several meetings of the Executive Committee lately.

Resolved:- "That Sir Charles Hobhouse be invited to serve until the annual meeting of the General Council in May, when the matter could again be considered."

527. GERMANY AND THE LEAGUE. The General Secretary stated that Lord Robert Cecil wished the Committee to consider a proposal that Germany should join the League as a condition to the Reparation settlement, on the precedent of the Lausanne Conference and Turkey.

Resolved:- "That Lord Robert Cecil be asked to draft such a letter as he would propose to send to the Government in regard to these proposals, and that this letter be circulated for the next meeting of the Committee."

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528. LIQUOR TRAFFIC AND MANDATED AREAS. A communication from Captain Walter Elliot was read in which he stated that he had discussed the question of liquor traffic in Mandated territories with Mrs. Ormsby-Gore. Mr. Ormsby-Gore was ready to go ahead, and was anxious to have the support and backing that a resolution from the Executive Committee would give him.

Resolved:- "That Captain Elliot be asked to draft such a resolution as was needed, and that this be placed on the agenda paper for the next meeting."

529. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Resolved:- "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on January 11th 1922."

*Gilbert Murray*

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NEW WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL.

- Actors' Association, 79, St. Martin's Lane, W.C.2.  
Representative: Miss Gladys Pfolliott.
- Assn. for Moral & Social Hygiene, Orchard House, Gt. Smith St. S.W.1.  
Representative: Dr. Helen Wilson.
- Assn. for Promoting Training & Supply of Midwives, Dacre House,  
Dean Farrer St., S.W.1.  
Representative:
- Assn. of Asst. Mistresses in Secondary Schools, 29, Gordon Sq., W.C.1.  
Representative: Miss Cotton, 3, Biddulph Mansions, Elgin  
Avenue, W.C.
- Assn. of Head Mistresses, 29, Gordon Square, W.C.1.  
Miss Morant, County Secondary School Kentish Town,  
Highgate Road, N.W.5.
- Assn. of Teachers of Domestic Subjects, 70, Hastings House,  
10, Norfolk Street, W.C.2.  
Miss Gladys E. Clarke, Nat. Training School of Cookery,  
72, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1.
- Assn. of University Women Teachers, 74, Gt. Russell St. W.C.1.  
Miss E.C. Lodge, Westfield College, Hampstead, N.W.3.
- Assn. of Women Clerks & Secs., 116, Balgrave Road, S.W.1.  
Miss Maguire, pro tem.
- Baptist Women's League, 4, Southampton Row, W.C.1.  
Mrs. H. Marnham, Prognal Rise, Hampstead, N.W.3.
- British Fedn. of University Women, 92, Victoria Street, S.W.1.  
Miss Agnes Conway, M.B.E.,
- British League of Unitarian Women, Essex Hall, Essex St.,  
Strand, W.C.2.  
Mrs. R. Travers Herford, C/o Dr. Williams Library, Gordon Square  
W.C.1.
- Brit. Women's Temperance Assn., 47, Victoria St., S.W.1.  
Lady Lawson, 51, de Pary's Avenue, Bedford.
- Catholic Women's League, 116, Victoria Street, Westminster.  
Lady Sykes.
- Catholic Women's Suffrage Society, 55, Berners Street, Oxford St. W.1.  
Miss Harley Bacon.
- Central Bureau for the Employment of Women, 5, Princes St.,  
Cavendish Square, W.1.  
Miss M.G. Spencer.
- Church of Eng. Menana Missionary Society, 27, Chancery Lane, W.C.2.  
Mrs. G.A. Bunbury.
- The College of Nursing Ltd., 7, Henrietta St. Cavendish Sq. W.1.  
Dame Sidney Browne, C.B.E., R.R.C.,
- Conservative Women's Reform Assn., 48, Dover St., Piccadilly, W.1.  
Hon. Ethel Akers-Douglas, Wendicott, 14, Ennismore Gdns, S.W.7.
- Council for Repn. of Women in the L.N., 306, Scott Ellis Gdns, N.W.8.  
Miss Zimmern
- Fabian Society (Women's Group), 25, Tothill St., S.W.1.  
Miss Lillian Dawson
- Fedn. of Women Civil Servants, 18, Russell Square, W.C.1.  
Miss F.E. James
- Fedn. of Women Zionists, 75, Gt. Russell St., W.C.1.  
Mrs. E. Edar, 48, Westminster Palace Gdns, S.W.
- Fedn. of Working Girls Clubs, 73, Bolsover St., W.1.  
Miss G.M. Tottenham
- Girls Fellowship, 38, Chayne Walk, Chelsea, S.W.3.  
Miss Henderson
- Girls' Friendly Society, 39, Victoria St., S.W.1.  
Miss Ellice, 48, Sloane Sq., S.W.1.

Girl Guides, 25, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1.  
Mrs. Mark Kerr, 16, Cumberland Terrace, N.W.1.  
Girls' Life Brigade, Nat. Sunday Sch. Union, 56, Old Bailey, E.C.4.  
Mrs. William Garnett  
Joint Parliamentary Advisory Council, 7, Hobart Place, S.W.1.  
The Lady Cynthia Mosley  
London Congregational Union, 16, Memorial Hall, Farringdon St. E.C.4.  
Miss Florence Atkinson, B.A., South View, Baldwin's Hill  
Loughton  
London Society for Women's Service, 58, Victoria Street, S.W.1.  
Miss Philippa Strachey  
The Midwives Institute, 12, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.2.  
Nat. Fedn. of Women's Institutes, 26, Eccleston Square, S.W.1.  
Miss Grace Hadow, Barnett House, 26, Broad St., Oxford.  
National Liberal Council, 25, Old Queen St., Westminster  
Nat. Organisation of Girls Clubs, 16, Gordon Sq., W.C.1.  
Mrs. George Morgan,  
National Sisterhood Movement, 37, Norfolk St., Strand, W.C.2.  
Miss K.M. Light  
Nat. Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship, 62, Oxford St. W.1.  
Miss Macadam, M.A.,  
Nat. Union of Teachers, Hamilton House, Mableton Road, W.C.1.  
Miss E.R. Conway, M.A., 57, Hartington Rd., Sefton Pk, Liverpool  
Nat. Union of Trained Nurses, 38, Parliament St., S.W.1.  
Miss E.M. Pye  
Nat. Women Citizens Assn, 92, Victoria Street, S.W.1.  
Mrs. Hawlett Hobbs  
Parents Nat. Educational Union, 26, Victoria St., S.W.1.  
Hon. Mrs. Franklin, 50, Porchester Terrace, W.2.  
Professional Union of Trained Nurses, 62, Oxford Street, W.1.  
Miss MacCallum,  
Society for the Oversea Settlement of Brit. Women, 3, Clements Inn, W.C.2.  
Dame Marial Talbot, D.B.E.  
Society for Propagation of Gospel, 15, Tufton St., Westminster  
Mrs. Western, 47, Lansdowne Road, Notting Hill, W.11.  
State Children's Aid Assn., 53, Victoria St., S.W.1.  
Miss F. Penrose Philp  
Union of Jewish Women, 4, Upper Gloucester Place, N.W.  
Mrs. M.A. Spielman, 29, Cambridge Sq., W.2.  
Women's Engineering Society, 26, George St., Hanover Sq., W.1.  
Miss M. Selby, 37, Egerton Terrace, S.W.7.  
Women's Freedom League, 144, High Holborn, W.C.1.  
Mrs. Dexter, 21, Fawcett Street, S.W.10.  
Women's Local Govt. Society, 19, Tothill Street, Westminster  
Miss Bertha Mason  
Women's International League, 55, Gower Street, W.C.1.  
Women's Nat. Liberal Fedn., 72, Victoria Street, S.W.1.  
Women's Unionist Organisation, Palace Chas, Bridge St., Westminster  
Mrs. W.C. Bridgeman, 29, Eccleston Square, S.W.1.  
Workers Section of the Assn. of Infant Welfare & Maternity Centres,  
25, Milton Road, Highgate, N.6.  
Mrs. Irwell, 6F, Bickenhall Mansions, Gloucester Place, W.1.  
Central Council for Infant & Child Welfare, 117, Piccadilly, W.1.  
Dr. F. Barris Lambert, C.B.E., L.C.C.,  
Mothers' Union,  
Mrs. Johnson, Woodsign, Altrincham, Ches.  
Y.W.C.A., 22, George Street, Hanover Square, W.1.  
Miss Picton-Turbevill.

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION.

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held on  
Thursday, 11th January 1923 at 15, Grosvenor Crescent,  
W.1. at 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- Lord Robert Cecil (Chairman), Rt.Hon. C.N. Barnes,  
F.W. Claremont, Mrs. A.A. Claremont, Colin Coote, Sir  
Willoughby Dickinson, Walter E. Elliot The Rt. Hon. H.A.L.  
Fisher, E.S. Morton George, Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, J.F. Green,  
J.H. Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, W. Rennie Hay, David Hunter,  
F.F. Keen, Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe, Sir Frederick Maurice,  
Professor Gilbert Murray, Lord Quenborough, Raymond Unwin,  
Henry Vivian, together with the General Secretary and  
D.H. Mills.

MINUTES.

530. CHAIRMAN. In the temporary absence of Lord Robert Cecil,  
Professor Gilbert Murray presided during the early part of  
the meeting.
531. APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of  
Captain Berkeley, Mr. Eberlin and Mrs. Runciman.
532. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Executive  
Committee held on December 21st, 1922 were approved as  
circulated.
533. PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE. The General Secretary stated that  
Captain Berkeley had arranged for a series of meetings of the  
Parliamentary Committee to be addressed by members of the  
Secretariat.
534. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period  
ending January 9th showed a Bank Overdraft to date amounting  
to £8,706: 4: 8 with estimated outstanding liabilities amounting  
to £2,000. The corresponding figures on 1st January 1922 were  
£20,851: 1: 3 (Bank overdraft) and £4,361 (outstanding  
liabilities); so that the position on current account is some  
£14,500 better to-day than it was on 1st January 1922. On  
capital account the position to-day differs but little from  
what it was on 1st January 1922. Thus, in spite of the trade  
depression in 1922, and the difficulty in obtaining money for  
charities, the working of the Union during the year 1922 at a  
cost of £36,000 has been effected without encroaching on the  
Union's assets.

The following figures were also presented to the Committee:

<u>Budget for 1921.</u>	<u>Expenditure for 1921</u>	<u>Receipts for 1921</u>
£40,000	£39,380: 7: 4.	(a) £26,890: 0: 9.
<u>Budget for 1922</u>	<u>Expenditure for 1922</u>	<u>Receipts for 1922.</u>
£36,000	£36,136 (approx:)	(b) £47,000.

- Notes: (a) (1) This includes £300 for life membership subscriptions  
and £100 "Profit" on two Summer Schools (corresponding  
items omitted from 1922 figures).  
(1i) In addition £42,900 was promised by deed in 1921 to  
be paid thereafter.

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- (b) In addition £3260 was promised by deed in 1922 to be paid thereafter.

The General Secretary read a letter from Lord Mosenborough as Chairman of the Finance Committee expressing his gratification upon the financial position of the Union at this date, with which the Executive Committee concurred.

#### 535. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Christian Organisations. The report of the special meeting of the Christian Organisations Committee dated January 5th, 1923, together with the report of the sub-Committee dated January 9th, 1923, were considered, and the following resolutions (resolution 6 being amended) were adopted:

1. That so soon as the new British Council of the World Alliance has been appointed in such manner as to render it representative of the Christian Churches of Great Britain, the provisional Christian Organisations Committee of the Union be dissolved and the British Council of the World Alliance nominate sixteen members (or such other number as may from time to time be agreed upon between the League of Nations Union and the World Alliance) for appointment by the Executive Committee of the Union as members of a re-constituted Christian Organisations Committee of the Union.
2. The Executive Committee of the Union shall, subject to power of conference with the Council of the World's Alliance in regard to the names, appoint these sixteen persons (or such number as provided above), the persons so nominated to be members of the Union's Christian Organisations Committee.
3. The sixteen (or other number as provided in the first resolution above) members of the Union's Christian Organisations Committee thus appointed shall have power to nominate not more than one half of their own number of additional persons for co-optation by the Executive Committee of the Union as members of the Christian Organisations Committee.
4. The Christian Organisations Committee thus re-constituted shall meet regularly and as a rule in the offices of the League of Nations Union who shall provide secretarial and clerical assistance.
5. So soon as possible after each meeting of the Committee the Committee's Minutes shall, without waiting for confirmation, be submitted to the Executive Committee of the British Council of the World Alliance for consideration and comments, and any comments which the World Alliance may have to make upon those Minutes shall be carefully considered by the Christian Organisations Committee at its next meeting.
6. With a view to facilitating the Association of Christian Congregations with the World Alliance the Executive Committee of the Union will suspend all efforts to induce congregations assembled for Christian worship to become Corporate members of the Union.
7. The precise arrangements for dividing between the League of Nations Union and the World Alliance the practical work among the Churches will be deferred, but the

world Alliance puts on record its desire to further the efforts of the League of Nations Union to increase the individual membership of the Union among the individual members of Christian congregations.

(b) Women's Advisory Committee.<sup>8.1.23</sup> The General Secretary presented the Report of the Women's Standing Sub-Committee on the proposed merging of the Woman's Association for World Peace in the League of Nations Union. The Sub-Committee had met Mrs. Atkinson when there were

PRESENT Mrs. Strachey; Dame Muriel Talbot;  
Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon; Miss Rosamond Smith;  
the General Secretary and Miss Glazebrook.

After hearing a statement from Mrs. Atkinson the Committee adjourned to meet again with Mrs. Atkinson and the five members of Mrs. Atkinson's Committee (the Committee of "The Woman's Association for World Peace"). At the adjourned meeting there were

PRESENT Mrs. Strachey; Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, The General Secretary and Miss Glazebrook, together with Mrs. Atkinson and the five members of her Committee.

Mrs. Atkinson's Committee was prepared to combine with the League of Nations Union on the following conditions:-

1. That the League of Nations Union should establish a new department - to be called the woman's association - to concern itself with
  - (a) the enrolment of the women of this country, and particularly the women who are outside existing organisations, in a great movement for world peace in support of the League of Nations;
  - (b) the creation, with the co-operation of the Education Committee of the Union, of a Guild of Peace for Girls (and Boys) up to the age of eighteen.
2. That the new department should be supervised by a new Standing Sub-Committee of the Executive Committee.
3. That the new Standing Sub-Committee consist of fifteen members, five being the members of the Committee of the Woman's Association, five being members of the Standing Sub-Committee of the Women's Advisory Council of the Union, and five to be co-opted by the Executive Committee of the Union on the recommendation of the other ten;
4. That this new Standing Sub-Committee should hold office until 31st December 1924, and thereafter be re-appointed annually by the Executive Committee in accordance with the practice of the Union.
5. That the Union should permit the attempt to raise £200,000 for the new department by means of a "postal ballot" on the understanding that any



excess of the amount raised over £100,000 should be paid into the general fund of the Union, while the balance should be invested in the names of trustees to be appointed by the Women's Association before the amalgamation takes place;

6. That the interest on this Trust Fund should be paid to the Union and wholly expended on the new department, including that department's share of the Union's general overhead charges;
7. That since the Trust Fund will be gradually accumulating and not be able to pay interest during the first few months after amalgamation, the Union should advance £500 to cover the cost of the new department during the first six months after amalgamation;
8. That every member of HEADWAY should devote a substantial amount of space to the work of the new department. (Mrs. Atkinson's Committee originally suggested two pages.)
9. That the appointment of officers of the new department should be made and - except in the case of the principal officer of the new department - the conditions of their appointment determined by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of the Staff Appointments Committee with whom should sit for the purpose one or two members of the new Standing Committee. The Standing Committee might nominate candidates for consideration by the Staff Appointments Committee.
10. That the conditions of appointment of the principal officer of the new department should be as follows:-
  - (a) The officer appointed will be responsible to the General Secretary for the work of her department.
  - (b) The salary attached to the appointment will be £600 a year payable monthly; but this rate of salary will be reviewed from time to time in the light of the growth of the Trust Fund.
  - (c) The engagement will be terminable at any time by three months' notice on either side, provided that the Union shall not give such notice except after consultation between the Executive Committee and the new Standing Committee.
  - (d) Subsistence allowance will be as fixed by the Executive Committee from time to time. The scale at present in force is that given on the attached memorandum L.S.170.
  - (e) Wherever possible officers of the Union are expected to travel third class, unless

exceptional circumstances necessitate first class travelling. Rail is to be used where possible. Travelling and subsistence are granted to most actual disbursements, and are not part of an officers emoluments.

- (f) An officer, on appointment, is expected to take up his or her duties at his or her own expense.
- (g) The services of an officer are considered to be at all times during the engagement at the disposal of the Union.
- (h) The appointment to take effect from a date to be agreed upon.
- (i) Holiday leave will be granted on a basis to be determined before the appointment begins. Except in special circumstances the holiday leave due in any year must be taken in that year. (The Standing Committee was of opinion that the holiday leave should be at the rate of three working days for each month of service).

The Committee decided that subject to the approval of the Staff Appointments Committee with whom should sit for the purpose two members of the new Standing Committee, Mrs. Atkinson should be appointed as principal officer of the new department, with the title of Secretary of the Women's Association of the League of Nations Union.

The Women's Standing Sub-Committee's Report concludes with the following recommendations:-

Mrs. Strachey recommends that Mrs. Atkinson's Association should not be merged in the Union on the above or any other conditions, but that the Association should be affiliated to the Women's Advisory Council of the Union; and that Mrs. Atkinson's Committee should continue to manage its affairs.

Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon recommends that Mrs. Atkinson's Association be merged in the League of Nations Union under the above conditions; that the Women's Advisory Council be convened at an early date to receive the Executive Committee's decision; and that the merging of Mrs. Atkinson's Association in the Union should not affect the constitution and functions of the Women's Advisory Council, or, for the present, of its Standing Sub-Committee.

The General Secretary drew attention to the divergent recommendations of the two members of the Women's Standing sub-Committee who had interviewed Mrs. Atkinson's Committee, and added that his own recommendation was to agree, as proposed by Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, to the merging of Mrs. Atkinson's Association in the League of Nations Union under the conditions enumerated above provided that the Executive Committee, or a special sub-Committee of two or three members appointed for this particular purpose, should first be satisfied that Mrs. Atkinson's Association had a reasonable chance of raising

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£100,000 or more by means of the "poster ballot" referred to in Condition No.5.

The Committee considered this report at length, and were of the opinion that they could not agree to a proposal to be associated with a "poster ballot" out of which the Union itself would benefit. The Committee, however, were in agreement that some effort should be made to get the woman's Association to work within the Union, and Lord Robert Cecil promised to see Mrs. Atkinson that afternoon in order to convey to her the views of the Executive Committee and if possible to secure the merging of her Association in the League of Nations Union on conditions which the Executive Committee could accept. Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon promised to be present at the interview.

(c) I.L.O. The Report of the I.L.O. Committee held on January 8th, 1923 was approved and adopted.

(d) Staff Appointments. The following Minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee held earlier in the day and detailed below were taken as read:-

(i) It was reported that in view of Captain Small's illness the General Secretary had not deducted the £17.12.6, being the amount of Captain Small's claim for expenses incurred at Geneva. Captain Small had been informed that the Committee reserved the right to deduct this amount from his salary, unless, immediately on his recovery he makes good his claim, be approved.

(ii) The resignations of Miss Tynan, Messrs. J. Lever, L.L. Irwin, and Hubert Green to take effect on March 31st 1925 were reported together with the resignation of Mr. A.W. Bain, to take effect on the same date, (this resignation was in accordance with the minutes of the Committee held December 21st 1922).

The resignation of Miss E.N.D. Brewer was also reported and it was decided that the thanks of the Committee be tendered to her for her services.

(iii) Resolved:- That the following recommendations in regard to the organisation of the Appeals staff be approved -

(a) That minute 148 (Staff Appointments) be rescinded and that Mr. Graham Green remains in charge of the Appeals department.

(b) That Miss Nathan be transferred to another department on February 5th.

(c) That Miss Naylor be transferred to Appeals department on February 5th.

(d) That in future a typist in the general Typing room be allocated to Mr. Graham Green.

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(iv) That the conditions of service for the clerical staff be as follows:-

1. Wages will be per week.
2. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. with one hour for lunch and fifteen minutes for tea, (Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) with obligation to remain till 8 p.m. (Saturday 4 p.m.) when required, but not more than three occasions in any one week, or five occasions in any one fortnight.
3. Two shillings tea money to be paid on remaining till 8 p.m. (Saturday 4 p.m.)
4. Annual leave with pay will be granted at the rate of 1½ days (Saturday to count as one day) for each calendar month of service.
5. Special leave - one morning or afternoon off with pay - to anyone who has been retained on three occasions till 8 p.m. (Saturday 4 p.m.)
6. This engagement is terminable by one week's notice on either side.

(v) That the records department be reorganised as follows:-

- (a) That in future the records of the members of the Union be supervised by Miss Curtis and that the responsibility for these records be under Miss Curtis' supervision.
- (b) That Miss Pilkington be appointed an Assistant to the Deputy Secretary.

*entrusted to the clerk*

(vi) That Miss Brodie should be responsible to the General Secretary through Major Murray.

(vii) That the offer of Mr. E.F. Shaw of Dewsbury to give his services as assistant Regional representative of Yorkshire for payment of his expenses only, be accepted with thanks, and that he be asked to work temporarily for Colonel Forty and if the

(viii) new proposals are accepted under Mr. Stainton, that in accordance with the recommendation of the I.L.O. Committee, Professor Pringle be appointed as lecturer for that Committee at a fee of two guineas a lecture.

The General Secretary further recommended that Professor Pringle be appointed to lecture for the I.L.O. Committee at two guineas a lecture and to work in the Labour Department of the Union's office every Monday for a remuneration of two guineas per day so worked.

This was also approved.

(ix) That as Captain Thompson would be leaving the Northern Region at the end of January, Mr. L.L. Irwin be transferred from the

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South-eastern region to succeed Captain Thompson until the end of March.

- (x) That Miss Hughes be allowed to undertake a temporary paid appointment as lecturer for a .S.A. Tutorial class which would involve her leaving London every Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock and returning on Wednesday at 10 o'clock for a period of 12 weeks.

536. THE LEAGUE AND REPARATIONS. The Committee considered a draft memorandum proposed to be sent to Branches on the League of Nations and Reparations. The Committee were of opinion that the hope of the League's being entrusted with the solution of the Reparations problem would be jeopardised if at the present moment the British Government were to advocate the handing of this problem to the League, or even if a strong popular movement of British public opinion in this direction attracted French notice. The Committee accordingly requested Lord Robert Cecil to draft a new memorandum explaining this view. The memorandum should also state that the League's intervention - whether proposed later on by one of the Powers principally concerned, or suggested in the immediate future by another Power such as Sweden - should be sought through Article 11 of the Covenant. Finally, the memorandum should direct attention to the fact that the problems of reparations, inter-Allied debts, and those of the limitation of armaments and the guarantee of frontiers against external aggression, were moreover interdependent.

Lord Robert Cecil promised to draft this memorandum.

537. LIQUOR TRAFFIC - RESOLUTION. The Committee adopted the following amended resolution proposed by Captain Walter Elliot:

"The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union desires to draw the attention of His Majesty's Government to the special responsibility of the States signatories to the Peace Treaties, to put into force the provisions of Article 22 of the Covenant (relative to the Liquor Traffic in Mandated Areas), notes with regret the long delay in discharging this responsibility, and urges that immediate action in conjunction with the other Mandatory Powers should be taken in the matter."

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

538. AALAND ISLANDS FILM. It was reported that the Swedish Minister had drawn the attention of officers of the Union to the fact that on 18th December last a number of Swedish newspapers had commented unfavourably on the Aaland Islands film because it appeared to praise a decision which these newspapers regarded as unfair. It was suggested that this press campaign might result in the whole question of the Aaland Islands position being again discussed in Sweden.

Resolved:- That advice be sought from the friends of the League of Nations in Sweden as to the wisdom of continuing to exhibit this film in England, or introducing it into America.

Robert Cecil

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27.1.23.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 18th 1923 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- Lord Robert Cecil; G.A. Barnes, Percy Bigland;  
Mrs. A.V. Claremont; Sir Willoughby Dickinson; Mrs. Ogilvie  
Gordon; John H. Harris; Sir Charles Hobhouse; David Hunter;  
F.H. Keen; Rear Admiral Drury Lowe; Professor Gilbert  
Murray; Lord Queenborough; Mrs. Walter Luncman; Philip  
Snowden; Raymond Unwin; Sir Ellis Hume Williams; together  
with A.J.C. Freshwater and D.H. Mills.

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539. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir Arthur Haworth; Sir Arthur Shirley Bann; Mr. E. J. Morton George; Councillor Kenneth Hey and Sir Frederick Maurice.
540. CHAIRMAN: In the temporary absence of Lord Robert Cecil the Chair was taken in the early stages of the meeting by Professor Gilbert Murray.
541. GENERAL SECRETARY. The General Secretary's absence was explained by the fact that the Budget Committee, set up by the General Council on December 16th, was meeting in another room at the same time as the Executive Committee.
542. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated January 11th 1923 were approved as circulated.
543. CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE - WORLD ALLIANCE. Sir Willoughby Dickinson stated that the World Alliance Committee had discussed the proposals of the last meeting of the Executive in regard to the co-operation of the World Alliance and the Christian Organisations Committee of the L.N.U. He had certain comments to make in regard to clause 7. A letter from the Secretary of the World Alliance in regard to this matter would be sent to the General Secretary at the earliest opportunity.
544. WOMEN'S ADVISORY - MRS. ATKINSON. The General Secretary read a memorandum of an interview which took place at the request of the Executive Committee between Lord Robert Cecil and Mrs. Atkinson on the afternoon of Thursday, January 11th. Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, the General Secretary and Miss Glazebrook were also present. (~~amnt A~~)
545. LEAGUE AND REPARATIONS. Lord Robert Cecil stated that at the request of the Committee he had drafted the following memorandum on the subject of the League and Reparations and this had been sent to the Branches. The General Secretary had also sent a covering letter marked "Confidential". (~~amnt B & C~~)

The Committee approved of the memorandum as drafted by Lord Robert Cecil, and also of the General Secretary's letter.

(a) German sub-Committee. The Committee considered the following resolutions of the German sub-Committee of January 15th

"The German sub-Committee of the L.N.U. resolves - in view of the extreme urgency of the situation created by the French occupation of the Ruhr and the imminent danger of conflict thus provoked - to urge the following points upon the Executive Committee:-

1. That the Executive Committee should notify the Government of its strong desire that this question should be raised and fully discussed by the Council of the L.C.F.N. at its next session on January 25th - and that it should recommend to the Government that, in the event of the initiative not being taken by any other of the Council's members, the British representative should be instructed to raise the issue.
2. That the Executive Committee should recommend to the Government that the legality of the French occupation of the Ruhr should be investigated by the Permanent Court of International Justice.
3. That the Executive Committee should see that the Swedish and such other League of Nations Societies in States represented on the Council be approached with a view to bringing the fullest pressure to bear upon the representatives of such States, in order that the question should be raised at the forthcoming session of the Council.

Resolved:- "That the German sub-Committee be informed that in regard to (1) Lord Robert Cecil would write a letter to the Government."

In regard to (2) the Committee were of opinion that the matter had best be left to the Government and in regard to (3) the Committee felt they were unable to take action.

(b) Women's International League - resolution. The Committee considered a resolution from the Women's International League advocating the revision of Treaties and "A NEW PEACE".

Resolved:- "That no action be taken."

546. COUNCIL FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN ON THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

The Committee received the following resolutions passed at the annual meeting of the Council for the representation of women in the League of Nations:-

1. That this Council calls the attention of its Members to the following resolution, which was passed by the Fifth Committee.

"That in view of the fact that the system of State regulation which exists in certain countries is thought in many quarters to encourage the traffic in women, the Advisory Committee on Traffic in Women and Children

should be asked by the Council to consider whether, pending the abolition of the system, it could be agreed that no foreign woman should be employed or carry on her profession as a prostitute in any licensed houses, and that the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the subject should be included in their next report to the Council.

This Council welcomes, firstly, the recognition of the fact that the system of State regulation is an encouragement to the traffic in women; and, secondly, the foreshadowing of its abolition.

2. That this Council urges that the British Delegates at the League of Nations Assembly shall at all times offer uncompromising opposition to any and all proposals which tend to extend or maintain the system of State regulation of Prostitution in any form whatever.
3. That this Council deplores the fact that the British Delegation to the International Labour Conference under the League of Nations did not include a woman representative in any capacity, whether nominated by the Government, the employers or the employed, and urges upon all the authorities concerned the vital importance of making provision against this ever occurring again.

The Council, further, calls attention to the necessity of taking into consideration the bearing upon the economic position of women, whether as wage earners or housewives, of all questions coming before the International Labour Office or Conference.

4. That in view of the omission in A & B mandates of any reference to the responsibility of mandatories regarding the traffic in women and children, the Council urges the immediate appointment of more women on the Mandates Commission of the League.

Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon promised to consult with Mr. J. H. Harris and draft a letter in regard to (4) to be sent to the Colonial Office and M. Appard of the Mandates Commission, and which Lord Robert Cecil would sign.

547. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending January 15th 1923 showed a CREDIT BALANCE at the Bank on that date amounting to £2,785.2.9 with outstanding accounts estimated at £2,000.

548. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Overseas. The minutes of the Overseas Committee dated January 10th were approved and adopted, except that minute 453 was referred to the Finance Committee for report.

Lord Robert Cecil promised to send a letter of congratulation to the newly constituted American League of Nations Society known as the League of Nations non-partisan Committee.

(b) Editorial. The minutes of the Editorial Committee dated January 11th 1923 were approved and adopted.



549. IRAQ - ALLEGED USE OF BOMBS BY BRITISH AUTHORITIES. The Committee received the following resolution of the Gillington Congregational Church:-

"This meeting of the Gillington Church Branch of the W.A.U. views with alarm the press reports of the alleged collection of taxes by the use of bombs by the British Authorities in Iraq and requests the Executive Committee of the Union to raise the matter in Parliament."

It was reported that General Maurice had requested that no action should be taken in regard to this as he was making a detailed examination of every bombing incident in Mesopotamia, but was unable so far to find any instance of bombing for tax gathering. He would make a report later to the Executive Committee.

It was also reported that in reply to a question in the House of Commons, Mr. Ormsby Gore had stated on November 27th that "there was no foundation for any suggestion that bombing or other offensive action by aircraft is resorted to in Iraq, or any other area for the purpose of enforcing payment for taxes or any punishment for non-payment."

Resolved:- "To take no action at the moment."

550. CO-OPERATION WITH NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. It was suggested that the Executive Committee should invite a deputation from the National Peace Council to discuss closer co-operation between the various Peace Organisations, in particular between the Peace Council, and the W.A.U.

Resolved:- "That the National Peace Council be asked to nominate three persons who might represent them, and the Executive Committee would do the same."

A report from this Conference could then come before the Executive Committee.

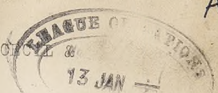
551. LT. GEN. SIR HUBERT DE BOPHIN GOUGH. A letter was read from General Gough who felt that as he only attended very few meetings of the Executive Committee he should resign.

Resolved:- "That General Gough be written to stating that it was the wish of the Executive Committee that he should remain a member."

552. STAFF PARTY. Lord Robert Cecil stated that the annual staff Party would be held on Saturday, January 27th and he personally expressed the hope that as many members of the Executive as possible would attend.

*Robert Cecil*

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW BETWEEN LORD ROBERT GORDON &  
MRS. ATKINSON.



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At the request of the Executive Committee, Lord Robert interviewed Mrs. Atkinson this afternoon, Wednesday, Jan. 11th. Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, the General Secretary and Miss Glazebrook were also present.

Lord Robert conveyed to Mrs. Atkinson the decision of the Executive Committee regarding the "Poster Ballot".

During the course of the interview, Mrs. Atkinson expressed the view that the Union should have no difficulty in raising £500,000. She also commented on the inadequacy of the Union's Propaganda work amongst and through women and spoke of the need of reaching the children through the Mothers.

Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon remarked that she felt strongly that the women should adopt a more aggressive line of policy throughout the Country.

Mrs. Atkinson was handed the Report of the Women's Sub-Committee which had been considered by the Executive Committee in the morning and her attention was drawn to the conditions there set out under which it was proposed that Mrs. Atkinson's Association should be merged in the Union. Mrs. Atkinson said these conditions substantially represented what had occurred at the Meeting between her Committee and the Women's Standing Committee.

Mrs. Atkinson said that, up to the present, the Women's Association had enrolled about 70 members and collected something like £70. She was often asked the question "Is your Association a part of the Union; if not, why not?" She stated that, if an arrangement satisfactory to both parties, for incorporating the Women's Association in the Union could be found, her Committee would be very glad. She realised that the Union had not the Funds for establishing a new Department and could not consent to being associated with a new Public Appeal of any kind.

Lord Robert asked her, therefore, if her Committee, without making a Public Appeal or tapping the Union's sources of Revenue could privately raise enough money to bring in, at least, a few hundred pounds a year for the present, so as to meet at least a substantial part of the cost to the Union of doing the work contemplated by her Association and of employing herself as an Officer of the Union under the conditions proposed in Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon's scheme (i.e. the conditions enumerated in the Report considered by the Executive Committee in the morning).

She replied that she would consult her Committee on this point but felt it was highly improbable that they would be able to do so; they had met with considerable sympathy and support but could not count on any large donations. She promised to communicate with us after consulting her Committee. Meanwhile we should take no further action.

REPARATIONS AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.  
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NOTE: The following memorandum by Lord Robert Cecil is sent for the information of Branches. Branch Secretaries or others who desire further information are invited to communicate with the General Secretary of the Union.  
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The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union have considered the very grave position which has arisen in Europe. The Entente Powers definitely failed to reach an agreement at the Paris meeting; the French have decided to act alone and have occupied Essen; the attitude of the Germans is menacing; the United States have recalled their troops of occupation. But for the physical exhaustion of Europe another war might have already broken out. Certainly recent events "threaten to disturb international peace" or at least "the good understanding between nations upon which peace depends".

It therefore is the "friendly right" of any member of the League to bring these matters to the attention of the Council at its forthcoming meeting of January 25th, under Article 11 of the Covenant. There may well be reasons why the British Government should think that in the circumstances of the case it would be unwise for them to exercise this right. But it is possible that some other member of the League may do so, and in that case it is very much to be hoped that the British Government will do nothing to hinder such action being taken.

For it is clear that, if the Council meets at such a crisis and does nothing at all in connection with it, the League's critics will say, with some plausibility that it is not yet powerful enough to achieve the principal objects for which it was founded. An institution which exists to safeguard the peace of the world can hardly ignore the invasion of one country by the armed forces of another. However, it is clear that the League and the League alone has a sufficiently wide jurisdiction to promote a real settlement of the difficulties that have arisen. For the question of the payment of Reparations and of Inter-Allied Debts are inextricably intermingled with those of the security of frontiers and of the reduction of national armaments, and must be dealt with as a whole. This the League, and the League alone is competent to do.

The Executive Committee therefore recommend the Branches to give to these matters their earnest and immediate consideration and to take such steps as they shall think right whether by passing resolutions or otherwise as shall convey to Parliament and the Government their judgment upon them.

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16th January, 1923.

Dear Sir/Madam,

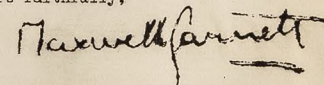
The Executive Committee, at their meeting on Thursday last, gave very careful consideration to the question of Reparations and Inter-Allied Debts, and to the serious situation caused by the French military occupation of the Ruhr. At the request of the Committee, Lord Robert Cecil has prepared the enclosed memorandum "REPARATIONS AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS". I hope you will take the earliest possible opportunity of getting your Branch to consider it most carefully.

I think you will gather from the memorandum that the time is, so far as the Executive Committee are able to judge, not yet ripe for the British Government to exercise its friendly right under Article 11 of the Covenant, or otherwise to press for the whole problem of Reparations and Inter-Allied Debts to be handed over to the League for solution. It seems certain that if the British Government moved in that direction French resistance would only harden. But there are two other possibilities. One is that the question of the League's intervention may be raised by a "neutral" power — for example, Sweden — at the forthcoming meeting of the Council. The other is that France may quickly discover that the values she hopes to obtain in the Ruhr are not forthcoming, and so she may herself devise a different approach to the problem. In either case the British Government should be ready to use all their weight in pressing for a League solution.

It is therefore desirable that our Government should be made aware how widely public opinion would support such a move. If the members of your Branch agree with this view of the situation they should lose no time in conveying to local Members of Parliament, and to the Government their known desire for the League to be entrusted with the whole problem.

The enclosed copy of a memorandum on "THE FOUR-FOLD PROBLEM", prepared six months ago for the confidential information of the Union's speakers, will help to explain how it is that the whole problem includes the guaranteeing of frontiers against external aggression and the limitation of armaments, as well as reparations and inter-allied debts.

Yours faithfully,



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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 25th 1923 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:--Lord Robert Cecil, G.W.Barnes; Percy Bigland;  
Mrs.A.V.Claremont; A.W.Claremont; Colonel David Davies;  
Lady Denman; Sir Willoughby Dickinson; H.A.L.Fisher;  
Mrs.Ogilvie Gordon; J.F.Green; Sir Charles Hobhouse; David  
Hunter; F.N.Keen; Admiral Drury Lowe; Professor Gilbert  
Murray; Mrs.Walter Suncinson; Raymond Unwin; Aneurin Williams :  
together with the General Secretary and D.H.Mills.

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553. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Captain Berkeley, Mrs.E.W. Morton George; Sir Arthur Haworth; Lord Hosenborough; Mr.J.C. Squire and General Seely.
554. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated January 18th 1922 were approved as circulated.
555. REPARATIONS AND INTER-ALLIED DEBTS. It was reported that M.Ruyssen the General Secretary of the Federation of Voluntary Societies had written to say that the 'Association Francaise pour la Societe des Nations' and the 'Federation des divers groupements pacifistes/favourables a la Societe des Nations' have passed the following resolution:-
- ou  
autres

"The Federation of French League of Nations Societies, whilst not contesting the correct French interpretation of the Versailles Treaty, expresses the wish that the problem of reparations and inter-allied debts should be referred to the U. of N."

The Committee gave consideration to this resolution and  
Resolved:- "The Executive Committee of the L.N.U. have learnt with pleasure that the 'Association Francaise pour la Societe des Nations' and the 'Federation des divers groupements favourables a la Societe des Nations' have passed a resolution expressing the wish that the problem of reparations and inter-allied debts should be referred to the League of Nations. The Committee warmly concur in this desire."

It was further

- Resolved:- 1. That M.Ruyssen should be informed of the League of Nations Union resolution, and that he be asked to forward the resolution to the other Societies who are members of the Federation.
2. That Lord Robert Cecil be asked to write a letter to the new American Society of the L. of N. informing them what the L.N.U. had done in the matter.

3. That the resolution of the L.L.U. should be published in the British press.

556. REPARATIONS. The Committee considered a memorandum drafted by Mr. F.A. Keen making suggestions as to procedure in the matter of reparations. The Committee did not feel they could deal with this matter at the moment and consideration of the memorandum was adjourned. (Ampt "A")
557. MEMEL AND GALICIA. Admiral Drury Lowe requested that a memorandum should be drafted on the subject of Memel for the information of speakers and if possible that the Union should frame its policy in regard to the question. It was

Resolved:- "That a memorandum on the subject of Memel and Galicia should be drafted in the Office, and that this should be circulated for the consideration of the Executive at its next meeting.

558. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending 27th January 1923 showed a CREDIT BALANCE at the Bank on that date amounting to £2,953.6.1 with outstanding accounts estimated at £2,000.

559. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Religions & Ethics. The minutes of the Committee of Religions & Ethics dated January 12th 1923 were approved and adopted.

(b) Finance. The minutes of the Finance Committee dated January 17th 1923 were approved and adopted.

(c) Management. The minutes of the Management Committee dated January 18th 1923 were approved and adopted.

(d) Education. The minutes of the Education Committee dated January 19th were approved and adopted.

(e) Labour Advisory. As the minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee held the previous day had not been circulated, the Committee did not consider the whole of the minutes but in regard to two of the items -

- Resolved:-
1. To approve of the recommendation that Mr. Badham, who had had much experience in organising appeals, should be asked to send a detailed explanation of the proposed scheme, that each Trade Unionist should be asked to contribute 1d. on one particular day and that this report should be circulated to the Labour Advisory Committee before its next meeting.
  2. To approve of the recommendation to send to the new Members of Parliament a copy of the new I.L.O. pamphlet; and also
  3. That the Parliamentary Committee be urged to press the Government to bring forward the draft Conventions passed at the third session of the International Labour Conference at Geneva 1921."

Consideration of the further minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee dated January 24th were adjourned until the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

560. INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION. The Committee considered a memorandum drafted by Mr. A.M. O'Brien, a late member of the staff of the Union, on a proposed League of Nations Exhibition to be held in 1925.

Resolved:- "That consideration of this Exhibition should be referred to a small sub-Committee consisting of Colonel David Davies, Lord Queenborough, Sir John Mann and Sir Arthur Haworth."

561. AFFILIATED SOCIETIES MEMBERS - PROPOSED REDUCTION OF MEMBERSHIP FEES

A memorandum proposing reduction of membership fees for individual members joining the Union through affiliated Societies was referred for consideration to the Women's Advisory Committee.

562. AALAND ISLANDS FILM. It was reported that several Swedish gentlemen who had been consulted in regard to the Aaland Islands film, which had been prepared by the Union, were of the opinion that the film caused great feeling in Sweden. It was recommended therefore that the film should be withdrawn.

Resolved:- 1. That the Swedish sub-Committee should arrange a private show of the film amongst Swedes in London and that the question of its entire withdrawal should rest upon their decision in regard to it.

2. That in the meantime further contracts for the film should not be entered upon and that where existing contracts could be cancelled this should be done."

563. PERMANENT MANDATES COMMISSION - TERMS OF SERVICE OF MEMBERS.

On the proposal of Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon it was

Resolved:- "That this Union take under consideration the present method of appointing members on the Permanent Commissions of the League of Nations without any period of service being named."

The General Secretary was instructed to get into touch with the Secretariat at Geneva with a view to finding out who appoints the members of the Permanent Commission and for how long the appointment lasts.

564. TRAFFIC IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN. Consideration of the decision of the Executive that Lord Robert Cecil should sign a letter in regard to the proposal to appoint more women on the Mandates Commission of the League was referred to the Union's Mandate Committee with the request that when this matter was being discussed, Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon should be invited to be present.

565. RT. HON. SIR FREDERICK LUGARD.

Resolved:- "To recommend to the Mandates Committee that the Rt. Hon. Sir Frederick Lugard should be invited to serve upon that Committee."

It was further

Resolved:- "That the question of Sir Frederick Lugard's co-optation to the Executive Committee be discussed at the next meeting."

566. NEAR EASTERN COMMITTEE. It was reported that as the Near Eastern Settlement Committee had completed its task there was not now a Committee to consider Near Eastern affairs. It was further reported that three members of the late Committee viz: Major the Hon. Ormsby Gore, Captain Elliot, and Captain Colin Coote, for various reasons would be unable to serve in the future.

Resolved:- 1. That a new Near Eastern Committee be constituted as follows:-

Professor Arnold Toynbee.  
Mr. Charles Roberts, M.P. (Original  
Mr. John H. Harris. members).

together with

Brig. General C. D. Bruce, C.B.D.  
Mr. J. de V. Loder.  
Mr. Roland Bryce.

2. That this Committee be asked to meet as soon as possible and make such recommendations as may be thought desirable.

567. LORD CURZON.

Resolved:- "That Lord Robert Cecil be requested to send a letter of thanks on behalf of the Executive Committee to Lord Curzon for the policy he was pursuing at Lausanne. *in regard to*

568. BUDGET COMMITTEE - COUNCIL. The General Secretary reported that the Budget Committee set up by the General Council on December 12th have now completed its investigations and were submitting two reports. The Committee expressed the desire to consider both reports before they were circulated to the Council. *more.*

With this view the Committee concurred and it was

Resolved:- 1. That the reports be circulated to the Executive Committee in time for the next meeting on Thursday, February 1st.

2. That in order to conform with the Union's rule the Council meeting be adjourned until a later date.

*Gilbert Murray.*



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Dr. F. N. Keen's suggestions as to procedure  
in the matter of Reparations.

In anticipation of the raising, at the Council of the League, of the questions of Reparations and the French entry into the Ruhr it seems expedient to consider upon what broad lines the Council might proceed.

I assume that any solution will involve the re-settlement of the amounts to be paid and the deliveries to be made by Germany, and the scrapping and replacement of, at any rate, some of the more amazing provisions contained in the Reparations Section of the Versailles Treaty. It seems to follow that negotiations need to be undertaken for bringing about a new agreement on this matter between Germany and all the Allied and Associated Powers who are parties to the Treaty, or, at any rate, all those who are interested in the matter of Reparations.

France being the country principally interested in this matter on the side of the Allies, it has often occurred to me that the simplest and most desirable method of procedure for securing a new settlement of Reparations would be for France to take the lead, on behalf of the Allies, in negotiations with Germany. If negotiations are now to proceed through the Council of the League, as intermediary, it would still seem to me reasonable that France should take the lead and act on behalf of, but of course in consultation with, the other Allies in any dealings with the Council and Germany.

If, with the aid of American and other financiers, a bargain could be struck quickly for an immediate cash settlement of the whole Reparations liability at an agreed sum through the medium of a huge loan subscribed in many countries on terms not unduly expensive; or if an agreed scheme for settlement by instalments under a new schedule could be arrived at quickly with the aid of a recommendation from such an impartial expert commission as was suggested in America; such a quick method of solution would present some obvious advantages. But I find it difficult to imagine that a solution of that kind is likely to be attainable quickly, and I do not feel at all sure that either France or Germany would come as well out of an arrangement engineered by the banking fraternity and financial magnates as they would out of a new arrangement between governments, particularly if the arrangement between governments were worked out in the atmosphere of justice and fair-dealing which resort to the League of Nations would import.

I have difficulty, again, in thinking that the League, or an impartial commission or tribunal appointed by the League, could arrive at a just basis for dealing with the whole matter without considerable inquiry and delay. If, therefore, the League is going to bring about an impartial adjudication it seems to me that the business should be dealt with in two compartments. Firstly, an arrangement should be arrived at as to the payments and deliveries to be made within a period of, say, three years. This could be settled at top speed and the Council might itself undertake to act as arbitrator, so far as it could not secure agreement by negotiations. Secondly, an arrangement should be arrived at as to the further payments and deliveries to be made during the later years over which the liability might be spread. For this, which would be the main part of the whole business, the Council might enlist the services of a special tribunal of a highly competent and independent character, which could consider the matter in all its aspects, hear the parties interested at leisure, and give a final decision, say, six months before the expiration of the three years. Besides fixing the amounts and dates for periodical payments and deliveries this tribunal should fix the terms on which Germany should be entitled at any time to redeem the whole future liability by the payment of a capital sum. The tribunal would also need, presumably, to adjudicate upon any re-arrangement that might be required in the existing provisions for division of proceeds of Reparations among the Allies, unless such re-arrangement should be deemed unnecessary or be settled by agreement. While the decision of the tribunal on all points would be deferred, as above mentioned, during

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the period required for inquiry and consideration, the obligation to accept it, when given, and to carry it out would of course need to be undertaken in advance, by all the parties concerned.

The Council, in respect of the payments and deliveries to be made during the three years, and either the Council or the tribunal, in respect of the subsequent payments and deliveries, should be entrusted with the duty of determining what measures, might be taken for enforcement of obligations in case of any default; and I suggest that the actual putting into force of any such measures should require, on the occasion of any default, the sanction of either the Council or, perhaps better still, the Permanent Court of International Justice. (I should hope that the inclusion of a term of that kind might serve as foundation for a general principle in international affairs, that no forcible entry upon the territory of any state should be tolerated save under the authority of the Permanent Court or the Council or Assembly of the League. The General acceptance and observance of such an international rule would incidentally give France security against future invasion, as well as giving Germany security against oppressive occupation.) It would seem to follow naturally that, as soon as all the arrangements indicated above had become fully binding, the occupation of the Rhineland, as well as the Ruhr, by the Allies or any of their number would cease, subject, of course, to whatever provisions might be decided upon by the Council and the tribunal, as above mentioned, for securing the enforcement of the new obligations.

It should further be part of the settlement that the Allies and Germany should undertake to use their best endeavours to secure that Germany should become a member of the League at the earliest possible date. I take this to be desirable equally in the interest of Germany herself and every existing member of the League.

(signed) F.N. Ken.

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6.2.23.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CHURCH, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 1st 1923 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair); George N. Barnes; Sir John Barran; Percy Bigland; Mrs. A. W. Claremont; J. A. Clynnes; Sir W. H. Dickinson; E. A. Morton George; Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon; J. F. Green; John H. Harris; David Hunter; Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe; Sir Frederick Maurice; Philip Snowden; Raymond Unwin; Aneurin Williams; together with the General Secretary and D. H. Mills.

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569. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir Arthur Haworth and Mrs. Walter Aunciman.
570. MINUTES. Subject to an alteration in resolution 2 of minute 555, and also minute 567, the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated January 25th 1923 were approved as circulated.
571. RUHR - RESOLUTION. It was reported that the Executive Committee's resolution claiming the French Society's resolution of last week had received 63 notices in the British press, 25 in the Dominion press and 45 in the Foreign press.
572. BUDGET COMMITTEE. Consideration of the Budget Committee's (Chairman and Minority) reports were adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee. It was

Resolved:- "That the reports be circulated immediately to the Branches, and that a covering letter of a non-committal nature and which would not show that the Executive was taking any particular side, should accompany the Report."

The General Secretary was asked to consult with the Chairman in regard to the draft of the letter.

It was further

Resolved:- "That in view of the unanimous recommendation of the Budget Committee to increase the Budget so as to retain the regional representatives, that authority be given to the General Secretary to ask certain Regional Representatives to withdraw their resignations."

573. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending January 30th 1923, showed a CREDIT BALANCE at the Bank amounting to £1,755.9.10 with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £2,000.

574. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

1. Labour Advisory. The minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee dated January 24th 1923 were approved and adopted.

2. Staff appointments. The General Secretary reported orally upon the meeting of the Staff Appointments Committee held earlier in the day. The report as follows was adopted:-

- (a) That Captain Bissett's resignation to take effect as from February 9th be accepted.
- (b) That subject to the approval of the Women's Advisory Committee, Miss Glazebrook be offered a permanent appointment on the staff of the Union on the usual conditions at a salary of £250 per annum.
- (c) That Miss Romilda Rendel's kind offer of voluntary service be accepted with thanks.
- (d) That Mr. O'Molony's salary be confirmed as at present, namely, £400 per annum.
- (e) That in view of the unanimous Budget Committee's recommendation, Miss Tynan and Mr. Irwin be invited to withdraw their resignations.
- (f) That until Easter Headquarters should continue to provide one of its officers (Miss Hughes) to act as Secretary to the Westminster Branch.
- (g) That instead of minute 174, Miss Brewer be thanked for her services to the Union; she be granted six months leave of absence without pay from February 5th and at the end of that period her name should be considered for another appointment on the staff.
- (h) That subject to the General Secretary's approving of the Budget and also of the proposed programme, Miss Currey should be allowed to attend the Bologna Summer School (organised by Mrs. Croxton).
- (i) That the offer of Mrs. Innes to organise a party to take to Geneva during the Assembly under the auspices of the Union on the conditions that Mrs. Innes should receive expenses and 50 per cent profits up to a suggested maximum of £50 be accepted.

575. MEMEL AND EAST GALICIA. The Committee received and approved two memoranda on the subject of Memel and East Galicia. These memoranda were authorised for use by speakers.

576. THE RT. HON. SIR FREDERICK LUGARD.

Resolved:- "That the Rt. Hon. Sir Frederick Lugard be invited to accept a seat upon the Executive Committee."

577. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. The General Secretary reported that in reply to the Union's letter the National Peace Council had nominated Mr. Holford Knight, Mr. Ben C. Spoor M.P. (or Miss Huntsman) together with Miss C.E. Playne, to meet a similar number of delegates from the L.N.U. to discuss closer co-operation.

Resolved:- "That Lord Robert Cecil, Professor Gilbert Murray and Mr. J.H. Harris be asked to meet this delegation from the National Peace Council to discuss closer co-operation between the various Peace Organisations and to report to the Executive Committee."

578. LIQUOR TRAFFIC. The General Secretary reported that in reply to the resolution of the Executive Committee passed at its meeting on January 11th in regard to Liquor Traffic in mandated areas, the Secretary of State for the Colonies had addressed a letter to the Executive Committee.

Resolved:- "That this letter be referred to the Union's Liquor Traffic Committee."

579. RECEIPT STAMPS. The General Secretary reported that the Union's Accountant had been informed by an officer of the Stamps Section of Somerset House that certain charities did not put a 2d. stamp on their receipts for amounts over £2. and that Somerset House acquiesced in this omission in regard to these particular charities. The General Secretary asked for directions of the Executive in this matter.

Resolved:- "That for the future stamps be not placed on receipts for amounts under £25!" *except payments under 10/6*

580. APPEALS COMMITTEE. The General Secretary reported that on November 30th the Executive Committee set up a small sub-Committee (see minute 483(b) ) consisting of Mr. J.H. Harris, Mr. J.C. Squire, Mrs. Runciman, Mrs. Strachey, Mr. Morton George, and Mr. Gwilym Davies, to consider the question of the raising of funds and to make suggestions for an Appeals campaign.

This Committee had not been called in view of the fact that the Budget Committee had been set up with practically the same terms of reference. He asked the Executive's permission that this Committee be not now called.

Resolved:- "That this Committee be not summoned."

581. IRAQ - BOMB DROPPING. General Maurice reported upon alleged bomb-dropping in Iraq which confirmed his previous report that none of these had been carried out for the purpose of tax-collecting.

Resolved:- "That the list provided by General Maurice should be sent to the Gillington Congregational Church Branch which had sent the resolution to the Union in the first instance."

582. MR. STRUTHERS - COMMUNICATION. The General Secretary reported a communication from Mr. J.E. Struthers.

Resolved:- "That no action be taken."

Robert Cecil

C/13.  
20.2.23.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15,  
GROSVENOR GARDENS, S.W. 1 ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY  
15th 1923 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- Lord Robert Cecil; G.H. Barnes; Sir Arthur Shirley Bena;  
Reginald Berkeley; D. Clifton Brown; Percy Bigland; J.D. Birchall;  
Mrs. A.W. Claremont; L.W. Claremont; Sir Lilloughby Dickinson; Lady Denman;  
W.L. Horton George; Mrs. Edlilie Gordon; J.F. Green; John H. Harris; Sir Arthur  
Haworth; F.H. Keen; Rear-Admiral Drury Love; Sir Frederick Lugard; Gilbert  
Murray; Mrs. Walter Runciman; Raymond Unwin; Henry Vivian; and Aneurin  
Williams; together with the General Secretary and D.H. Mills.

MINUTES

583. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir John Barran, Mr. Berlin, Sir Charles Hobhouse, General Seely, and Mr. Whithead.
584. MINUTES. Subject to an alteration in minute 579, the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated February 1st 1923 were approved as circulated.
585. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. The General Secretary stated that he hoped to have the joint meeting of the representatives of the L.N.U. and the National Peace Council one day in the following week.
586. BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT.
- Resolved:- "That a special meeting of the Executive be called for Thursday, February 22nd, to consider the reports of the Budget Committee."
587. APPEALS COMMITTEE.
- Resolved:- "That the question of the reconstituting of the Appeals Committee be considered at the next meeting of the Committee."
588. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending February 15th 1923 showed a CREDIT BALANCE at the Bank amounting to £6,911.1.9d with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £2,300.
589. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.
- (a) Women's Advisory. The minutes of the Women's Advisory Committee dated 6.2.23 were approved and adopted.

(These minutes included (11) Nominations to the Council; (15) French occupation of the Ruhr; (16) Future activities; (18) Corporate Membership and (19) "Bonny Britons" Competition).

(16) Speakers Notes. The Committee approved of the recommendation that Notes for Speakers should be undertaken which should be issued monthly to all persons on the Union's panel of speakers.

(18) Corporate Membership. The Executive Committee approved the recommendation that to meet the requirements of such bodies as Women's Institutes, Girls' Clubs, Mothers' Union Branches, etc. a rule be formulated to enable groups of persons to join the Union as Corporate Members (or Corporate Associates) on payment of a few of 10/6 (which should entitle them to receive certain of the Union's publications) and on the condition that they pledge themselves to take an active interest in the League of Nations and to have a lecture or address on the subject at least once

a year. This form of Corporate membership would involve no undertaking on the part of the group to secure individual members.

This recommendation was accepted on the following conditions:-

- (a) That such Organisation should be called <sup>Associate</sup> Associate Members.  
 (b) That the fee be 10/6d.  
 (c) That applications for recognition as Associate members should come before the Executive.
- (19) "Sonny Britons" Competition. The question of "Sonny Britons" competition was referred to the Appeals Committee if this Committee is reconstituted.
- (b) Christian Organisations. The minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated 7.2.23 were approved and adopted.  
 (These minutes included (157) Election of Chairman; (158) Committee; (159) World Peace Sunday; (160) Inset for Church Magazines) (161) World Alliance; (162) Corporate Members.)
- (c) Management. The minutes of the Management Committee dated 8.2.23 were approved and adopted.  
 (These minutes included (329) Honorary Organist; (330) Prime Minister of Australia; (331) Recognition of Branches; (332) General Council; (333) Federation of Societies; and (334) Flag.)
- (331) Corporate Membership. The General Secretary was requested to give instructions to Branches, in view of the decision of the Christian Organisations Committee; that no attempts to enrol Corporate members should be made after March 31st.
- (330) Prime Minister of Australia. Resolved:- That the name of the Hon. S. H. Bruce, the new Premier of Australia, should be put forward for election as an Hon. Vice-President of the Union at the Annual General meeting of the Council.
- (d) Editorial. The minutes of the Editorial Committee dated 8.2.23 were approved and adopted.  
 (These minutes included (2) a Leaflet for Medical men; (2) b Parish Magazines Inset; (2) c Attendances; (3) Suggested new Publications; (4) Precis of Executive minutes and (5) Compulsory Jurisdiction of International Court
- (3) Suggested new Publications.  
 (a) League and the Near East.  
 (b) Power of the League to alter the Treaties of Peace.  
Resolved:- "That the memorandum prepared on this subject be circulated for the consideration of the next meeting of the Executive.
- (5) Compulsory Jurisdiction of International Court. The Committee considered a memorandum by Mr. Gerald Spicer, and also a memorandum by Mr. F. H. Keen on the question of the Compulsory Jurisdiction Protocol of the Permanent Court of International Justice.  
Resolved:- "That these memoranda should be transmitted to the Editorial Committee with a view to their appearing in Headway.
- (e) Overseas. The minutes of the Overseas Committee dated 14.2.23 were adjourned to the next meeting of the Executive except the two following matters:-

Resolved:- "To approve of the recommendation of the Overseas Committee that a sum of not more than £10 should be voted by the Finance Committee to enable Major Howard to remain in Germany to continue his activities as the Union's correspondent."

(464) Ruhr. The Committee considered a recommendation of the Overseas Committee that as it was more than likely that the question of the occupation of the Ruhr would be raised at the next meeting of the Council of the Federation to be held on the 19th inst. and as Sir Willoughby Dickinson, the Union's delegate would be present, the Executive should give a definite ruling on the question.

Resolved:- That the Union's delegate should be informed -

1. That in the Committee's opinion it would be unwise for the Bureau to make any communication to the French and German Governments as to the desirability of action through the League.
2. That the Committee sees no objection to the issue by the Bureau of a circular letter inviting the several Societies to consider the consequences, actual and potential, of the occupation of the Ruhr, and asking their respective Governments to press for a settlement by the League.
3. That the Executive very much doubts the desirability of either the Council or the Federation being specially summoned to consider this matter, but if the French or Belgian Societies propose or advocate it, the Union could not actively oppose it. But the Union would call their attention to the possibility of that action producing exactly the opposite effect from that which they have in view.

590. RUHR OCCUPATION - ACTION BY BRANCHES.

Resolved:- That the Executive Committee instructs the General Secretary to organise through the Branches and otherwise, by publishing in the press, and holding of public meetings, etc., the distribution of full information for the purpose of creating a public opinion favourable to an impartial settlement of the problem through the medium of the League and defers further action until after the forthcoming debate in the House of Commons.

591. WES. AFRIC. SOC. - COMMUNICATION. A communication from Mr. Atkinson dated February 1st was referred to the Management Committee to consider the advisability of circulating Branches in regard to the Women's Association.

592. WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE. A communication from the Women's International League informing the Committee of a Conference to be held on February 23 to discuss -

1. The immediate withdrawal of British troops.
2. Reference of the Ruhr question to a world conference <sup>and</sup> asking that the Union should send delegates.

was received.

Resolved:- "That the W.I.L. be informed that the Union did not propose to send delegates."

593. EASTERN GALICIA. A resolution on the Agenda paper proposed by Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe was amended and adopted as follows:-

"The Executive Committee of the L.N.U. is of opinion that it is of the greatest importance to the peace of Europe that all outstanding territorial questions, for which the Allied and Associated Powers are directly responsible, should be settled without further delay. Among such questions they would single out for mention the questions of Mosul, Eastern Galicia, and the Greek frontier of Albania. They therefore respectfully urge H.M. Government to take steps, either by securing the reference of these questions to the Council of the League, or in some other way, to secure a rapid settlement."



Lord Robert Cecil promised that he would write a letter to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs telling him that the Executive Committee felt strongly that the proper way of dealing with these outstanding matters was through the League of Nations.

A further resolution on the settlement of Galicia was discussed and this was referred to the Near Eastern Settlement Committee together with the following members of the Executive to discuss this particular matter: Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Captain Berkeley, General Gaugh, together with Mrs. Dugdale, and Mr. Philip Baker!

The Committee were instructed to report as soon as possible and if necessary to get into touch with the Foreign Office to find out the situation at the moment.

594. COLONEL FISHER - COMMUNICATION. The Committee considered an application from Colonel Fisher that the Committee should consider the payment of £155 demanded from him by the Income Tax Authorities for the year ending March 31st 1920. The Executive Committee had already had this matter before them and had suggested that it should come up for consideration again.

Resolved:- On the recommendation of the General Secretary and subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, that in view of Colonel Fisher's services he be paid this sum over a period of 6 months in addition to his salary.

595. FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO ALBANIA - LYTTONSTONE BRANCH. A letter from the Leytonstone Branch referring to an article by Mr. Wilson Harris in the "Daily News" on February 5th entitled "The League at its Worst" and stating that the Branch was much concerned at the suggestion that the League was betraying confidence of the smaller nation Albania, was read. The letter asked whether the Executive concurred in the spirit of Mr. Wilson Harris' article; and enquired what action the Union as a whole, and the Branches in particular, should take in these circumstances.

Resolved:- "That the Leytonstone Branch be informed that the Union did not know more than was contained in Mr. Wilson Harris' article as the matter was discussed at a private meeting of the Council, but that the Executive understood that the matter was again to be raised at the next meeting of the Council when it was hoped a satisfactory solution would be arrived at."

It was further

Resolved:- "That the General Secretary should write to the Secretariat stating that our Branches were much concerned over this incident and asking if they could give confirmation of some of the suggestions in this article"

596. SIR FREDERICK LUGARD. The General Secretary reported that Sir Frederick Lugard had accepted a seat upon the Executive Committee but in view of the fact that he had now been appointed Chairman of the Mandates Commission of the League, he was unable to accept the invitation of the Union to become Chairman of the Union's Mandate Committee.

597. TEMPORARY MIXED COMMISSION. Lord Robert Cecil gave an account of the meeting of the Temporary Mixed Commission held from February 9th to 12th of which he was a member.

598. NATIONAL UNION FOR THE SOCIETY FOR EQUAL CITIZENSHIP. A communication from the N.U.S.E.C. was read. The letter asked for permission to circulate the Union's Branches asking them to send representatives to a demonstration to be held on March 7th.

Resolved:- "To inform the Secretary of the N.U.S.E.C. that the Union did not agree to this proposal."

Robert Cecil

C/13.  
27.2.23.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 22nd 1923 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- Lord Robert Cecil; Sir Arthur Shirley Bann; Reginald Berkeley; Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck; D. Clifton Brown; Mrs. A. V. Claremont; A. W. Claremont; David Davies; Sir Willoughby Dickinson; E. V. Morton George; Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon; John H. Harris; David Hunter; F. N. Keen; Rear-Admiral Drury-Lowe; Oswald Mosley; Gilbert Murray; Lord Queenborough; Aneurin Williams: together with the General Secretary and D. H. Mills.

MINUTES

599. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of the Rt. Hon. G. H. Barnes, Lady Denman and Raymond Unwin.
600. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held February 15th 1923 were approved as circulated.
601. WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE. The Committee reconsidered a decision arrived at at the last meeting of the Committee that the Union should not send delegates to the Conference of the Women's International League to be held on February 23rd to discuss -
1. The immediate withdrawal of British troops
  2. Reference of the Ruhr question to a world Conference.
- Resolved:- "That if permission could be obtained for the Union's delegates to have an opportunity of speaking, we should send delegates to this Conference."
602. MANDATES COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN. The General Secretary reported that efforts were being made to find a Chairman for the Union's Mandate Committee.
603. BUDGET COMMITTEE'S REPORT. The General Secretary reported the following recommendation from the Finance Committee held on the previous day:-

"That the Finance Committee, believing that the adoption of the Report of the Minority of the Budget Committee would seriously endanger the finances of the Union strongly recommends that the Council be urged to adopt the report of the Chairman and Majority of the Budget Committee.

The Executive Committee gave considerable time to the discussion of the Budget Committee's Report and

Resolved:- 1. "That the Executive Committee should not issue a memorandum to be circulated to Branches, but that the Chairman should point out to the Council the various difficulties

there would be in the application of the Minority's report.

Sir Willoughby Dickinson stated that he would propose an amendment as to the date upon which the Branches should pay their contribution to Headquarters.

604 FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending February 20th 1927 showed a CREDIT BALANCE at the Bank amounting to £3,670.98 with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £2,300.

605 APPEALS COMMITTEE.

Resolved:- "That the Appeals Committee be re-constituted to compose of the following:-

Mrs. Runciman; Mrs. Strachey; <sup>Mr.</sup> J. H. Harris; Mr. J. C. Squire; Mr. Morton George; Mr. Gwilym Davies.

Resolved:- "That this Committee meets at the earliest possible moment to consider Appeals schemes."

606. THE RUHR AND THE LEAGUE. The General Secretary reported that the Union's branches and the members individually, were urgently enquiring of the Union's speakers and of Headquarters office, why the League of Nations and why the League of Nations Union is doing nothing to avert the catastrophe threatened by the French occupation of the Ruhr. The Committee gave consideration to a memorandum on the subject which it was proposed should be circulated to Branches.

During a lengthy discussion Lord Robert Cecil stated his attitude towards the subject as debated in the House of Commons on Monday, February 19th, and the Committee ultimately

Resolved:- "Recognising (1) that the forcible occupation of German territory by the French armies constitutes an extreme and immediate danger to the peace of Europe and the economic welfare of many countries, and (2) that the overwhelming majority of the British people have declared themselves in favour of the settlement of such international issues by the League of Nations, the Executive Committee of the I.L.U. desires strongly to reaffirm the necessity of having the whole complex of international problems centring in the Reparations question brought at the earliest possible moment before the Council or the Assembly of the League with the assistance if possible of Germany and the United States. They realise that the selection of the moment and the choice of the organ must necessarily lie with the Government of the day, but they urge that any unnecessary delay may have disastrous consequences, and they hope that the Branches will do their utmost to strengthen the hands of Parliament and of the Government in pursuing vigorously a policy on these lines.

It was further

Resolved:- "That it was unnecessary to circulate an explanatory memorandum."

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It was also

Resolved:- "That on the evening previous to the Council meeting of the Union (or alternatively on the evening of the Council meeting), a public meeting should be held on the subject of the Ruhr and the League, in London, and that an effort be made to secure the following speakers:-

Viscount Grey of Fallodon.  
Lord Robert Cecil.  
Mr. Tom Shaw.

Lord Robert Cecil undertook to speak at such a meeting.

607. LORD ROBERT CECIL - INVITATION TO AMERICA. Lord Robert Cecil reported that he had received an invitation from the League of Nations Non-Partisan Committee of America to visit America. He had accepted this invitation and proposed to sail on March 21st but desired the Committee's authority to take Mr. Philip Baker with him.

Resolved:- "That authority be given.

608. STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The General Secretary reported on the Staff Appointments Committee held that morning.

Resolved:- "That consideration of this matter be adjourned."

Robert Cecil

6/13.  
12.2.23.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,  
MARCH 1st 1923 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- Lord Robert Cecil; G.A. Barnes; Aesinell Berkeley; D. Clifton Brown; Mrs. A.V. Claremont; David Davies; Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon; E.V. Horton George; J.A. Green; John W. Harris; Sir Arthur Haworth; Rennie Hey; J. K. Keane; Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe; Sir Frederick Maurice; Gilbert Murray; Mrs. Walter Runciman; and Ancurin Williams: together with the General Secretary and D.H. Mills.

MINUTES

609. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir John Barran, Mr. Percy Bigland, Lady Denman Sir Frederick Lugard and Lord Queensborough.
610. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated February 22nd 1923 were approved as circulated.
611. WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE. It was reported that as it had been decided that the question of the occupation of the Ruhr would not be discussed at the Conference of the Women's International League held on February 23rd, Mr. J.W. Harris did not attend as the Union's representatives.
612. THE RUHR AND THE LEAGUE. Lord Robert Cecil reported that Lord Grey had signified that he was unable to preside at the proposed meeting to be held on March 15th and it was also reported that Mr. Clynes had accepted the invitation to speak at that meeting.

The Committee again discussed the advisability of holding this meeting, and it was

Resolved:- "That the arrangements for the meeting be not proceeded with, but that Lord Robert Cecil and Mr. Clynes be asked to make a statement on the situation at the Council meeting on the afternoon of March 15th."

613. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The financial statement for the period ending February 27th 1923 showed a CREDIT BALANCE at the Bank amounting to 27,287.12.1 with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to 22,300.

614. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Overseas. The minutes of the Overseas Committee dated 14.2.23 were approved and adopted.

(These minutes included (456) British Legion; (460) Minorities Commission; (462) Major Howard; (464) Federation Council and the Ruhr).

Resolved:- "That the question of the appointment of a Minorities sub-Committee be considered at the next meeting of the Committee, and that in the

meantime the General Secretary draft proposed terms of reference and suggest names of persons who might serve upon this Committee."

(b) Near Eastern. The minutes of the Near Eastern Committee dated 14.2.23 were approved and adopted.

Resolved:- "That this Committee be thanked for its most interesting report, and that it be asked to continue its discussions and to make such recommendations to the Executive Committee as it thinks fit."

The Executive suggested that when the full report was received, an article, based upon the report, should be included in a forthcoming issue of "Headway".

(c) Exhibition. The minutes of the Exhibition Committee dated 20.2.23 were approved and adopted.

(d) Hospitality. The minutes of the Hospitality Committee dated 16.2.23 were approved and adopted.

(These minutes included (7) Panel of Girl Helpers; (5) Liaison with Voluntary Societies; (6) Notification of existence of Committee to Embassies; (7) At Home to Medical Officers of Health).

Resolved:- "That the Committee be asked in entertaining visitors from the Dominions to have regard to the activities of the Victoria League in this direction, although the Executive would still wish the Hospitality Committee to entertain such distinguished visitors from the Dominions who visited this country on special League business, or who were prominent workers for the League cause in their respective countries."

(e) Labour Advisory. The minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee dated 20.2.23 were approved and adopted, subject to the referring back of minute 98 (contact with Labour Colleges) for further consideration.

Arising out of the discussion of these minutes it was suggested that efforts should be made to get either Mr. Sidney Webb or Mr. Harry Gosling - or both - to serve upon one of the Committees of the Union.

(f) Near Eastern (East Galicia). The Committee considered the following resolutions of the Near Eastern Committee dated 20.2.23:-

"The Assembly of the League of Nations on September 27th 1921 passed the following resolution:

"The Assembly of the League of Nations expresses the wish that the Council of the League draw the attention of the Principal Allied and Associated Powers to the desirability of determining at an early date, the status of Eastern Galicia."

"In order to give effect to the principle embodied in this resolution, we are of opinion that the question should be referred to the Council of the League for an advisory opinion, and urge

the Associated and Allied Powers to take the necessary steps to that end."

- Resolved:-
1. To approve of those resolutions;
  2. That they be sent to the Government, and published.
  3. That Members of Parliament be requested to ask questions on the subject in the House of Commons.
  4. That the matter be referred formally to the Parliamentary Committee.

(g) Parliamentary. The Chairman reported that a further meeting of the Parliamentary Committee had been held on February 20th and that this was addressed by Sir Arthur Saltor.

(h) Finance. The minutes of the Finance Committee dated 21.2.27 were approved and adopted.

(These minutes included (716) Report of Budget Committee; (717) St. Albans & Harlow Park Hotel Exhibitions; (718) Colonel Fisher; (719) Overseas Committee; (720) Glasgow Branch; (721) Composition of Committee; (722) Letter from Union's Bankers; and (723) Passing of Choques).

Mr. J.H. Harris reported that he was unable to serve on the Finance Committee as suggested in minute 221 and at the request of the Chairman, Mr. Morton George consented to serve, if the Finance Committee should ask him. It was

Resolved:- "That it be suggested to the Finance Committee that they should ask Mr. Charles Roberts, M.P., and Mr. Morton George to accept seats on the Finance Committee."

(i) Economic. The Committee considered ~~and adopted~~ a memorandum of an informal meeting of the Economic sub-Committee held on February 22nd 1927.

(j) Education. The minutes of the Education Committee dated 27.2.27 were approved and adopted.

(k) Staff Appointments. The General Secretary reported orally upon a meeting of the Staff Appointments Committee held February 22nd 1927. The Committee approved the recommendations of this Committee as follows:-

1. That in view of the fact that Mrs. Croxton wished to charge 16 guineas instead of 17½ guineas suggested by the General Secretary for the Bologna Summer School, that she be asked to run the school independently, and that she be allowed to see the books of the Union in order to take note of such names and addresses as she might desire."
2. That Mrs. Fanshawe who had been giving voluntary service to the Union be allowed expenses at the rate of 5/- per day to be made retrospective as from 1st January 1923.
3. That Miss Hughes be given notice as first intended on March 1st 1923.
4. That the question of Mr. A.J. Bain's resignation be again considered.

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The Staff Appointments Committee were requested to again consider the question of offering a different appointment on the staff of the Union to Mr. Weston.

615. MR. LOUCHEUR'S SPEECH OF NOVEMBER 1922.

Resolved:- "That Mr. Loucheur's speech be translated and that the question of its being published in "Headway", or printed as a separate pamphlet, be referred to the Editorial Committee."

616. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. The question of co-operation between the League of Nations Union and the National Peace Council was adjourned for further consideration and it was agreed that a memorandum on the subject be circulated for the next meeting of the Committee.

617. BRITISH LEGION - CO-OPERATION. The Committee gave consideration to a memorandum suggesting closer co-operation between the League of Nations Union and the British Legion. Several suggestions were made, and it was

Resolved:- "That the general principles of the memorandum be accepted and that the British Legion be informed that the Union is anxious to co-operate as much as possible, but that the whole question be adjourned for further consideration; in the meantime the officers of the two bodies should meet and if possible submit an agreed scheme in the light of the discussion."

618. AALAND ISLANDS FILM. The question of the Aaland Islands Film was referred to the next meeting of the Management Committee.

619. REVISION OF THE TREATY OF VERSAILLES - MEMORANDA. The Committee gave consideration to two memoranda on the Revision of the Treaty of Versailles through the League of Nations.

The Chairman considered the documents to be very good and very carefully drawn up, and recommended the memoranda for the consideration of individual members of the Executive.

Robert Cecil



C/12.  
7.4.23.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON TUESDAY, MARCH  
20th 1923 at 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- Lord Robert Cecil; G.M.Barnes; Sir John Barran;  
Reginald Berkeley; J.D.Birchall; Sir Willoughby Dickinson;  
E.V.Morton George; Mrs.Ogilvie Gordon; J.Frederick Green;  
John H.Harris; F.H.Keen; Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe; Oswald  
Mosley; Mrs.Walter Runciman; and Raymond Unwin; together  
with the General Secretary and D.H.Hills.

MINUTES

620. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Mrs.A.V.Claremont, Sir Arthur Haworth and General Seely.
621. MINUTES. Subject to an alteration in minutes 613 and 614(i) the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated 1st March 1923 were approved as circulated.
622. MR. LOUCHEUR'S SPEECH.

Resolved:- "That minute 615 be rescinded and that the following minute be substituted."

"That Mr.Loucheur's speech be translated and that duplicate copies be available at the office for the use of speakers."

623. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending March 17th 1923 showed a CREDIT BALANCE at the Bank amounting to £6,970.18.2 with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £2,300.
624. GENERAL COUNCIL - DRAFT MINUTES. The draft minutes of a meeting of the General Council held on March 15th 1923 were approved, and it was

Resolved:- "That these be circulated at the earliest possible moment to Branches."

The Committee considered several matters arising out of the minutes of the General Council.

(a) Allocation of Council's Vote.

Resolved:- "That the drafting of a scheme for the allocation of the Council's Vote (38b) be referred to the Appeals Committee, and that this draft scheme be circulated to the members of the Budget Committee for their observations."

(b) Decentralisation. In accordance with minute (3) of the General Council directing the Executive Committee "to consider a scheme for decentralisation, and present a report thereon to the next meeting of the Council", it was

Resolved:- "That the following be asked to serve on a sub-Committee to consider and recommend upon such a scheme:-

Mr. Charles Roberts, M.P., Sir Arthur Haworth, Bt.,  
Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon; Mr. Gwilym Davies; and Mr.  
Raymond Unwin.

(c) HEADWAY. The question of whether a better means can be found for securing an uninterrupted supply of HEADWAY to members whose renewed subscription is delayed. (Minute 2(c) General Council) was referred to the Management Committee.

(a) Corporate Members.

Resolved:- "That the question of the suspension of Rule 6 be postponed until the end of April, and that in the meantime the matter be left in the hands of the Christian Organisations Committee to take up with the World Alliance in an endeavour to reach some satisfactory agreement, and that a further report come before the Executive Committee."

Mr. J. W. Harris and Mr. Barnes promised to serve on the Christian Organisations Committee for this purpose.

(e) New Rules. The consideration of the amended Rules as drafted by the General Secretary in accordance with the decisions of the Council were adjourned for consideration to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

625. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. The Committee considered a memorandum of a sub-Committee which had met representatives of the National Peace Council with a view to further co-operation. This sub-Committee recommended -

1. That the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union co-opt a member of the Executive Committee of the National Peace Council.
2. That the National Peace Council should co-opt a member of the Executive Committee of the L.N.U. to its Executive Committee.

The General Secretary stated that Lady Paimcor, in whose hands these arrangements had been left on behalf of the National Peace Council, had suggested that Mr. Baillie Weaver of the National Peace Council, should serve on the Union's Executive; and that the National Peace Council desired that Professor Gilbert Murray should serve as a member of the National Peace Council.

Resolved:- "That Mr. Baillie Weaver be invited to serve on the Executive of the Union."

The Committee in co-opting Mr. Baillie Weaver placed on record the fact that their invitation was extended to him in his personal capacity, and not as a representative of the National Peace Council.

626. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Appeals Committee. Mr. Horton George reported orally upon

a meeting of the Appeals Committee held the previous day, and asked the Executive to give power to the Appeals Committee to co-opt further members.

Resolved:- "That this authority be given."

(b) Management. The minutes of the Management Committee dated 8.3.23 were/and adopted.  
approved

(These minutes included (237) Recognition of Branches) (240) Staff Appointments Committee; (241) Aland Islands Film; (242) Mrs. Atkinson; (244) Voluntary Societies Assembly; Vienna; (245) Super Film; (248) Revision of Treaties; (249) Garden Fete).

(c) Editorial. The minutes of the Editorial Committee dated 8.7.23 were approved and adopted.

(These minutes included (2a) Compulsory Jurisdiction of International Court; (3) Headway suggestions; and (4) Russian refugees - pamphlets).

(d) Hospitality. The minutes of the Hospitality Committee dated 8.7.23 were approved and adopted.

(These minutes included; Co-optation of Members; Panel of Girl Helpers; International lunches and teas; sub-Committee).

(e) German. The following resolutions of the German sub-Committee were considered:-

"The German sub-Committee beg to call the attention of the Executive Committee to the various resolutions passed, dealing with the unsettled European situation, etc., which have received little or no support from the Executive.

Reference is made especially to Resolutions on the Silesian question, Saar Valley, Reparations, Responsibility for the War, and many others.

The Committee in view of several recent statements of Lord Robert Cecil is of the opinion that he is not prepared to ask the League of Nations to procure fair and reasonable treatment for Germany.

They refer notably to his statement that, France must not be too much blamed for entering the Ruhr, and his opposition in the House of Commons to a request that the League shall be asked to deal with this matter.

The Committee is of opinion that having been appointed as a connecting link between Germany and the League of Nations Union, in view of the almost complete failure of the Executive to act on resolutions passed, or to make any public endeavour to save Germany from the treatment she has received since the armistice; more especially from France, it cannot serve any useful purpose in continuing to act.

The members also feel that they are supporting a society which has made no real attempt to deal with the appalling European situation in an impartial manner."

The General Secretary stated that the Chairman, Mr. G. P. Gooch, had written a covering letter explaining that if the Executive Committee accepted the resignation of the German sub-Committee, he would be prepared to serve again if, and when, another Committee was formed.

Resolved:- "To accept the resignation of the German sub-Committee."

(f) Overseas. The minutes of the Overseas Committee dated March 14th 1927 were approved and adopted subject to minute 466 being amended to read as follows:-

"That the credentials of delegates proceeding to the Federation Conference be submitted for examination and approval by a Credentials Committee to be arranged for by the Assembly or the Council of the Federation."

(467) Vienna Conference.

Resolved:- That the General Secretary, Mrs. Dugdale, and the Secretary of the Overseas Department should be included among the Union's representatives at the Vienna Conference.

(471) Swiss sub-Committee:

Resolved:- "That the following resolution of the Swiss sub-Committee be sent to the Swiss and German Societies:-

"That the sub-Committee is of opinion that it would be in the general interests if Germany, on her own initiative, became a Member of the League of Nations. It suggests to the Executive Committee that this opinion should be conveyed to the Swiss and German Societies with a request that if they agree with it they should pass it on to their Governments and Members of Parliament."

(g) Religions & Ethics. The minutes of the Committee of Religions & Ethics dated 27.2.27 were approved and adopted.

The General Secretary was asked to point out to the Committee of Religions & Ethics that while its members should be representative persons able to keep the Union in close touch with their particular groups, that they were not official representatives of those groups as they would be if their appointment on the Committee of Religions & Ethics necessarily followed upon their nomination by outside bodies as representatives of those bodies.

(h) Staff Appointments. The General Secretary reported orally upon the meeting of the Staff Appointments Committee held earlier in the day, and the Committee approved of the following recommendations:-

- (1) That Mr. Weston be paid a salary of £400 per annum, on his transference to the Appeals Department, but that this would not preclude him from receiving an honorarium for special services rendered if the Committee thought this desirable.
- (2) That Mr. Lever be retained as Regional Representative for a further month, and after that for a further three months to assist in the Appeals Department in the organisation of a Garden Fête.
- (3) That Mr. Weintal be retained on the staff for a further three weeks and that his services be charged to the contingency fund.
- (4) That Mr. Bain be retained for a further month until 30th April and the question of his further retention be considered before the end of that period.
- (5) That Mrs. Croxton be informed that in the absence of any sufficient provision in the Budget, her application for an appointment under the Union cannot be granted.
- (6) That 17/6d per week paid to a girl messenger appeared to be a fair wage.

627. GERMANY AND THE LEAGUE. The General Secretary asked the opinion of the Committee, in view of the various questions which were now asked at public meetings, whether the Union was in favour of the immediate admission of Germany to membership of the Council as well as membership of the League. This policy appeared to commend itself to the members of the Committee present, but it was

Resolved:- "That before the Union's policy on this point can be formulated previous notice should be given and that therefore the matter be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Committee."

628. EAST GALICIA. The Chairman read a letter from Lord Curzon in reply to the resolutions of the Executive Committee dated February 15th in regard to East Galicia. The Chairman thought that this was now a matter for Parliament, and it was

Resolved:- "That the action of the Executive in this matter should be recorded in the annual report."

629. MINORITIES COMMITTEE. The Committee approved of the following terms of reference for the proposed Minorities Committee as follows:-

1. To consider the most effective method of bringing to the knowledge of the Minorities in Central European and Near East countries the machinery for transmitting their complaints to the League of Nations.
2. To investigate the reality of the alleged difficulties which some Minorities find in transmitting complaints.

and to consider how best to safeguard these Minorities in the exercise of their rights under the Minority Treaties, keeping in view the fact that the Minorities have duties as well as rights.

3. To consider how far unofficial bodies can usefully undertake investigation of the actual complaints made by Minorities, or whether their activities should be directed towards influencing the Minorities to utilise the machinery of the League.
4. To consider if and when it would be useful to send memoranda on Minority questions to the British Government.
5. To consider Minorities Questions under discussion by the Federation of League of Nations Societies, with a view to briefing the League of Nations delegates in order that they may be able to express the considered policy of the Union on this matter.
6. To consider the possibility of bringing the provisions for protection of minorities into one common form and making them binding, in that form, on all members of the League; and generally to consider the Minority Treaties and the application thereof.

The following suggested members of the Committee were also approved:-

Rt. Hon. Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Professor Gilbert Murray, Mr. Lucien Wolf, Mr. Seton Watson, Captain Walter Elliot, Mr. Aneurin Williams, Mr. John Loder, Lady Grogan, Mr. Philip Baker, Mrs. Dugdale and Mr. Spicer (Secretary).

630. TRAFFIC IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN. A letter addressed to Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon from the Foreign Office, and a letter addressed to Mr. Gerald Spicer from the Colonial Office in regard to traffic in women and children in mandated areas, was referred to the Mandates Committee, and it was

Resolved:- "That a meeting of this Committee should be called at the earliest possible moment, and that Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon should be asked to attend that meeting."

631. MANDATES COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN.

Resolved:- "That Sir Charles Lucas, K.C.M.G., K.C.S., should be invited to accept the Chairmanship of the Mandates Committee of the L.N.U."

632. PROPOSED VICE-PRESIDENT.

Resolved:- "That Lord Derby be recommended to the next meeting of the Council for election as a Vice-President."

633. OXFORD BRANCH. Subject to the approval of the Finance Committee it was

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Resolved:- "That a grant at the rate of £120 a year for the next 9 months be made to the Oxford Branch on the understanding that a portion of this sum would be used to meet the needs of the Oxford University International Assembly, and that no further grant from Headquarters would be made to that Assembly this year."

674. "NO MORE WAR" DEMONSTRATIONS. The General Secretary reported several letters asking for the policy of the Executive Committee in regard to the "No More War" Demonstrations this year.

Resolved:- "That the Union should maintain the attitude of watchful co-operation in the "No More War demonstrations" that was adopted last year"

635. THE LEAGUE AND THE NEAR EAST. A proposal of the Editorial Committee dated 8.2.27 that there should be a publication of the Union on the League and the Near East was considered, and it was

Resolved:- "That this should be further considered after the report of the Near Eastern Settlement Committee had been received."

675. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Resolved:- "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on April 19th 1927."

*Gilbert Murray.*

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
 AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,  
 APRIL 19th 1923 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair); G.N.Barnes;  
 Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck; Reginald Berkeley; Percy Bigland;  
 A.W.Claremont; Herbert Fisher; E.W.Morton George; the Viscountess  
 Gladstone; General Gough; J.F.Green; John H.Harris; Sir Arthur  
 Haworth; David Hunter; Henry Vivian; Aneurin Williams: together  
 with the General Secretary and D.H.Mills.

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637. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir John Barran, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Sir W.H. Dickinson; Mrs.Ogilvie Gordon, Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe, Lord Queenborough and Mrs.Runciman.
638. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated March 20th 1923 were approved as circulated.
639. M.LOUCHEUR. The General Secretary reported that M.Loucheur's speech had come to hand and was now being translated.  
Resolved:- "That the translation of this speech be circulated to members of the Executive Committee."
640. DECENTRALISATION COMMITTEE. Mr.J.F.Green remarked that he thought he had been appointed a member of the Decentralisation Committee but that this was not recorded in the minutes.  
Resolved:- "That Mr.J.F.Green be asked to serve on the Decentralisation Committee."
641. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL - MR BAILLIE WEAVER. It was reported that Mr.Baillie Weaver had accepted a seat on the Executive Committee of the Union.  
 Professor Gilbert Murray stated that he had received an invitation to serve as a member of the National Peace Council and was considering the matter.
642. MANDATES COMMITTEE. It was reported that Sir Charles Lucas regretted that he was unable to accept the chairmanship of the Mandates Committee, and a suggestion was made that Lord Selborne be invited.  
Resolved:- "That a meeting of the Mandates Committee be held at the earliest possible moment and that this Committee be asked to suggest a Chairman and two additional members for co-optation."
643. LORD DERBY.  
Resolved:- "That no action be taken on minute 632, until Lord Robert Cecil's return, viz; to inviting Lord Derby to become a Vice-President of the Union."
644. LORD ROBERT CECIL IN AMERICA. Mr.J.H.Harris suggested that the Executive Committee should organise a demonstration to welcome Lord Robert Cecil on his return from his American tour.



Resolved:- "That the branches in Southampton and district should be asked to organise a welcome on Lord Robert's landing from the boat at Southampton and that the London Branches should be asked to attend in full strength at Waterloo station on his return to London."

645. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending April 17th 1923 showed a CREDIT BALANCE at the Bank amounting to £5,978-17.6 with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £2,000.

646. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Labour Advisory. The minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee dated 20.3.23 were approved and adopted. The General Secretary reported that a further meeting of this Committee had been held on April 17th and he drew the attention of the Executive to the following minute of that date:-

180. Reduction of the Budget of the International Labour Organisation. Attention was drawn to the recommendation just made by the Governing body of the I.L.O. for a reduction of the annual expenditure from £350,000 to £280,000.

Resolved:- "That the Executive Committee be asked to consider the possible effects of this decision, to satisfy itself that this economy can be effected without detriment to the work of the organisation, and take such action as may seem suitable."

Resolved:- "That a small sub-Committee should meet and prepare a report on the finances of the League of Nations, and particularly of the International Labour Organisation."

The following gentlemen consented to serve on this Committee:

Rt. Hon. G. S. Barnes, Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck;  
Captain Reginald Berkeley and Aneurin Williams, Esq.

(The minutes of 20.3.23 included (103) Trades Councils; (104) Mr. Badham; (105) Co-operative Societies; (106) Secretary's Report; (107) New Publications; (108) Labour Colleges; (109) Co-operative Societies; (110) Amalgamation of Labour Advisory & I.L.O. Committees; (111) Co-options; (112) Panel of speakers from labour circles).

(b) Finance. The minutes of the Finance Committee dated 21.3.23 were approved and adopted.

(These minutes included (325) Financial Statement; (326) General Council; (327) Westminster City Council; (328) Canteen Committee; (329) Oxford Branch; (330) Composition of Committee; (331) Glasgow Branch (332) Bank; and (333) Cheques).

(c) Christian Organisations. The minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated 22.3.23 and 6.4.23 were approved and adopted except minutes 163 and 165 concerned with Corporate

membership and the World Alliance.

The Executive Committee did not agree to the recommendation of the Christian Organisations Committee and

Resolved:- "That a small sub-Committee should be asked to see the British Council for the World Alliance in an endeavour to be released from the undertaking entered into by the Committee at its meeting held on January 11th."

This action was being taken in view of the fact that letters were being received from Branches all over the country protesting against the action taken by the Executive Committee in this matter, and also in view of statements made at the last meeting of the Council in this regard. The following promised to serve on this Committee to meet the World Alliance:-

Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P.  
Sir Arthur Haworth, Bt.  
E.W. Morton George, Esq. J.P.

(These minutes included (165) Corporate Membership; (166) World Peace Sunday; (167) Oxford Summer School; (168) Inset; (169) Resolution; (170) Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America; (171) "Headway" (172) Lord Robert Cecil in America; (173) Easter sermon by Cardinal Bourne; and (174) Corporate Members)

(c) Appeals. The consideration of the recommendation of the Appeals Committee of March 27th and April 10th that Sir Francis Trippe be invited to assist the Appeals Department in an effort to obtain £100,000 in large sums between April 15th and July 15th, was referred to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

(These minutes included (2) Treasure House scheme; (21) Garden Fete; (22) Co-operative Societies; (23) International Musical Festival; (24) Co-option of new members; and (25) Sir Francis Trippe).

(d) Hospitality. The minutes of the Hospitality Committee dated 22.3.23, 28.3.23 and 12.4.23 were approved and adopted.

The Executive Committee were of opinion that notices of the luncheon to Lord Robert Cecil should be sent to Embassies of States who were not Members of the League of Nations.

(e) Religions & Ethics. The minutes of the Committee of Religions & Ethics dated 3.4.23 were approved and adopted.

(These included minutes (151) Ethical Union; (152) French Committee (153) Cardinal Bourne; sermon; (154) Co-operation of Japan; (155) Rev. Hugh Chapman; (156) Mr. E.A. Appleton; and (157) resolution of Executive Committee).

(f) I.L.O. The minutes of the I.L.O. Committee dated 16.4.23 were approved and adopted.

Amalgamation. The Executive approved of the recommendation of both the I.L.O. and Labour Advisory Committees that the Committees be merged provided that the principle of equal representation of employers and employees be kept.

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These minutes included (36) Secretary's Report; (37) Budget of I.L.O.; (38) Amalgamation of I.L.O. and Labour Advisory Committees; (39) Panel of speakers).

(g) Staff Appointments. The General Secretary reported orally upon the meeting of the Staff Appointments Committee held earlier in the day. The Executive Committee approved of the following recommendations:-

- (1) That Mr. Weston takes over duties in the Appeals Department on July 1st, and that he takes a month's leave in June.
- see minute 26/11/1923* { (2) That Mr. Bain be given one month's notice on June 1st, and that the General Secretary be authorised to advertise for an accountant.
- (3) That the General Secretary should write to Captain Small to enquire when he thought he would be fit for duty again.
- (4) That for the future the following be entitled to six weeks annual leave: Mr. Freshwater, Mr. Whelen, Mr. Baker and Major Murray.
- (5) That in view of continued illness, Miss Booth be granted two month's further sick leave.
- (6) That in view of Miss Booth's illness, Mr. Weintal be retained in the Overseas Department until May 4th.
- (7) That until Mr. Weston takes up his duties in the Appeals Department, Miss Willoughby be paid at the rate of £3 per week.
- (8) That an application by Mr. H.E. Stainton for an increased subsistence allowance be not granted.
- (9) That the General Secretary be authorised to advertise for Regional representatives for Birmingham and East Anglia.

The Executive, subject to the concurrence of the Finance Committee also approved the General Secretary's proposals outlined in 10 below:

- (10) Proposed Reduction in salaries and wages. The Committee approved the proposals submitted by the General Secretary for giving effect to the decision of the General Council that the budgeted expenditure at the rate of £28,000 per annum as from 1st April 1923 should provide for the payment of at least £1,000 less in salaries and wages than were included in the estimated expenditure at the rate of £25,000 per annum as printed in the last column of page 23 of the Budget Committee's Report.

The General Secretary's proposals involve payment of £1428. per annum less in salaries and wages out of the new total of £28,000 than out of the former Budget total of £25,000 in respect of the work specified in that Budget. They also involve a

reduction in the clerical personnel in Public Meetings department; a saving of £104 in payment of porters and messengers; a saving of £200 in respect of stationery and office requisites, and remove the item of £274 in respect of the distribution of publications, thus meeting all the recommendations made in sections 19, 21 and 23 of the Budget Committee's Report, except that the Budget Committee ask for a saving of £150 instead of £104 in payment of porters and messengers, as approved by the General Council. These and other changes involved in the General Secretary's proposals would not have been possible had it not been for the Finance Bill now before Parliament.

647. AMENDED RULES.

Resolved:- "That the redraft of Rules 4, 12, 16 and 22 as amended at the Council meeting held on March 15th 1922 be approved as follows:-

RULE 4.

Resolved:- "That Rule 4 be amended by the omission of the last five words, so that the last paragraph of the rule shall read:-

"No persons shall be deemed to be members until they have paid at least the initial subscription."

RULE 12. "That as from July 1st 1923, Rule 12 be amended so as to read as follows:-

Not later than April of each year each Branch shall supply Headquarters with an annual statement of income and expenditure; and shall pay to Headquarters:

- (1) an annual fee of 7/6 for documents and literature supplied for the use of the Branch, this fee to be payable for the first time when the Branch has been in existence for a year; and
- (2) a capitation fee of threepence for each member of the Branch, together with the nett cost (2/6 per annum per member supplied) of HEADWAY and the nett cost (5/- per annum per member supplied) of other literature supplied to members of the Branch; and
- (3) one half of the balance of each membership subscription after deducting from it ninepence for the use of the Branch and the amount payable to Headquarters under sub-section (2) above; and
- (4) one half of all donations received by the Branch except such as are specifically given for other allocation.

provided that the Executive Committee shall have power to waive or modify these obligations in the case of Branches situated in Wales or Monmouthshire, and

in the case of Branches in Universities and University Colleges. Money raised under subparagraphs (2) and (4) will form part of the Branch's contribution to the Council's Vote.

[ It is requested that these contributions together with those under (2) shall be sent to Headquarters not later than one month from the date the subscriptions or donations are received by the Branch.]

RULE 16. "That the following additional clause be added to Rule 16:

Each District shall not later than April of each year supply Headquarters with an annual statement of income and expenditure, and shall pay to Headquarters

- (i) an annual fee of 7/6d for documents and literature supplied for the use of the District. This fee to be payable for the first time when the District has been in existence for a year;
- (ii) and the proportion specified in sub-sections (2), (3) and (4) of Rule 12 of all subscriptions or donations paid direct to the District instead of to a Branch.

provided that the Executive Committee shall have power to waive or modify these obligations in the case of Districts situated in Wales or Monmouthshire.

[ It is requested that these contributions shall be sent to Headquarters not later than one month after the subscription or donation has been received by the District.]

RULE 22.

Resolved:- "That the following words be included in Rule 22 immediately following the second paragraph of that Rule:-

"The second regular meeting of the General Council shall be held during the month of December. At this meeting the Council shall vote for the use of Headquarters during the ensuing year a sum of money, which shall be called the Council's Vote, for that year, and which shall be additional to any payments which Branches may make to Headquarters under Rule 12 in respect of literature, documents and threepenny capitation fees. Each Branch or District shall raise and send to Headquarters during that year such proportion of the Council's Vote, as the Executive Committee may notify. This notification shall be made as soon as possible after the Council's meeting."

640. BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION. The General Secretary reported that on the previous day he had seen Mr. Kendal, the Conference officer of the British Empire exhibition, who had suggested that the Union might be interested to take a stall at the Exhibition. The General Secretary stated that he would bring the matter before

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the Executive Committee. The Committee agreed to the General Secretary making further enquiries.

649. NEXT MEETING.

Resolved:- "That the next meeting of the Executive Committee be held on Thursday, April 26th 1927."

*Gilbert Murray*

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, APRIL 26th,  
1923 at 11.30. a.m.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair); G.N. Barnes  
Reginald Berkeley; Percy Bigland; D. Clifton Brown; David Davies;  
Sir Willoughby Dickinson; E.W. Morton George; J.F. Green; John H.  
Harris; Sir Arthur Haworth; Sir Charles Hobhouse; David Hunter;  
Lord Queenborough; Raymond Upwin; and Aneurin Williams; together  
with the General Secretary and D.H. Mills.

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650. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir Arthur Shirley Bann, Major J.D. Birchall, Mrs. A.W. Clarendon, Mr. F.N. Keen, Admiral Drury Lowe and Sir Frederick Lugard.
651. MINUTES. The General Secretary pointed out an error in minute 646 (2). He asked that this should read as follows:-

"That Mr. Bain be retained on the staff for a further month, i.e., until June 1st, and that the General Secretary be authorised to advertise for an accountant"..

This amendment was approved.

Further consideration of the minutes of the meeting held on April 19th, 1923 was adjourned for discussion at the next meeting.

652. LORD ROBERT CECIL - WELCOME. It was reported that the Southampton Branch was organising a welcome to Lord Robert Cecil when he arrives at Southampton, and the London Federation had also asked its Branches to make an effort to be represented at Waterloo Station at 11 o'clock on May 5th.
653. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. Professor Gilbert Murray reported that he had accepted the invitation to serve as a member of the National Peace Council.
654. INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION. The General Secretary reported that Mr. H.B. Butler had addressed a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee on the question of the I.L.O. on April 24th and in response to the request of the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee, he had circulated to two-thirds of the Parliamentary Committee a memorandum on the work of the I.L.O. This memorandum would be in the hands of the Parliamentary Committee that morning.
- The sub-Committee which had been set up at the last meeting of the Executive had not yet been summoned.
- Resolved:- "That this Committee be summoned to meet at Headquarter on Tuesday, May 1st at 11.30 a.m.
655. CORPORATE MEMBERS. It was reported that the sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting to meet the World Alliance in regard to the arrangement entered into with them by the Union in regard to Corporate Members had not yet met. It was proposed

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to hold this meeting next week, and as Mr. Morton George intimated that he was unable to attend, Mr. J.H. Harris was asked and consented to take his place.

656. SIR FRANCIS TRIPPEL. The Committee considered the recommendations of the Appeals and Finance Committees that Sir Francis Trippel be invited to assist in a three months effort to raise £100,000 on the conditions stated in the General Secretary's letter dated March 27th. (*See Annex 18*)

The General Secretary reported a letter from Lord Esher, who stated that Sir Francis had helped in Appeals campaigns in which he had been connected, notably with the affairs of the University of Cambridge in which Sir Francis had been singularly successful. Major Birchall, however, had written stating that he did not like the idea of appointing Sir Francis Trippel on the conditions named.

- Resolved:- 1. That the recommendation of the Finance & Appeals Committee be adopted.
2. That the General Secretary write to Sir Francis Trippel telling him that he would not be considered to have a claim against the Union in the event of his failing to raise £100,000 in the time specified.

657. RUHR. The memorandum on the League and the Ruhr was adjourned for consideration at the next meeting of the Executive. Meanwhile members of the Executive should be asked to send their comments on the circulated memorandum so as to reach the General Secretary by the first post on Monday, April 30th and that the General Secretary should be asked to revise the memorandum in the light of these communications. The revised memo should be circulated with other papers for the next meeting of the Executive.

658. GERMANY - COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE.

Resolved:- "That in the opinion of the Committee Germany should be given a <sup>permanent</sup> place on the Council immediately on becoming a member of the League."

659. GENERAL COUNCIL - ANNUAL MEETING.

Resolved:- "That the Annual meeting of the General Council be held in London on June 7th".

660. APPEALS - PERCENTAGE BASIS. The following notice of motion standing in the name of Mr. Morton George was withdrawn:-

"That in the opinion of this Committee the employment of persons on a percentage commission should not form part of any scheme for raising funds on behalf of the League of Nations Union."

*Gilbert Murray.*



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27th March, 1923.

Dear Sir Francis Trippel,

I saw the Chairman of my Finance Committee yesterday, and we had a meeting of our Appeal Committee this morning when I was authorised to invite you to assist me in an effort to obtain £100,000 in large sums between 15th April and 15th July next. If you are willing to undertake this task I am to offer you personal expenses at the rate of £100 a month for these three months, and either

1. a fee of £10,000, less total expenses, if by 15th July the Union shall have received not less than £100,000 in cash as a result of this effort; or
2. a fee of £5,000, less total expenses, if by 15th July the Union shall have received as a result of this effort not less than £100,000 payable under deed within ten years in equal yearly or half-yearly instalments.

Provided that your plan for obtaining the money must be approved beforehand by the Union. The Committee particularly desired that you should tell me beforehand the names of the potential donors you intended to approach in order that I might let you know whether we had already asked them for money, and if so with what result, and in order that no request should be addressed to any individual whom you approach in this way that would in my view be likely to injure the work of the Union.

The reason for making the fee £5,000 in the case of promises under deed is that promises of £100,000 payable under deed might cost the donors not more than £40,000 if the highest rate at which each of them pays super-tax is not less than 5/- and if future payments are discounted at 5% per annum.

Will you let me know whether you are prepared to accept this invitation to advance the cause of the League of Nations — and, as I think, of European unity — by collecting money for the League of Nations Union.

I should also like to know as soon as possible what Sir Max Waechter thought of my letter and what he is going to do about it.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) J.C. Maxwell Garnett.

Sir Francis Trippel,  
87, Oakwood Court,  
W.14.

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8.5.23.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, MAY 3rd  
1923 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair); G.N.Barnes; Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck; Reginald Berkeley; Percy Bigland; A.W.Claremont; David Davies; Sir Willoughby Dickinson; Viscountess Gladstone; Mrs.Ogilvie Gordon; J.F.Green; John H. Harris; Sir Arthur Haworth; Sir Charles Hobhouse; Oswald Mosley; Henry Vivian; H.Baillie Weaver and Aneurin Williams; together with the General Secretary and D.H.Mills.

M I N U T E S

661. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir John Barran, Lord Burnham, Lady Denman, Mr.Morton George, Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe, and Lord Queenborough.
662. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held April 26th 1923 were approved as circulated.
663. SIR FRANCIS TRIPPEL. The General Secretary reported that Sir Francis Trippel had agreed to the conditions of appointment as laid down at the last meeting of the Executive Committee. The Committee agreed that Sir Francis Trippel's appointment should commence on May 1st instead of April 15th as stated in the General Secretary's letter of March 27th 1923.
664. GENERAL COUNCIL - ANNUAL MEETING. The General Secretary reported that it would not be possible to have ready the report of the Decentralisation Committee in time for the General Council on June 7th. He asked therefore that the Annual meeting should be held some time in the following month.
- Resolved:- "That the Annual Meeting of the General Council be held in London on Thursday, July 19th."
665. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending April 30th 1923 showed a CREDIT BALANCE at the Bank amounting to £4,664.12.4 with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £2,000.
666. THE LEAGUE AND THE RUHR. The General Secretary reported that in accordance with the decision of the last meeting of the Executive four members of the Committee had sent in their different criticisms of the memorandum "The League and the Ruhr". These he had so far as possible incorporated in the revised memorandum now before the Committee. This memorandum was considered, certain criticisms offered for its amendment, and the re-draft of the memorandum in the light of the discussion of the Executive was left in the hands of Professor Gilbert Murray.

The Committee adopted the following resolutions as its policy towards the Reparations problem:-

1. That both countries be given effective security in such a pact as the Temporary Mixed Commission of the League of Nations has been preparing, and by such other means as the Council of the League may devise for example the creation of
- See  
minute 679  
for amendment*

demilitarised zones both in French and German territory.

2. That Germany should apply for, and be immediately granted, admission to the League of Nations, with a permanent place on the Council of the League. With a view to this result the Council of the League should formally invite Germany to apply for membership.
3. That Great Britain should act generously in regard to the debt owed her by France.
4. That the restoration of the devastated areas in Belgium and France should be the first charge upon the reparation payments by Germany.
5. That German territory occupied since the beginning of 1923 be evacuated.
6. That the Council of the League set up an independent International Commission, including Americans, to report within a specified time (a) on the amount properly due in reparations under the terms of the Armistice, (b) on the amount which Germany has already paid, and (c) on Germany's capacity to pay; and on the basis of this report make proposals for a final settlement of reparations and of allied debts.

The Committee further

Resolved:- "That in view of the offer which Germany has made to the Allied and Associated Governments, the League of Nations Union is of opinion that the time has now arrived when the British Government should suggest that the closely connected questions of reparations, inter-allied debts, security of frontiers and limitation of armaments should be referred to the Council of the League, and that Germany should be immediately invited to become a Member of the Council."

667. SAAR VALLEY.

Resolved:- "That the Executive of the L.M.U. takes note of the Provisional Decree of the Governing Commission of the Saar Valley, which by Article 2 makes it an offence punishable by five years' imprisonment and a fine of 10,000 francs if anyone in public or in meeting

Cast discredit on the Peace of Versailles or insult or traduce the League of Nations, its members or the States signatory to the Peace of Versailles:

The Executive considers that such a decree is calculated to bring the League into deserved ridicule, and deeply regrets that its withdrawal was not secured by the Council of the League at its meeting in April 1923.

The Executive is further of opinion that the membership of the Saar Governing Commission should be reconsidered at the first opportunity."

It was further

Resolved:- "That the Rt. Hon. E. F. L. Wood be asked to receive a deputation from the Executive Committee in regard to the last meeting of the Council, and in particular in regard to the decision of the Council about the Saar Valley.

Captain Berkeley reported that Mr. Wood had promised to address a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee on the subject of the last Council meeting on Tuesday, May 15th.

668. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Editorial. Subject to the postponement of the consideration of minute 6a, the minutes of the Editorial Committee dated 12th April 1923 were approved and adopted.

(These minutes included (4) Dr William Garnett; (5) Anthology or Reciter of Poems; (6) Suggestions from Accountant; (8) Student Christian Movement; and (9) "New World" Series).

(b) Labour Advisory. The minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee dated April 17th 1923 were approved and adopted.

(These minutes included (116) Geneva Summer School; (117) Pamphlet on I.L.O.; (118) Secretary's Report; (119) Labour Party; (120) Budget of I.L.O.; (121) Amalgamation of I.L.O and Labour Advisory Committees; and (122) Panel of speakers).

(c) Management. Subject to an alteration in minute 358 the minutes of the Management Committee dated April 26th 1923 were approved and adopted.

(These minutes included (355) Film; (356) Assembly Tour; (357) Recognition of Branches; (358) HEADWAY; (360) London Region; and (363) League of Nations Day.

(d) Education. The minutes of the Education Committee dated April 27th 1923 were approved and adopted. The memorandum on Intellectual Co-operation was adjourned for consideration to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

(e) Vienna Conference. The Committee approved of the recommendation of the Vienna Conference sub-Committee that the following should be asked to attend the Vienna Conference as delegates this year:-

Colonel David Davies, M.P.  
 Rt. Hon. Sir Willoughby Dickinson, K.B.E.  
 Sir Walter Rappier, D.C.L.  
 Mr. Aneurin Williams, J.P.  
 The Viscountess Gladstone.  
 Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe, C.M.G.,  
 Brig. General C.D. Bruce, C.B.E.  
 Mr. Tom Shaw, M.P.  
 Mr. Henry Vivian, J.P.  
 Sir Arthur Haworth, Bt.  
 Mr. Wynch.  
 Mrs. Wynch.  
 Mrs. Maxwell Garnett  
 Mr. Frederick Wheeler.

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Captain Reginald Berkeley, M.C., M.P.  
 Mr. W. T. Layton.  
 Mr. Gwilym Davies,  
 Dr J. C. Maxwell Garnett, C.B.E.,  
 Mrs. Edgar Dugdale.  
 The Overseas Secretary.

Sir Arthur Haworth intimated that he was unable to attend this year.

669. CAPTAIN POTTER - COMMUNICATION FROM LT. COLONEL HARVEY WELMAN.  
 The General Secretary reported correspondence with Lieut. Colonel Harvey Welman, (the Chairman of the West Haddon Branch), who complained of the extreme left attitude taken up by Captain Potter at a recent meeting held under the auspices of the West Haddon Branch of the L.N.U. The General Secretary had explained to Colonel Welman that Captain Potter was an officer of the Birmingham Branch, and that he had therefore asked Sir Gilbert Barling, as Chairman of that Branch, to take such action as he deemed necessary. Sir Gilbert had replied that the matter had been considered by a sub-Committee of the Birmingham Branch, who had censured Captain Potter's un wisdom and received an understanding from him that in the future he would not offend in the same way. Lieut. Colonel Welman did not agree that this action was sufficient under the circumstances, and requested that the whole matter be placed before the Executive Committee in London.

Resolved:- "That no action be taken."

670. RESIGNATIONS. The resignations, from membership of the Committee, from Mr. A. Eberlin and Mr. Philip Snowden, were received with regret.

Resolved:- "That the question of inviting Mrs. Philip Snowden to accept a seat on the Committee in place of her husband be considered at the next meeting of the Committee."

671. ARMENIA - REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS. The resolution by Mr. Aneurin Williams of Armenia and a memorandum by Captain Berkeley on the reduction of armaments were adjourned for consideration to the next meeting of the Committee.

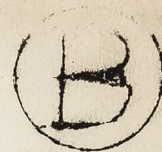
672. NEXT MEETING.

Resolved:- "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, May 10th 1923."

Robert Cecil

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15.5.23.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,  
MAY 10th 1923 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- Lord Robert Cecil, Sir John Barran, Reginald Berkeley, D. Clifton Brown, David Davies, Sir Villoughby Dickinson, H.A.L. Fisher, E.W. Morton George, the Viscountess Gladstone, J.F. Green, John H. Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, F.W. Keen, Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe, Sir Frederick Maurice, Gilbert Murray, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian and H. Baillie Weaver: together with the General Secretary and D.H. Mills.

MINUTES

673. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr. G.N. Barnes, Mrs. A.W. Claremont, Mr. A.W. Claremont, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon and Mr. Aneurin Williams.
674. MINUTES. Subject to the amendment of minute 666 (as detailed below in minute 679), the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated May 3rd 1923 were approved as circulated.
675. SAAR VALLEY.

Resolved:- "That the resolution of last week's Executive Committee in regard to the Saar Valley, be sent to the Government."

It was agreed that as Mr. E.F.L. Wood had promised to make a statement to the House of Commons in regard to the action of the Council on the Saar, the question of asking him to receive a deputation be postponed.

676. VIENNA CONFERENCE - DELEGATES. It was reported that the Overseas Committee had recommended that Mr. George Barnes should be asked to attend the Vienna Conference, in the place of Sir Arthur Haworth, and failing him, that Mr. Ben Turner be asked.

677. MR PHILIP SNOWDEN.

Resolved:- "That minutes 670 of the last Executive in so far as it referred to Mr. Philip Snowden, be rescinded, and that Mr. Snowden be asked to reconsider his decision to resign on the understanding that he would not be expected to regularly attend the meetings of the Committee."

678. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE.

(a) Staff Appointments. The minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated May 3rd 1923 were approved and adopted.

(These minutes included (225) Captain Small; (226) Annual Leave; (227) Regional Representatives; (228) Typist; (229) Headway; and (230) Mr. Whelen).

(b) Mandates. The minutes of the Mandates Committee dated May 7th 1923 were approved and adopted.

Resolved:- "That the members of the Executive Committee be asked to join with the Mandates Committee in

meeting the three Governors of West African Colonies with a view to securing the abolition of the abuses which at present take place in colonial possessions and territories under mandate."

(c) World Alliance. The report of the Conference between the representatives of the World Alliance and representatives of the League of Nations Union on May 3rd on the question of Corporate Membership was approved and adopted.

This report stated that the representatives of the Union asked the World Alliance to release the Union from its obligations contained in paragraph 6 of minute 535 of the Executive Committee of the Union in which the Union agreed to suspend all efforts to induce congregations to become Corporate Members of the Union. Subject to confirmation by their Executive Committees, the representatives of the World Alliance and those of the L.N.U., agreed (1) that all seven points of the agreement between the Union and the World Alliance should be cancelled; (2) that a Conference between the Union and the World Alliance be held some time between June 15th and July 19th; (3) that meanwhile the L.N.U. representatives undertook that Headquarters would take no active part in the campaign for securing Corporate Members, but that such Corporate Members as might be enrolled by the efforts of local bodies should be accepted by the Union; and (4) that a paragraph be inserted in "Headway" to the effect that discussions were taking place between the two bodies.

(d) Overseas. Colonel Davies, as Chairman of the Overseas Committee, asked that the two resolutions on the Ruhr occupation and the Saar Valley respectively, passed at the last meeting of the Executive, should be put on the agenda for the Vienna Conference of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies.

Resolved:- 1. That the resolution on the Saar Valley should not be submitted for the agenda of the International Federation by the L.N.U.

2. That the following resolution on the Ruhr be submitted instead of the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Executive Committee:-

"That the International Federation of League of Nations Societies is of opinion that the time has now arrived when action should be taken in accordance with the Covenant of the League, and with the assistance, if possible, of Germany and the United States, to secure a settlement of the questions of reparations, inter-allied debts and security of frontiers."

679. "THE LEAGUE AND THE RUHR." The Committee considered the revised draft of the memorandum on the "League and the Ruhr". The memorandum was further amended and adopted.

The resolutions adopted in minute 566 of the last meeting of the Committee were amended to read as follows:-

1. That both countries should be given effective reciprocal security in such a pact as the Temporary Mixed Commission of the League of Nations has been preparing, and by such other means as the Council of the League may devise; for example the creation of demilitarised zones

both in German and in French territory.

2. That Germany should apply for, and be immediately granted, admission to the League of Nations, with a permanent place on the Council of the League.
3. That Great Britain should act generously in regard to the debt owed her by France.
4. That the restoration of the devastated areas in Belgium and France should be the first charge upon the reparation payments by Germany.
5. That German territory occupied since the beginning of 1923 should be evacuated.
6. That the Council of the League should set up an independent International Commission, including Americans, to report within a specified time (a) on the amount which Germany has already paid; and (b) on Germany's capacity to pay; and on the basis of this report make proposals for a final settlement of reparations and of allied debts.

It was further

Resolved:- "That the following resolution take the place of the one adopted at the last meeting of the Committee:-

- (a) That in the opinion of this Committee, it is urgently necessary that the question of the Ruhr occupation and the questions connected therewith should be dealt with by the League of Nations, and that with this object a special meeting of the Council of the League should be called forthwith to consider this matter, and that the British Prime Minister or Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs should attend such meeting in person and be prepared to bring the matter before the Council under Article 11 of the Covenant."

The following resolutions were also proposed but consideration was adjourned:-

- (b) That if the Council then decides to concern itself with the question of the Ruhr and the associated questions of reparations, inter-allied debts, limitation of armaments and security of frontiers, Germany should be given an opportunity for attending the meeting of the Council when these matters are discussed.
- (c) That the Executive adheres to its view that Germany should immediately apply for membership of the League, that she should be made a Member of the Council at the earliest possible moment, and urges that the British Government should make its views known to the German Government in regard to this matter as soon as possible.



680. "NO MORE WAR" DEMONSTRATIONS. The General Secretary reported that within the last ten days he had been informed of the resolution adopted by the "No More War" Demonstration Committee which it was intended should be put simultaneously at all the demonstrations to be held on the 28th and 29th July. That resolution read as follows:-

"This Mass Meeting of Citizens sends fraternal greetings to the similar gatherings now held throughout the World to express abhorrence of War and Militarism, joins with them in declaring that the time has come for the people to insist upon universal disarmament, and calls upon its own Government to take the initiative in making a definite proposal for immediate disarmament, by Land, Sea, and Air, by mutual agreement."

As this resolution was decided upon without consulting the Executive Committee, or the General Secretary, (who last year secured considerable changes in the wording of the resolution first proposed), and as the Executive Committee might perhaps prefer to withhold support from this year's resolution, lest their acceptance of such a phrase as "universal disarmament" should give rise to misconception, the General Secretary suggested that the Committee might wish to reconsider the Union's attitude towards this year's demonstrations. He recommended, however, that the Union continue to pursue its policy of watchful co-operation.

Resolved:- "That unless the resolution can be altered so as to satisfy the Executive Committee -

- (a) That Headquarters should take no active part in the demonstrations; that therefore the Union's name should not appear on the list of co-operating Societies, while the General Secretary should resign from the National Committee; and that speakers whom the Headquarters of the Union might find for these demonstrations should not speak as representing the Union.
- (b) That Branches should remain free to co-operate in the demonstrations with a view to persuading the demonstrators that the League of Nations affords the best hope of no more war.

681. REFUGEES IN GREECE. The following resolution was adopted:-

"That this Executive hears with pleasure that the Council of the League of Nations has referred to a Finance Committee the question of a loan to Greece of £10,000,000 to render possible the resettlement of the million refugees now in Greece, and urges that such loans be made as soon as possible. It commends to the Branches of the Union this proposal and generally the urgent case of these refugees as the most practical means of assuring the resettlement on an adequate scale of those who have been driven from their homes, and are in dire need."

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682. OPTIUM - RESOLUTION. The following resolution was adopted:-

"The Executive Committee of the L.N.U. deeply impressed by the importance of the questions to be considered at its forthcoming meeting by the Advisory Committee of the League of Nations on Opium and other dangerous drugs, urges the Government to instruct its delegate on that Committee to press for the holding of the meetings of the Committee in public. The Executive Committee further urges the Government to instruct its representative to press the Advisory Committee to proceed as rapidly as possible with the preparation of a policy for the limitation of the world production of opium, and to pledge the British Government to the support of such a policy, whatever it may cost."

Lord Robert Cecil promised to see the Home Secretary in regard to this matter.

683. CHEQUES - SIGNATURE. The Committee approved of the General Secretary's proposal that in the absence of an accountant the cheques be countersigned by Mr. Freshwater.

*Daniel Davis*

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25.5.23.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, MAY  
17th 1923 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- Mr. David Davies (in the Chair); G.A. Barnes; Reginald Berkeley; Percy Bigland; J.D. Birchall; Mrs. A.W. Claremont; A.W. Claremont; Sir Willoughby Dickinson; E.W. Morton George; the Viscountess Gladstone; J.F. Green; John H. Harris; David Hunter; F.N. Keen; Sir Frederick Lugard; Sir Frederick Maurice; and H. Baillie Weaver; together with the General Secretary and D.H. Mills.

MINUTES

684. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir John Barran, Lady Denman, Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe, Mr. Charles Roberts, and Mr. Aneurin Williams.
685. CHAIRMAN. In the absence of Lord Robert Cecil and Professor Gilbert Murray, Mr. David Davies was elected to the Chair.
686. MINUTES. Subject to an amendment in minute 681 to read as follows, the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated May 10th were approved as circulated:-

Refugees in Greece. "That this Executive hears with pleasure that the Council of the League of Nations has referred to a Finance Committee the question of a loan to Greece of £10,000,000 to render possible the resettlement of the million refugees now in Greece. It commends to the Branches of the Union this proposal as the most practical means of assuring the resettlement on an adequate scale of those who have been driven from their homes and are in dire need, and urges that such loan be made as soon as possible."

687. "NO MORE WAR" DEMONSTRATIONS. Mr. Baillie Weaver promised to discuss with the General Secretary, the question of the "No More War" demonstration resolution and offered his services to get it altered so as to meet the wishes of the Executive Committee.
688. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial statement for the period ending May 15th 1923 showed a CREDIT BALANCE at the Bank amounting to £4,389.6.1 with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £2,000.
689. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Minorities. The minutes of the Minorities Committee dated May 8th 1923 were approved and adopted.

(b) Overseas. The minutes of the Overseas Committee dated May 9th 1923 were approved and adopted.

Resolved:- "That the <sup>proposal</sup> ~~recommendation~~ <sup>plan</sup> of the Overseas Committee that the Assembly of the Federation of Societies be invited to meet in London next year, be not adopted."

Mr Barnes intimated that he would accept the invitation of the Executive Committee to go to Vienna as a delegate.

484. British Legion & L.N.U. - Co-operation. The General Secretary reported that discussions were proceeding in regard to co-operation between the L.N.U. and the British Legion.

General Maurice suggested that the General Secretary might attend the next annual Conference of the British Legion.

The following resolutions of the Vienna delegation Committee to be placed on the agenda at the Vienna Assembly were amended and approved as follows:-

French and English Texts in Federation Documents.

"That all printed documents issued by the Secretariat of the Federation of League of Nations Societies should be issued in both French and English."

Time Limit. "That there should be substituted for rule 11, of the present statutes of the Federation the following provisions for Time Limit:"

1. All the resolutions presented by the Associations at the annual Plenary Assembly of the Federation must be in the hands of the Secretariat of the Federation at least seven full weeks before the opening of the Assembly.
2. No resolution shall be submitted to the Assembly unless it has been despatched by the Secretariat to each of the Associations at least five full weeks before the opening of the Plenary Assembly.
3. If, as an exception, the assembly should declare by a majority of 2/3 of its present and voting members that a question is urgent, the Assembly shall be entitled to deliberate upon it."

Voting Power. "That the Assembly of the Federation approves the principle that the voting powers of the National Societies should bear some relation to the proportion which the Membership of the Societies bear to the population of their States.

Resolutions regarding the Educational Programme of the Federated Societies.

1. "That each National Society should form branches in every part of its country and they should through those branches organise public opinion in support of the League of Nations.
2. That each National Society should make special efforts to secure that the teachers in the Universities and Schools of its country are acquainted with the Constitution, achievements and aims of the League of Nations, and that with the co-operation of all educational authorities, local as well as central, they convey such knowledge in an appropriate form to the pupils in the Schools and the students in the Universities.

31. That each Society should take steps to ensure that there is available in its country, a supply of suitable literature, including text books and newspaper articles as well as pamphlets and other special publications, setting forth the Constitution, achievements and aims of the League of Nations."

Secretary-General's Report.

"That the Secretary General's Annual Report should be submitted to the National Societies five full weeks before the meeting of the Assembly, and that this report should include statements on the Activities; membership (stating figures) and expenditure of each National Society; and that each National Society should be called upon to furnish the Secretary General with information on these points."

(These minutes included (481) Vienna Conference; (482) Mr. Caraw's scheme; (484) Scheme for co-operation between British Legion and Union; (485) Assignment of German sub-Committee; (489) British Empire Exhibition; and (490) Ruhr resolution).

(c) Editorial. Subject to an amendment in minute 4 and the redrafting of minute 6, the minutes of the Editorial Committee dated May 10th 1928 were approved and adopted:

(These minutes included (4) International Science; (5) New publications; (6) "World Dope Menace"; (7) Children's page for "Headway"; and (9) Overseas committee).

(d) Appeals. The minutes of the Appeals Committee dated May 10th 1928 were approved and adopted.

(These minutes included (20) Treasure House scheme; (21) Co-operative Societies; (22) International Musical Festival; (23) New Members; (24) Garden Fete; (25) Subscribers to Headquarters; and (26) Letter to Commercial Firms).

(e) Labour Advisory. The General Secretary reported orally upon the meeting of the Labour Advisory Committee held May 15th.

126. Labour Party Annual Conference. This report stated that Mr. Clynes had advised that the Union should not make an effort to include a resolution on the agenda for the Labour Party Annual Conference.

It had been agreed that for purposes of better understanding and co-operation between the Union and groups of Labour M.P.'s critical of the League, a meeting of Labour Members of Parliament and officers of the Union be held on Wednesday, June 6th.

127. Amalgamation. The Labour Advisory Committee recommended -

- (a) That the Committees be amalgamated and that the new Committee consist of:

Lord Burnham (Chairman);  
 Three British representatives on the  
 Governing Body of the T.L.O.  
 Six persons nominated by the General Council  
 of the Trades Union Congress;  
 Two persons nominated by the Co-operative  
 Union.  
 Five representative employers nominated by  
 the Executive Committee of the Union.  
 Six other persons nominated by the Executive  
 Committee of the Union.

The Committee would thus include the original members  
 of the T.L.O. and Labour Advisory Committees, with the  
 exception of Lady Denman who wished to resign, and the  
 co-optation of Mr. Harry Gosling, Mr. Sidney Webb and  
 Lord Weir.

(b) That the terms of reference be -

To advise the Executive:-

- (i) on the best means of spreading a  
 knowledge of the League of Nations  
 and its International Labour Organisation,  
 and of maintaining support for these  
 Organisations amongst associations of  
 employers and employed.
- (ii) on the necessity and possibilities of  
 securing contact for exchange of opinions  
 between the Union, and these Organisations  
 working for the reconstruction of the  
 League of Nations.

Lord Burnham had written his assent to the composition  
 of the amalgamated Committee.

The Labour Advisory Report was approved and adopted.

(f) Staff Appointments. The General Secretary reported orally  
 upon the meeting of the Staff Appointments Committee held earlier  
 in the day. The Committee recommended:-

1. That the amount of £17.12.6 claimed by Captain  
 Small for expenses in Geneva be deducted from  
 his June salary cheque unless in the meantime  
 Captain Small makes good his claim.
2. That Captain Thomas, who was formerly Regional  
 Representative in the south-east Region, and is  
 now temporarily discharging Captain Small's duties  
 in the Labour Department, may return to his former  
 work at the discretion of the General Secretary.
3. That Miss Tynan may be transferred from her present  
 region to East Anglia, if and when a suitable repre-  
 sentative for her present region can be found.
4. That consideration of the application from Dame  
 Adelaide Livingstone for an appointment be deferred  
 until Lord Robert Cecil has been further consulted.
5. That Mr. L.O.L. Bell be appointed as Regional Repre-  
 sentative for the West Midlands Region at a salary

of \$400 per annum subject to the usual conditions.

6. That the Committee consider the revision of salaries at its first meeting in June, and at its first meeting in December.

The report was approved and adopted.

690. MR PHILIP SNOWDEN. The General Secretary reported a letter from Mr. Philip Snowden in which he consented to withdraw his resignation upon the understanding that the Committee did not expect him to attend meetings regularly.
691. REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS. The Committee considered a report by Captain Berkeley upon the proposals of the Disarmaments Committee of the Federation of Associations for the League of Nations which met at Basle on March 28th. Captain Berkeley was heartily thanked for the report, and it was

Resolved:- "That the report be sent to the Federation.

General Maurice made one or two criticisms of the resolutions contained in the report and Captain Berkeley said he would endeavour to have the resolutions amended accordingly.

692. INTELLECTUAL CO-OPERATION. In the absence of Professor Gilbert Murray, consideration of the report on the Committee of Intellectual Co-operation was adjourned until he could be present. In the meantime Professor Murray was to be asked to suggest amendments to Mr. Delisle Burns and Mr. Basil Yeaxley who were responsible for the drafting of the report.

693. LORD DERBY - VICE-PRESIDENT.

Resolved:- "That the question of inviting Lord Derby to become a Vice-President of the Union be adjourned to a meeting of the Committee at which both Lord Robert and Professor Gilbert Murray could be present."

694. "THE LEAGUE AND THE RUHR".

Resolved:- "That the following resolutions passed by the last Executive:-

"That in the opinion of this Committee, it is urgently necessary that the question of the Ruhr occupation and the questions connected therewith should be dealt with by the League of Nations, and that with this object a special meeting of the Council of the League should be called forthwith to consider this matter, and that the British Prime Minister or Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs should attend such meeting in person and be prepared to bring the matter before the Council under Article 11 of the Covenant."

together with the following further resolutions now adopted -

That if the Council then decides to concern itself with the question of the Ruhr and the associated questions of reparations, inter-

allied debts, limitation of armaments and security of frontiers, Germany should be given an opportunity for attending the meeting of the Council when these matters are discussed.

That the Executive adheres to its view that Germany should immediately apply for membership of the League, that she should be made a Member of the Council at the earliest possible moment, and urges that the British Government should make its views known to the German Government in regard to this matter as soon as possible.

be sent -

1. To the Government.
2. To Branches with a request that they should send similar resolutions to the Government.
3. Published in the Press.

695. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL - CONFERENCES. The General Secretary read a letter from the Organising Secretary of the National Peace Council asking for a formal note to say that the local Branches of the Union were being recommended to give assistance to the work of making the local Peace Conferences a success. These Conferences included one each at Leeds (3 days) Manchester (1 day) and London (1 day). The General Secretary reported that already on 9th March last, pending discussion of the matter by the Executive Committee, he had provisionally advised the Leeds Branch of the Union to assist the Societies represented on the National Peace Council in organising the Congress for next June, and to take the opportunity thus afforded for convincing these societies that the League of Nations affords the only reasonable hope of achieving the international peace and security at which all the Societies aim. The Committee

Resolved:- "To approve the action of the General Secretary, and to ask him to inform the Organising Secretary of the National Peace Council that the Branches of the Union in Leeds, Manchester and London were being advised to co-operate with the National Peace Council in organising these Conferences. But the General Secretary was to make it clear that the Executive's action in giving this advice did not imply the Executive Committee's acceptance of all the four points set forth in their pamphlet entitled "Great National Campaign for Peace" and also in their prospectus of "A Great London People's Peace Conference."

696. GENERAL COUNCIL - HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENT. The General Secretary read a communication from the Hon. S.N. Bruce, Prime Minister of Australia agreeing to his name being submitted as an Honorary Vice-President of the Union.

Resolved:- 1. That the Executive Committee recommends the re-election of the following officers to the Annual Meeting of the General Council:-



- (a) President.
- (b) Hon. Presidents.
- (c) Vice-Presidents.
- (d) Hon. Vice-Presidents. (with the additional name of the Hon. S.A. Bruce).
- (e) Trustees.

The Committee considered the attendances of members of the Executive Committee, and attention was drawn to the following Rule 22 which provided that the Council should elect the Executive Committee to consist of not more than 30 members:-

"The Council shall also at this meeting elect an Executive Committee which shall consist of not more than 30 members of the Union, subject to the provision as to co-optation hereinafter contained."

The question as to which 30 members of the Executive should be recommended for re-election was left in the hands of Lord Robert Cecil and Professor Gilbert Murray.

697. SINGAPORE HARBOUR.

Resolved:- "That Admiral Drury Lowe, in consultation with the Intelligence Section, be asked to draft a memorandum on the subject of the Singapore Harbour to be considered at the next meeting of the Executive Committee."

698. SAAR VALLEY DECREE.

Resolved:- "That the Government be urged to summon a special meeting of the Council of the League of Nations to take such action as is desirable to secure the withdrawal of the Saar Valley Decree."

699. VIENNA CONFERENCE - COUNCIL.

Resolved:- "That the following be asked to represent the Union on the Council of the Federation of Societies, namely, Mr. David Davies, Sir W.H. Dickinson, and Lady Gladstone."

In the event of Lady Gladstone being unable to accept, the question of a third representative was left in the hands of Mr. Davies and Sir Willoughby Dickinson.

700. PARLIAMENTARY WATCHING COMMITTEE. The question of the formation of a Watching Committee - a sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Committee of the Union, was adjourned for consideration to the next meeting of the Committee.

701. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES. The General Secretary reported that in accordance with the recommendation of the Executive Committee to the Council that the Union would be prepared to accept Corporate Associates under certain conditions, that several applications had been received. He asked for authority to accept those applications, until the Council adopts the Committee's recommendation.

Resolved:- "That authority be given."

702. LEAGUE OF NATIONS DAY. As a matter of interest the General Secretary reported that on the occasion of League of Nations Day, the L.N.U. Flag was being flown from the Cathedral and from the Town Hall in Newcastle.

*Gilbert Murray*

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR GARDENS, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, MAY 31st  
1923 AT 11 O'CLOCK.

PRESENT:- G.N.Barnes, Sir John Barran, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Reginald Berkeley, Percy Bigland, Lord Robert Cecil, Mrs.A.W. Claremont, A.W.Claremont, David Davies, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Herbert Fisher, the Viscountess Gladstone, Mrs.Ogilvie Gordon, E.W.Morton George, J.Frederick Green, John H.Harris, Sir Charles Hobhouse, David Hunter, F.W.Keen, Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe, Sir Frederick Lugard, Gilbert Murray, Os ald Mosley, Lord Queenborough, General J.E.B.Seely, Mrs.Oliver Strachey, Henry Vivian, H.Baillie Weaver: together with the General Secretary and D.H.Mills.

M I N U T E S

703. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Major Clifton Brown, Lady Denman, Mrs.Walter Runciman and Mr.Raymond Unwin.
704. RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN. After reading the following letter, resigning the Chairmanship of the Committee:-

"I feel that having accepted Office it is no longer possible for me to remain Chairman of the Executive Committee. That is a matter of great regret to myself. But I feel that in the circumstances I have no option. Will you please therefore take this as a formal intimation of my resignation."

Lord Robert Cecil briefly addressed the Committee, and in the course of his remarks said:-

"I have joined the Government mainly because I think that I can be of more use to the League of Nations inside than out, and I made it quite clear to the Prime Minister, in accepting his very kind offer, that it was only on those terms that I could consent to become a member of his Government, and that was, I think, thoroughly understood by him.

At the same time, although I hope to be of service to the League inside the Government, I am quite sure that the extent to which I can be of service depends entirely upon the measure of public support that the League has outside the Government. I do not want to say anything indiscreet, but I think I can go as far as this, to day that, although I believe that my colleagues are quite genuinely supporters of the League, and anxious to do all they can for the League, there is very very much to be done before the League is recognised as being capable of performing the part which we all in this room think it ought to perform, and very much must be done to overcome hostility, and to make the new ideas become part of the official organisation of this country, and that is what seems to me to be the urgent thing to be done.

I am not going to ask you to treat me, or this Government

any different from what you have always done. I hope the Union will press forward its view quite irrespective of any Government. That it will get everything it asks for, I do not for a moment think. I only ask you to go on on the same lines that we have been going on for the last four years, to press your views to the utmost and to support whoever you elect as your Chairman, as you have supported me.

I thank the members of the staff, from the General Secretary downwards - no-one could have received more loyal support - and it is of very great regret to me that owing to these circumstances I have to sever my connection - not the whole of my connection, - but my active connection - with the Executive Committee. I hope I shall constantly be brought in touch with them, but I can no longer continue to preside over them, and it is with the deepest regret that I resign, thanking them very heartily for all they have done during the past four years."

Professor Gilbert Murray, on behalf of the Committee, expressed in cordial terms the Committee's gratification upon Lord Robert's appointment to office, and paid tribute to his untiring zeal for the work and the inspiration he had given to those who associated with him. On behalf of the Committee he wished him continued success.

Resolved:- "That Lord Robert Cecil's resignation as Chairman of the Executive Committee be received with regret."

Lord Robert then vacated the Chair and left the room.

705. ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRMAN. The Rt. Hon. Sir Willoughby Dickinson presided during the election of a new Chairman.

Mr. David Davies proposed, and Sir Arthur Shirley Benn seconded the motion that Professor Gilbert Murray be elected Chairman of the Executive Committee. This was supported by General Seely.

Professor Gilbert Murray observed that he lived in Oxford and would not be able to be in regular attendance on more than two days a week. He retired from the room while the question was further discussed.

Lord Queenborough stated that after privately consulting such members of the Finance Committee as he had been able to reach he felt sure that it would be right to ask Professor Murray to accept some such sum as £500 a year in part payment of the personal expenses to which Professor Murray would be put by accepting the Chairmanship of the Committee. Lord Queenborough's suggestion evidently met with the warm approval of the Committee, but before voting upon it they asked Lord Queenborough to ask Professor Murray privately whether he would accept an allowance for his expenses. After speaking to Professor Murray privately, Lord Queenborough returned to the Committee and announced that Professor Murray, although grateful for the Committee's kind suggestion, was unwilling to accept any allowance of this kind.

Mr. J.H. Harris then proposed, and it was unanimously agreed that Lord Queenborough, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn and Sir Charles Hobhouse be asked to formulate a plan whereby Professor Murray might be given at the Union's expense the assistance of a Private Secretary.

who should be provided with a free pass on the railway between London and Oxford.

No other nomination for the Chairmanship having been proposed, Professor Murray returned to the Committee and was informed that it was the unanimous wish of the Committee that he should accept the Chairmanship. Professor Murray thanked the Committee and took the Chair.

706. VICE-CHAIRMAN The question of the election of a Vice-Chairman was referred to a small sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Mrs. Strachey, Lady Gladstone, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, General Seely, Mr. G.N. Barnes and the General Secretary.

In making a recommendation this Committee was asked to consider the following suggestions:-

1. the advisability of having a Vice-Chairman of a different political party from that of the Chairman;
2. of the appointment of two Vice-Chairmen, ~~one of whom might be a lady;~~ *or*
3. of consulting Lord Robert Cecil.

707. RESOLUTION. The following resolution proposed by Professor Gilbert Murray, was unanimously adopted:-

"The Executive Committee of the L.N.U. expresses its lively satisfaction at the appointment by H.M. Government of a special Cabinet Minister to deal with the business of the League of Nations as recommended in the resolutions passed by the Council of the Union at Birmingham on January 20th:

And it rejoices especially in the appointment of its Chairman, Lord Robert Cecil, to this high office; it recognises him, independently of party, as the chief leader of the great cause for which the Union exists, and, sinking its own profound sense of loss in the consciousness of larger gain, offers him its warmest and most heartfelt good wishes in the wider field of work for justice and peace between nations which now opens before him."

It was agreed that this resolution should not be published unless and until Lord Robert Cecil signified his approval of its terms.

708. LORD ROBERT CECIL. Subject to Lord Grey approving, it was

Resolved:- "To recommend to the General Council that Lord Robert Cecil be elected with Lord Grey as a joint President of the Union."

709. MANIFESTO TO BRANCHES - A NEW CHAPTER. The Committee gave consideration to a memorandum on the situation created by Lord Robert Cecil's appointment to the Government which it was proposed to send to the Branches. It was

Resolved:- "That the drafting of a shorter memorandum on the subject be left in the hands of Professor Gilbert Murray."

710. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held May 17th 1923 were approved as circulated.

General Council. The question as to which 30 members of the Executive Committee should be recommended for re-election was left in the hands of the Chairman.

Saar Valley Decree. The General Secretary reported that he had communicated the resolution of the Executive Committee in regard to the Saar Valley to the League Ministry *for District (cont. down 7/23)*

711. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: The Financial Statement for the period ending May 29th 1923 showed a CREDIT BALANCE at the Bank amounting to £5,896.0.10 with estimated accounts amounting to £2,000. outstanding

712. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

(a) Women's Advisory Council. The minutes of the Women's Advisory Council held May 1st were approved and adopted.

*See minute 715*  
Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon intimated on behalf of Lady Deaman that the Women's Advisory Council did not now wish the Executive Committee to take action on the resolution concerning traffic in women and children. (minute 35).

(These minutes included (27) & (31) Representation of Women's Advisory Council; (23) Speakers' Conferences; (25) Traffic in Women and Children; (27) Representatives to British National Council).

(b) Finance. Subject to a verbal amendment in minute 352 the minutes of the Finance Committee dated May 16th 1923 were approved and adopted.

(These minutes included (349) Financial Statement; (350) Arrangements in case of Fire; (351) Garden Fete; (352) Flagstaffs; and (353) Passing of Cheques).

(c) Minorities. The minutes of the Minorities Committee dated May 18th 1923 were approved and adopted subject to the following reservation:-

1. That in regard to resolutions (1), (8), (9) and (10), discretion be left to the delegates. The Committee, however, expressed itself in favour with resolution (1).

(d) Education. The minutes of the Education Committee dated May 25th 1923 were approved and adopted.

(These minutes included (328) Co-optation of Education representatives to Council; (329) Meetings; (330) Local Education Authorities; (331) Mr. Gould; and (338) London Teachers' Association).

713. GENERAL COUNCIL - HONORARY PRESIDENT.

Resolved:- "To recommend to the next General Council that the Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M.P. be elected as an Honorary President.

714. FEDERATION MEETING - RUHR RESOLUTION. Mr. David Davies suggested that if the Federation adopts the Ruhr resolution suggested by

the Executive Committee, a deputation be sent from the Federation to both the German and French Prime Ministers conveying the resolution.

Resolved:- "To agree to this proposal provided that both the French and German delegates agree to the resolution."

715. MR WILSON HARRIS. The General Secretary reported the result of conversations between himself and Mr. Wilson Harris, and made certain proposals which the Committee approved, but which they decided should be treated for the present as confidential.
716. MATTERS ADJOURNED. The following matters were adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee:-

- (a) Report on Decentralisation.
- (b) Singapore memorandum.
- (c) Memorandum on Punitive Expedition against Bondel Hottentots.
- (d) Memorandum on Intellectual Co-operation
- (e) Proposal to form Watching sub-Committee.
- (f) Lord Derby - proposal to elect as Honorary Vice-President.

*Gilbert W. Harris*

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15.6.23.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, JUNE  
7th 1923 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); G.S. Barnes;  
Sir Arthur Shirley Penn, Percy Bigland, D. Clifton Brown,  
Mrs. A.W. Clarendon, David Davies, Sir Villoughby Dickinson,  
E.W. Morton George, the Viscountess Gladstone, Mrs. Ogilvie  
Gordon, J.F. Green, John H. Harris, Sir Charles Hobhouse,  
David Hunter, Drury Lowe, Oswald Mosley, Mrs. Walter nunciman,  
Mrs. Oliver Strachey, Raymond Unwin and H. Paillie-Weaver:  
together with the General Secretary and D.H. Mills.

MINUTES

717. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir John Barran, Captain Reginald Berkeley and Lord Queenborough.
718. MINUTES. Subject to the expunging of a paragraph in minute 704 and to verbal amendments in minutes 706(2), 710, 715, and 716f, and the amendment of minute 712a to read as follows, the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated May 31st 1923 were approved as circulated:-
- "712a Women's Advisory Council. The minutes of the Women's Advisory Council held May 1st 1923 were approved and adopted.
- Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon intimated in regard to the resolution on traffic in women and children (minute 35) the action taken by the Council of the League had altered the position, and the resolution as framed would not now be applicable; it might be reconsidered by the Women's Advisory Council."
719. LORD ROBERT CECIL. The Chairman reported that he had not yet seen Lord Grey in regard to the proposal to appoint Lord Robert Cecil as a joint President.
720. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending June 5th 1923 showed a CREDIT BALANCE at the Bank amounting to £4,679.12.0 with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £2,000.
721. NO MORE WAR DEMONSTRATIONS. The General Secretary reported that he had communicated the resolution of the Executive Committee of May 10th to the National Committee of the No More War Demonstrations, with the result that he was asked to meet that Committee to consider the situation on June 4th. The National Committee emphasised the importance of maintaining contact and if possible active co-operation between the League of Nations Union on the one hand, and on the other, those members of pacifist and labour Organisations who would otherwise be liable to derive their opinions regarding international affairs mainly from extremists who hate the League of Nations and believe that peace can best be secured by international agreements between Trades Unions and similar bodies.

The No More War National Committee unanimously decided that on the following condition a second resolution should also

be recommended for adoption at all the demonstrations on July 28th and 29th and that this second resolution should read as follows:-

"This meeting of Citizens further declares its opinion that both disarmament by mutual consent and a condition of the world which guarantees No More War would be secured by the whole-hearted and organised co-operation of peoples working through a perfected and all inclusive League of Nations."

The condition was that effect should only be given to this decision if the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union agrees to co-operate nationally and abstains from giving a lead to Branches to refrain from co-operating in local demonstrations which decide against using the second resolution. It was clearly understood that the Executive Committee remain perfectly free to advise Branches to press for the adoption of this second resolution and its use at the local demonstrations.

The General Secretary asked the approval of the Executive to co-operate on the above conditions and also to the circulation of a letter explaining the situation to the Branches. The General Secretary was congratulated by the Committee on the success attending his efforts, and it was

Resolved:- "To approve of the General Secretary's action and that a letter be circulated to Branches emphasising the need for co-operation in No More War Demonstrations."

#### 7221 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Decentralisation. The Committee approved of the report of the Decentralisation Committee and

Resolved:- "That this report be sent forward to the General Council as the report of the Executive Committee."

The Decentralisation Committee was congratulated upon its report.

Subject to the approval of the Editorial Committee the following recommendations of the Decentralisation Committee were approved and adopted:-

1. That a notice be put in HEADWAY drawing attention to the cases where several copies of HEADWAY are now sent to members of one family at the same address, and inviting those recipients who do not require their copy of the journal to inform the Union's Headquarters accordingly.
2. That for an experimental period of one year, those District Councils who possess a whole-time secretary, or the equivalent, should be invited, if they are willing, to hold a stock of League of Nations Union literature "upon sale or return" provided that any publication of the Union returned unsold after more than one month would be credited to the Branch at only one-half the published price;
3. That the question of securing a larger bookstall sale for HEADWAY be again considered by the Editorial Committee; and



4. That the Editorial Committee be invited to consider the question of printing monthly some 2,000 extra copies of HEADWAY for supply at meetings "on sale or return." Any loss on the cost of printing these extra copies be reckoned as an advertisement of HEADWAY.

(b) Near Eastern Committee. The Committee approved of the Near Eastern Committee inviting the following to accept membership of the Near Eastern Committee:-

Major Arthur Moore "Editor of the "Near East"; Colonel Ian Smith; Mr. Banks, M.P., Mr. Tom Shaw, M.P. Mr. R.C. Lambert, Mr. Charles Woods, Mr. Leonard Stein, Sir Wyndham Deedes, Major General Franks, Mr. Orme-Clark, Mr. A. Thomas Lloyd, M.P. Major Sackville-West, Dr. McIlroy.

(c) Vienna Delegation. Four resolutions on reparations submitted by the Vienna Delegation Committee were approved in the following amended form:-

1. The amount of reparations payable by Germany should be limited in accordance with her capacity to pay, the figure to be fixed once for all by an expert body appointed by the League of Nations.
2. The division among the Allies of the receipts from Germany should be governed by the principle that they should be devoted in the first place to the restoration of the devastated areas.
3. On the recommendation that Great Britain should welcome, and if desirable, should use her good offices to promote a commercial agreement for bringing together on a business footing the fuel of Westphalia and the ore of Lorraine, the Executive considered that this question was one for expert economists and expressed his collective opinion.
4. Adequate provisions should be made for the supervision of Germany's finances until the German debt can be mobilised and converted into a debt to private investors.

(d) Parliamentary. The following resolution of the Parliamentary Committee held May 29th was referred to the Editorial Committee:-

"That the Parliamentary Committee convey to the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union their desire that more adequate attention should be given in the Press and especially in the leading Daily Journals to the more important of the activities of the League in general, and, in particular, to its more recent achievements."

(e) Staff Appointments. The General Secretary reported orally upon the meeting of the Staff Appointments Committee held earlier in the day. The Committee approved of the following recommendations:

1. That as Mr. Wilson Harris proposed to give one or two days per week to the work of the L.N.U. until he takes up his duties on October 1st, the General Secretary be authorised to pay him expenses at the rate of not more than £500 a year.

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2. That Professor Gilbert Murray should consult Lord Robert Cecil about an application from Dame Adelaide Livingstone.
3. That the salaries of the following be increased as stated:-
  - (i) Mr. L.L. Irwin from £200 to £250 per annum.
  - (ii) Mr. A.G. Macdonell from £250 to £300 " "
  - (iii) Mr. Nicholas Wood from £208 to £250 " "
  - (iv) Miss Ware from £1.0.0 to £1.5.0 per week.
  - (v) Girl Messenger from 17.6d. to £1. " "

The above increases to take effect as from July 1st.

- (vi) Mr. Fanshawe from £300 to £350 per annum increase to be antedated to April 1st.
4. That the question of the appointment of an Accountant be deferred.
5. That the General Secretary be authorised to advertise for a Regional Representative for the East Midlands.
6. That Colonel Fisher be granted an advance of 3 months salary.
7. That as a satisfactory medical report had been received about Captain Small, he should immediately take charge of the Labour Department.

The General Secretary reported that Captain Small had volunteered to forego his claim for £17.12.6 for expenses incurred in Geneva.

723. VICE-CHAIRMAN. Sir Arthur Shirley Bann reported that the sub-Committee had met on the previous day and recommended that there should be two Vice-Chairmen and that the following should be approached in the following order:-

1. Major J.W. Hills.
2. Lord Lee of Fareham.
3. Lord Chelmsford.

and that the second Vice-Chairman should be Lady Gladstone. The Committee were of opinion that the Chairman of the Executive should also be Chairman of the Management Committee.

Resolved:- "That enquiries should be made immediately to find out whether Major Hills would accept, and that when his answer is received the question of other - one or more - Vice-Chairmen, should be considered.

724. GENERAL COUNCIL.- The Committee agreed to the following recommendations to the Council:-

- (a) Names proposed for co-optation to Council under rule 20 (7), (4), (5) and (6).
- (b) Vice-Presidents - Lord Derby and Sir W.H. Dickinson.
- (c) The addition of Lady Mary Murray to membership of the Executive.
- (d) Annual Report.

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Resolved:- "That the Annual Report be presented for adoption to the next meeting of the Executive."

725. SINGAPORE. The Committee gave consideration to two memoranda on the proposed Naval base at Singapore. The Committee

Resolved:- "That it was not appropriate for them to advocate a policy upon this subject but that the Intelligence Department be instructed to draw up a combined memorandum on the question in case speakers or Branches sent for information."

Further discussion of the question was postponed until after the meeting of the General Council.

726. BONDEL HOTTENTOTS. Consideration of a memorandum on the Punitive Expedition against the Bondel Hottentots was adjourned to the next meeting.

727. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Resolved:- "That the next meeting of the Executive should be held on Tuesday, June 19th at 11.30 a.m. and that it should be immediately preceded by a meeting of the Management Committee."

*Gilbert Murray*

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON TUESDAY, JUNE 19th  
1922 AT 11.30 a.m.

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PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); G.N.Barnes,  
Sir John Barcan, Sir Arthur Shirley Bean, Lord Henry Cavendish  
Bentick, Percy Birland, Mrs. A.W. Claremont, Sir Willoughby  
Dickinson, E.W. Morton George, Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, the Viscountess  
Gladstone, J.F. Green, John F. Harris, Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe,  
Sir Frederick Maurice, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, H. Baillie  
Weaver, and A. Whitehead: together with the General Secretary  
and D.H. Mills.

MINUTES

728. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr. A.W. Claremont, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lord Queenborough, Mrs. Walter Kunciman, and Mr. Aneurin Williams.
729. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated June 7th 1922 were approved and adopted.
730. JOINT PRESIDENT - LORD ROBERT CECIL. The Chairman reported that he had seen Lord Grey who had agreed to the proposal that Lord Robert Cecil should be elected with him as a joint President of the Union.
731. VICE-CHAIRMAN. The General Secretary reported that no reply had yet been received from Major J.W. Mills.
732. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending June 15th 1922 showed a CREDIT BALANCE at the Bank amounting to £4,028.1.8 with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £2,000.
733. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.
- (a) Religions & Ethics. Subject to further consideration of minute 164 the minutes of the Committee of Religions and Ethics dated 15.6.22 were approved and adopted.
- (These minutes included (159) Mr. Leonard Stein; (160) General Council; (162) Home Affairs sub-Committee; (164) Foreign Affairs sub-Committee; (165) Pamphlets; (166) International New Thought Alliance; and (170) New Member).
- (b) Christian Organisations Committee. The minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated June 6th 1922 were approved and adopted.

World Alliance.

Resolved:- "That the following be asked to represent the Union at a further Conference between the World Alliance and the Union in regard to Corporate Membership:-

Professor Gilbert Murray  
Sir Arthur Haworth.  
Mr. E.W. Morton George  
Mr. John F. Harris.

(These minutes included (177) Oxford Summer School; (178) Cardinal Bourne & the League; (179) World Alliance and Union; (181) General Council; (182) Corporate Members; and (183) Sunday Schools; (181) Leaflets for distribution in churches).

(c) Appeals. Subject to the following reservations in regard to minutes 33, 34, and 35, the minutes of the Appeals Committee dated June 12th were approved and adopted.

Minute 33. Consideration of draft letter to be sent to 2,000 Commercial Firms.

Resolved:- "That the attention of the Appeals Committee be drawn to the fact that the Executive did not approve of letters being drafted outside the office for which a fee had to be paid."

Minute 34. The Rev. Martin Pinker. The General Secretary stated that he wished the Committee to consider one or two of Mr. Martin Pinker's suggestions.

Minute 35. Mr. Frank Moran.

Resolved:- "To inform the Appeals Committee that the Executive Committee did not approve of the proposed display of scientific boxing for the purpose of raising funds for the Union."

(These minutes included (20) Treasure House Scheme; (31) International Musical Festival; (32) Garden Fete; (33) Consideration of draft letter to be sent to 2,000 Commercial Firms; (34) Rev. Martin Pinker; (35) Mr. Frank Moran; and (36) Austrian Loan.

(d) Mandates. The minutes of the Mandates Committee dated June 12th 1923 were approved and adopted.

Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon at whose request this meeting was called, expressed her satisfaction with this meeting of the Mandates Committee and stated that she would bring the report to the Women's Committee.

The Committee expressed the opinion that these discussions of the Mandates Committee with the Governors of Nigeria, the Gold Coast and Sierra Leone, should be noted for the next annual report.

(e) Editorial. The minutes of the Editorial Committee dated June 14th 1923 were approved and adopted.

(These minutes included (3) Children's supplement to "Headway"; (4) Publications; (6) Headway and Union's literature; (7) League Diary for 1924; (8) resolution of Parliamentary Committee; (9) resolution of Decentralisation Committee; and (13) White Star Liners).

(f) Overseas. Subject to minute <sup>435</sup>436 being amended to follow, and the reference of the proposal that Mr. O'Molony should visit the Irish Free State to the Chairman and the General Secretary, the minutes of the Overseas Committee dated June 12th 1923 were approved and adopted.

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436. German League of Nations Society. The Committee considered a report which the Secretary had prepared and circulated on the present plight of the German Society. It was

Resolved:- "That Dr Simons be invited to visit the British League of Nations Union to confer with the officers here."

485. German sub-Committee.

Resolved:- "That the Overseas Committee be asked to nominate names to the Executive Committee for the re-constitution of the German sub-Committee."

(These minutes included (480) Free List; (482) Publishers Overseas; (485) German sub-Committee; (486) German League of Nations Society; (487) Proposed visit of Mr. C. Molony to Irish Free State).

(g) Minorities. The minutes of the Minorities Committee dated 14.6.23 were approved and adopted.

Resolved:- "That the memorandum on the proposals of the Polish Government to the Council of the League in regard to procedure in connection with Minority Petitions be sent to the members of the British delegation to the Federation and also to Lord Curzon and Lord Robert Cecil."

(These minutes included (2) Minorities in Estonia; (3) Minorities in Poland).

734. CHAIRMAN - SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE. The General Secretary reported that the small Committee which the Executive had appointed to give assistance to the Chairman of the Executive, recommended that Mr. A. G. Macdonell be appointed Private Secretary to Professor Gilbert Murray at a salary of £200 per annum and that the cost of his journeys between Oxford and London be defrayed by the Union. The Committee also recommended that the Chairman should be urged to accept from the Union a first class railway pass between Oxford and London.

Professor Gilbert Murray gratefully accepted the offer of the assistance of a Private Secretary, but felt he could not accept the offer to provide a first class railway pass for himself.

Resolved:- "That subject to the Chairman's reservation, the report of the sub-Committee be adopted."

735. PUNITIVE EXPEDITION AGAINST BONDEL HOTTENTOTS. The Committee received the memorandum by Mr. J. H. Harris on the Punitive Expedition against the Bondel Hottentots. The Chairman reported that Major Herbst who is to present the report of the S. African Government to the Mandates Commission of the League, was at present in this country.

Resolved:- "That he should be asked to meet the Mandates Committee of the Union to discuss this matter and that General Maurice should also be invited to attend this particular meeting of the Mandates Committee."

736. LEAGUE OF NATIONS & I.L.O. EXPENDITURE. The Committee considered a report of the sub-Committee dated June 12th which had met to consider the League of Nations and I.L.O. expenditure, and it was

Resolved:- "That consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee."

727. GENERAL COUNCIL - ANNUAL REPORT. The Committee considered an advanced proof of the Annual Report and subject to sub-editing approved of the Report. The Committee approved of the proposal that the report in its proof form should be circulated immediately, and that in its revised form it should come up again for approval by the Committee.

Executive Committee - nominations. The Committee approved of the following 25 names being submitted to the General Council for re-election to the Executive Committee:-

Rt. Hon. G. N. Barnes.	Major Gen. Sir F. Maurice, K.C.M.G.
Sir Arthur Shirley Bann, K.B.E.	Mr. Oswald Mosley, M.P.
Mr. Percy Bigland, M.P.	Professor Gilbert Murray
Mrs. A. V. Claremont.	Lord Queenborough
Mr. David Davies, M.P.	Mr. Charles Roberts, M.P.
Lady Denman	Mrs. Walter Runciman
Rt. Hon. Sir V. H. Dickinson, K.B.E.	Mrs. Oliver Strachey
Mr. E. J. Morton George, J.P.	Mr. Raymond Unwin
The Viscountess Gladstone.	Mr. Henry Vivian
Mr. J. H. Harris	Mr. Aneurin Williams.
Sir Arthur Haworth, Bt.	Mr. A. V. Claremont
Mr. David Hunter	Rt. Hon. H. A. L. Fisher, M.P.
Mr. F. N. Keen.	

730. RESOLUTIONS. The Committee approved of the following resolutions:-

- (a) Limitation of Armaments. "The Executive Committee urges upon H.M. Government that a limitation of armaments is an essential step towards the establishment and preservation of real peace. The Committee trusts that H.M. Government will make every effort to secure the adoption this summer by the League of Nations Assembly of such a treaty of mutual guarantee as was called for at the meeting of the Assembly of the League in September 1922; and that this resolution be communicated to Branches with the suggestion that they should consider the question and if they see fit pass similar resolutions and communicate them to the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary and the Lord Privy Seal.

It was decided that when this resolution was circulated the resolution of the Assembly 1922 should also be quoted.

- (b) Opium. "The Executive Committee of the L.N.U. has learned with great satisfaction of the progress effected by the Opium Advisory Committee of the League of Nations at its recent meeting at Geneva. It views with special gratification the adoption of a working formula, acceptable alike to the delegates of the United States of America and to the other countries represented, embodying the principle of the limitation of the world production of narcotic drugs to the level of the world's ascertained requirements for medical and scientific purposes only. It expresses the earnest hope that the British Government will urge the Council of the League of Nations to take the necessary steps for convening, at the earliest possible moment, the International Conference proposed by the Opium Advisory Committee, for the purpose of framing new conventions to give effect to the Committee's recommendations."

Resolved:- "That copies of this resolution be sent to the Government, Sir Malcolm Delevingne and Dame Rachel Crowley."

- (c) Saar Valley. "The Executive Committee reaffirms its previous resolution, and is of opinion that the Government should press, at the next opportunity, for the revision of the personnel of the Governing Commission and for the selection of a chairman from among the nations which are not directly interested in the plebiscite.
- (d) Ruhr. "In view of the new crisis arising from the second offer of Reparations made by the Kuno Government, the Executive Committee of the L.N.U. reaffirm their previous resolutions, and beg once more to assure H.M.G. of their heartiest support in endeavouring to carry out a policy on these lines.
- (e) Hungary. "The Executive Committee of the L.N.U. deeply regrets the action of the Reparations Commission in refusing to remit the liens of the Allied and Associated Powers upon Hungary, and urges H.M. Government to use every endeavour to make possible a reconstruction scheme for Hungary under the League of Nations, on the model of that so successfully launched for Austria."

#### 739. GENERAL COUNCIL - RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved:- "That the resolutions on Armaments, the Saar Valley the Ruhr and Hungary should be placed on the agenda for the General Council."

Professor Murray stated that the following resolutions had been received from Mr. Oswald Mosley for the agenda of the General Council:-

1. The Council of the League of Nations Union regrets that His Majesty's Government has not employed the machinery of the League of Nations for the attempted settlement of the kindred problems of Reparations, Inter-Allied Debts, and International Security, and, in particular, for meeting the grave threat to the peace of the world presented by the present situation in the Ruhr.
2. The Council of the L.N.U. regrets the decision of H.M. Government to proceed with the building of a Naval Base at Singapore as contravening the spirit, if not the letter, of the Washington Treaty, and provoking a return to the fatal system of the Balance of Power and competitive armaments, which is inimical to the principles which the League of Nations Union exists to support.
3. The Council of the L.N.U. deplores the failure of His Majesty's Government to make adequate protest against the issue by the Governing Commission of the Saar Valley, of a decree which renders liable to imprisonment for a period of five years any person who "in public or at a meeting casts discredit on the Treaty of Versailles, or who insults or traduces -



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1. The League of Nations, its Members or the states signatories of the Treaty of Peace of Versailles.
2. The Governing Commission, its Members, Organisations, or the officials responsible for the conduct of its administration.

The Committee did not agree with the terms of the resolution, and it was

Resolved:- "To request the Chairman to move amendments at the General Council."

740. CHEQUES - SIGNATURES.

Resolved:- "That until a new accountant was appointed the three signatures to Petty Cash cheques should be the General Secretary, Mr. Freshwater, and Miss H.B. Stephens."

741. NEXT MEETING.

Resolved:- "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, July 5th 1923."

*Gilbert Murray*

c/13.  
10.7.23.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,  
JULY 5th 1923 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); H. Baillie-Weaver;  
G.F. Barnes; Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck; Reginald Berkeley;  
Mrs. A.W. Claremont; A.W. Claremont; David Davies; H.A.L. Fisher;  
J.F. Green; John H. Harris; Sir Arthur Haworth; Sir Charles  
Hobhouse; Admiral Drury Lowe; Sir Frederick Maurice; E.W. Morton-  
George; Oswald Mosley; Mrs. Walter Runciman; Mrs. Oliver Strachey  
Henry Vivian; together with the General Secretary and D.H. Mills.

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742. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir John Barran, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Sir Wildoughby Dickinson; Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon and Mr. Aneurin Williams.
743. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated June 19th 1923 were approved as circulated.
744. WORLD ALLIANCE - CORPORATE MEMBERS CONFERENCE. It was reported that the Conference between representatives of the World Alliance and representatives of the L.N.U. in regard to Corporate membership would be held on Tuesday, July 10th but that Sir Arthur Haworth had intimated that he was unable to be present. Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck was asked, and consented, to take the place of Sir Arthur Haworth at this meeting.
745. IRISH FREE STATE - VISIT OF L.N.U. REPRESENTATIVE. The Chairman reported that he had an appointment to see Mr. McNeill, the High Commissioner for the Free State in the afternoon, and he would discuss with him the question of the advisability of sending a representative of the L.N.U. to the Irish Free States with a view to forming a Union there.
746. PUNITIVE EXPEDITION AGAINST BONDEL HOTTENTOTS. It was reported that the Mandates Committee, to discuss the memorandum on the punitive expedition against the Bondel Hottentots, had been summoned for Tuesday, July 10th. It was not certain, however, whether Major Herbst would be able to attend.
747. SAAR VALLEY. Members of the Executive expressed the desire, if time permitted, that Mr. Whelen might be asked to describe to them his visit to the Saar at the close of the morning's business.
748. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending July 2nd 1923 showed a CREDIT BALANCE at the Bank amounting to £2,100.6.3 with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £2,000.
749. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.
- (a) MANAGEMENT. The minutes of the Management Committee dated June 19th 1923 were approved and adopted.  
(These minutes included (366) Liners - literature;  
(367) Recognition of Branches; (369) Circular  
letter to Branches and Organisations; and (371) Scotland).

(b) MANAGEMENT. Subject to the non-acceptance of the recommendations contained in minute 376 detailed below, and minute 382, the minutes of the Management Committee dated June 28th 1923 were approved and adopted.

(376) Loan scheme - Sir Francis Trippel. The Committee gave consideration to a letter which it was proposed should be inserted in the "Times" signed by Lord Grey, Lord Robert Cecil and Professor Gilbert Murray. This letter asked for a loan without interest of a sum amounting to £500,000 for a period of five years. The Chairman reported that both Lord Grey and Lord Robert had agreed to sign the letter, that a cablegram had been received from Lord Reading approving, whilst Lord Queenborough was in full agreement, and Lord Cowdray had seen the letter. The Chairman had not yet had the opportunity of consulting Mr. David Davies, and Mr. McKenna had not been consulted except upon a preliminary draft of a letter. At the instance of Mr. Davies, supported by other members, the Committee disapproved of the proposals, and

- Resolved:- 1. That the Union should adhere to the original proposals and contract made with Sir Francis Trippel and that the present proposal should be rejected.
2. That as Sir Francis Trippel had spent some time in the preparation of the proposed Loan Scheme and had therefore not attempted to raise monies under the original scheme, he should be given an extension up to October 31st to proceed with his original scheme, but that the payment of £100 per month should cease after the July payment. It was to be distinctly understood that Sir Francis should still not approach individuals without first consulting the General Secretary.

(382) Honorary Vice-Presidents - Count Bernstorff.

- Resolved:- "That the Overseas Committee be asked to suggest a prominent German for election as Honorary Vice-President in the place of Count Bernstorff."  
(These minutes included (375) recognition of Branches; (376) Loan Scheme; (377) Religions and Ethics; (378) Executive Committee - nominations; (380) M. Paderewski; and (382) Hon. Vice-Presidents).

(c) EDUCATION. Subject to the reference of minute 349 to the Management Committee, the minutes of the Education Committee dated June 29th 1923 were approved and adopted.

(352) Memorandum on the Committee of Intellectual Co-operation.

- Resolved:- "To approve of the memorandum on the Committee of Intellectual Co-operation, and that this memorandum be sent to the Secretariat at Geneva."  
(These minutes included (343) List of meetings; (344) Conference of Educational Associations; (345) Local Education Authorities; (346) Imperial Education Conference; (347) Summer Schools; (349) Junior Branches; (351) "Unity of Europe"; and (352) Memorandum on Intellectual Co-operation).

750. I.L.O. AND INDUSTRIAL HEALTH. The Committee received a report of the Conference on Industrial Health conducted by the L.N.U. in co-operation with the London Office of the I.L.O. The Conference had been held in the Royal Sanitary Institute and 37 Societies

were represented, whilst amongst the Chairmen and speakers were the following:- Chairmen: Mr. W.L.Hichens, The Rt Hon. J.H.Thomas, Mr. W.Graham, LL.B., M.P., Dr T.Watts, M.P., and Miss Margaret Bondfield; Speakers: - Mr.H.A.Grimshaw, B.A., M.Sc.; Miss Constance Smith, and Mr.E.L.Poulton, C.B.L., J.P.

The Conference had forwarded the following resolutions:-

"On the motion of Mr. W.L.Hichens, from the Chair, supported by Mr.E.L.Poulton :-"

1. That the I.L.O. be requested to communicate to the L.N.U. for distribution to organisations interested in industrial health, a statement of
  - (a) The nature of the information it can now offer to these organisations.
  - (b) The information it would desire to receive regularly from such organisations regarding their activities and results.
2. That the L.N.U. be requested to continue the work of co-ordination effected by this Conference."

Resolved:- "That these resolutions be approved and that the thanks of the Committee be tendered to Miss Cohen who was responsible for the organisation of the Conference."

751. VIENNA - CONFERENCE OF VOLUNTARY SOCIETIES. The Committee received a report of the Seventh Plenary Assembly of the League of Nations Societies at Vienna. This was supplemented by oral reports by Mr.David Davies, Captain Berkeley and the General Secretary.

- Resolved:-
1. That the Prime Minister be asked to receive a deputation consisting of the Executive members of the Vienna delegation, together with Mr.H.A.L.Fisher, and Professor Gilbert Murray, in order to place before him the resolutions of the Conference, in particular the resolution upon Reparations and the necessity for Germany applying for membership of the League."
  2. That a pamphlet be drafted giving a resumé of the work done and resolutions passed at Vienna which should be sent to Branches with a request that they should send these resolutions to the local Members of Parliament and the Government.
  3. That a special supplement be sent out with the August number of "Headway".
  4. That the question of the provision of an Assistant Secretary to the Bureau be referred for consideration to the Overseas Committee.

The Committee expressed its deep appreciation of the work of the British Delegation at the Conference in Vienna, and also recorded its gratitude to the members of the staff - Mr.O'Molony and Captain Thomas - for the way in which they conducted the business and arrangements for the Delegation.

752. SAAR VALLEY - LORD ROBERT CECIL.

Resolved:- "That a telegram of congratulation be sent to Lord Robert Cecil for the admirable way in which he was

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dealing, as British representative, with the enquiry into the Saar Valley Administration."

753. SLAVERY. The following resolution was adopted and referred to the Mandates Committee for any further action that might be considered desirable:-

"The Executive of the L.N.U. expresses its appreciation of the decision of the League of Nations to discuss the question of slavery at the next meeting of the Assembly, and welcomes the statement authorised by Ras Tafari, the Regent of Abyssinia that his Government is prepared to co-operate with the League in an effort to abolish slave-trading and slave-owning. The Executive Committee desires to urge upon the British Government the importance of placing at the disposal of the League without delay, all the information it may possess upon this subject."

754. NEXT MEETING.

Resolved:- "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, July 12th at 11.30 a.m. and that the following matters be brought up for consideration then:-

- (a) League of Nations & I.L.O. Finance.
- (b) Proposed Travelling Secretary for Federation of League of Nations Societies.

*Gilbert Murray.*

C/13.  
18.7.23.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,  
JULY 12th 1923 AT 11.30 a.m.

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PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); G.N.Barnes;  
Sir John Barran; J.F.Green; John H.Harris; Rennie Hey;  
Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe; E.W.Morton George, Mrs.Walter Runciman;  
Henry Vivian: together with the General Secretary and D.H.Mills.

MINUTES

755. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr.Percy Bigland, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Charles Hobhouse, David Hunter, Lord Queenborough and Mr Aneurin Williams.
756. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated July 5th 1923 were approved as circulated.
757. LOAN SCHEME - SIR FRANCIS TRIPPET. The General Secretary reported that he had written a letter to Sir Francis Trippel conveying the decision of the last meeting of the Executive. He had given Sir Francis to understand that there was no reason why he should still not ask for a loan if he was unable to get a gift. He desired the approval of the Committee that this was the intention of the last meeting,  
Resolved:- "To approve of the General Secretary's letter."
758. SAAR VALLEY. The Committee expressed desire that if possible a meeting should be held at Headquarters at an early date which should be addressed by Mr.Whalen on his visit to the Saar,
759. VIENNA - CONFERENCE OF VOLUNTARY SOCIETIES. The General Secretary reported a communication from the Prime Minister and Lord Curzon regretting that they were unable to receive a deputation in regard to the Vienna resolutions.
760. RUHR. The Chairman stated that he proposed writing a letter to the Press but as a statement on the situation was to be made by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons in the afternoon, he was unable to commit himself to the final terms of the letter, but in general it was to the effect that the League of Nations Union had for the last two years been calling attention to the Government and urging the Government that a solution to the problem of reparations, etc. could only be secured through international co-operation.  
Resolved:- "That the drafting of such a letter should be left in the hands of the Chairman who could if necessary consult Lord Robert Cecil upon the terms of the letter."
- The Committee expressed the hope that the letter should if possible be also published in full in the American press.
761. SLAVERY. It was reported that a copy of the resolution on Slavery had been sent to Lord Grey who had expressed his cordial approval of the terms of the resolution.
762. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending July 7th 1923 showed a CREDIT BALANCE at the Bank amounting to

£2,482.15.7 with estimated outstanding liabilities amounting to £2,500.

763. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) FINANCE. The minutes of the Finance Committee dated July 9th 1923 were approved and adopted.  
 (These minutes included (355) Financial Statement; (356) Balance Sheet etc; (357) Staff Appointments; (358) Accountant; (359) International Garden Fete; (360) Amusements Tax; (361) London Federation; (362) Gould Fund; (363) Resignation; and (374) Passing of Cheques).
- (b) MANDATES. The Chairman reported orally upon a meeting of the Mandates Committee which had met two days previously to consider the report on the punitive expedition against the Bondel Hottentots. The Committee had passed the following resolutions:-
1. To inform the Secretary-General of the League that the Executive Committee desire to congratulate the South African Government upon the fair minded and painstaking nature of the Report of the Commission.
  2. That while the Assembly of the League of Nations called for a public enquiry the Report shows that the Commissioners for reasons which appeared to the sub-committee to carry weight decided to conduct their proceedings in private.
  3. That in the opinion of the Mandates Committee of the L.N.U. it should be definitely laid down as a matter of principle affecting all mandatory powers that except in cases of immediate and urgent necessity no punitive expeditions should in future be permitted to take place in mandated territory without the prior consent of the Mandatory Power.

Resolved:- "That a letter should be sent to Sir Eric Drummond containing the terms of the <sup>above</sup> resolutions and a copy of this letter should also be sent to Sir Edgar Walton, the High Commissioner for South Africa."

Or. the question of the public enquiry the Committee urged that the following words should be substituted:- "They have explained the reasons which made them take that course."

- (c) OVERSEAS. The Committee approved the following recommendations of the Overseas Committee dated July 11th 1923:-

496. League of Nations Movement in Irish Free State.

1. That Mr Molony should go over to Ireland in order to attend a meeting of the Free State League of Nations Union provided he received an invitation; that he should go in a private capacity, and that the Union should pay his expenses.

502. Vienna Conference.

- (a) That the resolution on reparations passed at the Vienna Conference be placed before the Council meeting under Rule 28, and that the Council be asked to confirm it.
- (b) That if time permits Mr. Yotaro Sugimura, Secretary of the Japanese Society, be asked to speak at the meeting of the Council.

- (c) That subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, an Assistant Secretary be appointed to the staff of the Federation at Brussels to be filled if possible by an officer of the League of Nations Union who should be seconded from this office on the following conditions : -
- (1) He is to be appointed by the League of Nations Union in consultation with the American Non-Partisan Association.
  - (2) His appointment will last for the period of one year, when it will either be extended or it will cease. At all events, three months notice will be given so as to give him timely warning and to enable him to secure an appointment elsewhere, or return to his original post.
  - (3) His salary is to be found by the League of Nations Union, the American Association and the Japanese League of Nations Society. The salary will amount approximately to £600 per annum. Each of these three Societies would subscribe one-third of this sum, viz., £200 to the salary required.
  - (4) The said sum to serve as his salary will be paid into the Bureau of the Federation which in its turn will be responsible for paying his salary. In this way his appointment will be controlled by the Federation.
  - (5) His primary duty will be to see that all printed documents of the Federation are correctly translated into English.
  - (6) Furthermore it will be his duty to assist the Secretary-General of the Federation in his work as far as he is able and to the extent that the Secretary-General requires such assistance.
  - (7) He will receive orders from the Secretary-General and will be responsible to him for all that he does.
  - (8) He will, if it is deemed expedient, visit the constituent Societies of the Federation and stimulate their efforts.
  - (9) He will make a particular study of text books in use in schools and will devote his attention to all matters affecting the League of Nations Union whereby assisting the Permanent Committee on Propaganda lately set up by the Federation.
- (d) That the sum of 6 125 Belgian francs being the Union's subscription for the year 1923-4 be paid as soon as possible.
503. Hon. Vice-President. RESOLVED that the recommendation of the Overseas Committee that Count Bernstorff be elected as an Hon. Vice-President of the Union be not accepted.

It was, however,

Resolved : - "That the General Council's attention be drawn to the fact that the list of Hon. Vice-Presidents does not contain the name of a German, and to request that the Executive should make recommendations for the December meeting of the Council."



- (c) MANAGEMENT. The General Secretary reported orally upon the meeting of the Management Committee held earlier in the day. This report was approved and adopted.

- 764 I.L.O. & LEAGUE OF NATIONS FINANCE. The Committee gave consideration to the report of the I.L.O. Finance sub-Committee held on June 12th.

Resolved : - "That no action be taken in regard to the following resolution : -

'That with regard to League of Nations expenditure a competent man should be invited to enquire into and report on the general expenditure of the League of Nations Secretariat including salaries and allowances of officials.'

The resolutions in regard to I.L.O. expenditure were postponed for further consideration to the first meeting of the Executive to be held in October.

- 765 WORLD ALLIANCE - CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP The General Secretary reported upon the Conference between representatives of the World Alliance and representatives of the League of Nations Union held on the previous day. This Conference recommended : -

1. That the League of Nations Union should proceed with its scheme for Corporate Membership.
2. That the representatives of the World Alliance and the League of Nations Union should confer again in twelve months' time.
3. That mutual support should be given to meetings of the World Alliance and the League of Nations Union, and for this purpose effective liaison should be created between the Secretary of the British Committee of the World Alliance and the Secretary of the League of Nations Union Christian Organisations Committee.

Resolved : - "To approve of this report."

The General Secretary was requested to see the Rev. Thomas Nightingale at an early opportunity with a view to the Free Churches pushing ahead with the Corporate Membership scheme.

766. RELIGIONS AND ETHICS - PROPOSED LETTER TO MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES. Consideration of a letter proposed to be sent out by the Committee of Religions and Ethics to the Federated League of Nations Societies, was adjourned. In the meantime, it was

Resolved:- "That this letter should be referred to the Christian Organisations Committee for its opinion."

767. INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF NURSING FOR RUSSIA. A proposal that the League of Nations Union should be represented on the Executive Committee of the International School of Nursing in child welfare for Russia was deferred for further consideration. In the meantime, the General Secretary was asked to consult with Mr. Philip Baker to whom it had been suggested in the first instance that the L.N.U. should be represented.

768. NEXT MEETING Resolved "That the next meetings of the Committee be held on Thursday, July 26th and August 1st

Gilbert Murray.

c/13.  
21.7.23.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, JULY 26th  
1923 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, D. Clifton Brown, Mrs. A.W. Claremont, Herbert Fisher, Viscountess Gladstone, John W. Hills; P. Nielsen, Sir Frederick Maurice, E.W. Morton-George, Oswald Mosley, Charles Roberts, E. de K. Rudolf, Graham White; together with the General Secretary and D.H. Mills.

M I N U T E S

769. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr. Claremont, Lady Denman, Mr. Percy Bigland, Mr. David Davies, Sir Arthur Haworth, Mr. Rennie Hey, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Mr. Raymond Unwin, Mr. Henry Vivian, and Mr. Aneurin Williams.
770. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated July 12th 1923 were approved as circulated.
771. SIR FRANCIS TRIPPEL. The General Secretary reported a letter from Sir Francis Trippel stating that he was prepared to continue his efforts to raise money for the Union until the 31st October in the terms stated in the General Secretary's letter of July 6th.
772. VIENNA CONFERENCE. The General Secretary reported a letter from Mr. Philip Baker suggesting that a letter should be written to the Lord Privy Seal asking whether he or any other member of the Government would receive a deputation which should present the Vienna resolutions.
- Resolved:- "That such a letter be written."
773. RUHR. The Chairman reported that in view of the statement made by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons on July 14th he did not write such a letter for publication as recommended by the last Executive Committee.

The Chairman was authorised to summon a special meeting of the Executive Committee during the holidays in case he was of the opinion that the Union could take effective action if the reply of the French Government to the British Note was unsatisfactory.

774. SLAVERY IN ABYSSINIA. A letter was reported from the Foreign Office which stated in reply to a resolution of the Executive Committee that Rastafari denied having said that the Abyssinian Government would be ready to co-operate with the League of Nations for the suppression of the slave trade. He had said that any such application would require serious consideration and that he could not take upon himself to say what would be the attitude of the Abyssinian Government towards it.

Resolved:- "That a copy of this letter be sent to Mr. J.H. Harris."

775. IRISH FREE STATE. It was reported that Mr. O'Molony had received an invitation to visit the Irish Free State with a view to forming a League of Nations Union there, and that the High Commissioner had stated that he saw no objection to the visit of Mr. O'Molony.
776. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending

July 24th 1923 showed a CREDIT BANK BALANCE amounting to £3,307.11.2 with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £2,500.

777. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) RELIGIONS & ETHICS. The minutes of the Committee of Religions & Ethics dated July 3rd 1923 were approved and adopted. (These minutes included (173) Proposed letter to Federated Societies; (174) Ethical Union; and (175) Next Meeting).

- (b) EDITORIAL. The minutes of the Editorial Committee dated July 12th 1923 were approved and adopted. (These minutes included (3) Mr. J.E. Herbert; (4) Children's supplement to "Headway"; (5) Redland Branch; and (6) New Publications).

Resolved:- "That the Editorial Committee be asked to consider the advisability of approaching editors of newspapers with a view to requesting that League of Nations news should be referred to in the Contents Columns."

- (c) LABOUR. The minutes of the Labour Committee dated July 17th 1923 were approved and adopted.

Resolved:- "That the Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson and the Rt. Hon. C.W. Bowerman be recommended to the next Council as Vice-Presidents."

The General Secretary stated that negotiations were still taking place with Mr. Ramsay Macdonald with a view to his accepting an Hon. Presidency of the Union.

(These minutes included (14) Name of Committee; (15) Hostile resolutions from Labour Organisations; (16) Trades & Labour Council; (17) Secretary's report; (18) Increased Labour representation on Council).

- (d) GERMAN. The Committee adopted the recommendation of the Overseas Committee that the following be asked to constitute a new German sub-Committee:-

Mr. G.P. Gooch (Chairman); Mr. Ernest Hessenberg, Mr. E. Crusemann, Mr. Frederick Bohm, Mr. E.G. Martens, Mr. F. Plutte and Professor Webster.

- (e) NEAR EASTERN. The minutes of the Near Eastern Committee dated July 24th 1923 were approved and adopted subject to the following resolution being referred back for further consideration:-

"That the Executive Committee should use its influence with the Government to urge that the position of the League of Nations as regards Irak and the Mosul Settlement question should be examined by the Council or Assembly of the League in view of Article 3 of the Lausanne Treaty which provides for an appeal to the League of Nations failing a settlement between Great Britain and Turkey of the delimitation of the frontiers of Northern Irak."

Resolved:- "That the Intelligence department be asked to write a memorandum at the earliest possible moment on the subject of the Lausanne Treaty."

(These minutes included (2) Resignation; (3) New Members; (5) Issues of the Lausanne Conference; and (6) Joint Near Eastern Committee).

(f) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The General Secretary reported orally upon the meeting of the Staff Appointments Committee held earlier in the day. The Committee adopted the following recommendations:

1. That the Chairman and General Secretary be authorised to offer Dame Adelaide Livingstone a temporary appointment during the months of August and September at a salary at the rate of £500 per annum.
2. (a) That payment to Miss Booth of full wages during illness be not continued beyond a period of six months, and that Miss Booth be informed that before returning to her duties she must satisfy a doctor to be named by the Union as to her physical fitness to carry on her work.  
(b) That payment of full wages to Miss Booth for six months absence during illness is not to be regarded as a precedent for extending similar treatment to other officers of the Union in receipt of a weekly wage.
3. That Miss Waley, a voluntary worker, be informed that the Committee regretted that they were unable to pay her a salary.
4. That Miss Arnold be appointed for a period of three months and that her total remuneration consists of expenses at the rate of £2 per week.
5. That Mr Lever be thanked for his services and that he should receive two months leave with pay at the end of which time his resignation should take effect.
6. That in view of the absence of both Mr. Molony and Miss Waley during August, Mr. Weintal be retained until September 1st.

778. GENERAL COUNCIL - MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING. The Committee received and approved the minutes of the Fourth Annual Meeting of the General Council held on July 19th 1923.

Resolved:- "That for the next Annual meeting arrangements be made for a two or three days meeting and that the Hospitality Committee should be asked to undertake the arrangements for the entertaining of the delegates.

It was further

Resolved:- "That efforts be made to hold the December meeting of the Council either at Bristol or Reading."

779. CO-OPTATION OF MEMBERS.

Resolved:- "That the following be asked to accept co-optation to the Executive Committee:-

Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P.  
 Captain Reginald Berkeley, M.P.  
 Lady Bonham Carter,  
 Lord Chelmsford.  
 Rt. Hon. J. A. Clynnes, M.P.  
 Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon.  
 Mr. J. F. Green  
 Major J. W. Hills.  
 Rt. Hon. Sir Charles Hobhouse, Bt.  
 Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe, C.M.G.

Rt. Hon. Sir F. Lugard  
 Professor A. F. Pollard, M.A.  
 Lady Selborne,  
 Mr. Philip Snowden, M.P.  
 Mr. H. Baillie Weaver,  
 Professor C. K. Webster, M.A.  
 Mr. A. Whitshead,  
 Sir Ellis Hume Williams, K.C., M.P.  
 Mr. L. M. Wynch, C.I.E., C.B.E.

It was understood that Professor Webster would only be in London until Christmas and that on his retirement Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, whom it was understood would be free at that time, should be asked to serve. It was

Resolved:- "That in the event of one of the above finding they were unable to accept a seat upon the Executive Committee, that General Seely be asked to serve and that in the meantime efforts be made to get someone to represent Labour to serve."

780. MAJOR J. D. BIRCHALL - RESIGNATION. The General Secretary reported the resignation of Major J. D. Birchall.

Resolved:- "To accept Major Birchall's resignation with regret."

781. VICE-CHAIRMAN. On the proposal of Professor Gilbert Murray, seconded by Mr. E. W. Morton George, it was

Resolved:- "That Major J. J. Hills be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee."

782. NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR COMBATING VENEREAL DISEASES. The General Secretary reported a letter from the National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases requesting that the L.N.U. should appoint a representative to serve on that Council. The invitation was also extended that such a representative should become represented on the Imperial and International Questions Committee. The General Secretary pointed out that Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon was already a member of the Executive of the National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases, and he recommended that she should act as the representative of the L.N.U.

Resolved:- "That Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon be asked to represent the Union on this Council."

783. NEXT MEETING.

Resolved:- "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday next, August 2nd, and that the resolution on Singapore and the memorandum by the Chairman on the relations of the Union to party politics be postponed for consideration until that meeting."

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, AUGUST  
2nd 1923 at 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); Lady Bonham Carter; Mrs. A.W. Claremont, A.W. Claremont, David Davies, M.P., the Viscountess Gladstone, J.F. Green, Sir Arthur Haworth; John W. Hills; Sir Charles Hobhouse, Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe, E.W. Morton George, Prebendary E. de M. Rudolf, Mrs. Oliver Strachey, Charles K. Webster, L.M. Wynch: together with the General Secretary and D.H. Mills.

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784. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Mr. Percy Bigland, Major Clifton Brown, Mr. J.H. Harris, Mr. Oswald Mosley, Lady Mary Murray, Lord Queenborough, Mr. Charles Roberts and Mr. Raymond Unwin.
785. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated July 26th 1923 were approved as circulated.
786. VIENNA CONFERENCE. The General Secretary reported that a letter had been sent to the Lord Privy Seal asking whether he or any other member of the Government would receive a deputation to present the Vienna resolutions.
787. ABYSSINIA. The Chairman stated that since the resolution of the Executive Committee on the question of slavery in Abyssinia, Lord Curzon, in a statement made in the House of Lords, had said that he proposed to call for reports from the British Consuls. He proposed, subject to the Executive's approval, to write a letter to Lord Curzon expressing the appreciation of this decision to call for reports.
- RESOLVED:- "To approve of the Chairman's proposal."
788. IRISH FREE STATE. It was reported that Mr. O'Molony had received an invitation to visit the Irish Free State to consult with the newly formed League of Nations Union there and had left for Ireland that morning.
789. LEAGUE OF NATIONS NEWS - CONTENTS COLUMN. The Chairman stated that he had written to the editor of the "Times" suggesting that League of Nations news should be referred to in the Contents Column and that he had replied that he would consider the proposal.
790. CO-OPTATIONS. The General Secretary reported that the following had written accepting seats upon the Executive Committee:-

Captain Reginald Berkeley, M.P.  
Lady Bonham Carter.  
Rt.Hon.J.R. Clynes, M.P.  
Mr. J.F. Green.  
Major J.W. Hills  
Rt.Hon.Sir Charles Hobhouse

Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe, C.M.G.  
 Professor C.K. Webster, M.A.  
 Mr. L.M. Wynn, C.I.E., C.B.E.

Lord Chelmsford and Professor Pollard regretted that through pressure of other engagements they were unable to accept seats.

No replies had been received from Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, Sir Frederick Lugard, Lady Selborne, Mr. Philip Snowden, Mr. Baillie Weaver, Mr. Whitehead and Sir Ellis Hume Williams.

RESOLVED:- "That Major General the Rt. Hon. J.E.B. Seely be invited to serve on the Executive."

791. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending July 31st, 1923 showed a CREDIT BALANCE at the Bank amounting to £1,714.17.4. with estimated outstanding liabilities amounting to £2,500.

792. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) MINORITIES. The minutes of a meeting of the Minorities Committee dated July 30th 1923 together with a memorandum on the subject of Protection of Minorities in Latvia, were approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:- "To request His Majesty's Government to instruct their delegates to the Fourth Assembly to insist on the signature by Esthonia of a Minorities Declaration embodying the main provisions of the Minorities Treaties and especially the principle of the guarantee of the League of Nations."

It was further

RESOLVED:- "That the attention of His Majesty's Government should be drawn to a declaration presented to the Council of the League of Nations by the Latvian delegation on July 7th 1923, and ask that H.M. Government should instruct its Delegation to urge the Assembly to satisfy itself, and record its opinion, as to whether the declaration complies with the Assembly's resolution of December 15th 1920, especially as regards the acceptance of the principle of Guarantee of the League of Nations."

"That Sir Willoughby Dickinson be asked to serve on the Minorities Commission of the Federation as British representative."  
 (These minutes included (2) Esthonian Minorities; (3) Latvian Minorities; (4) Polish Minorities; and (5) L.N.U. representative on Minorities Commission).

(b) WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. Subject to the non-acceptance of the application for Corporate Associateship of the South West Ham Branch, National Council of Women, Leamington Branch, N.C.W., and the Long Eaton Branch, Women's Unionist Association, the

minutes of the Women's Advisory Council dated July 31st 1923 were approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:- "That the following resolution of the Women's Advisory Council should be sent to the Secretariat of the League, but that the Executive Committee should not make any comment on the resolution:-

"That, whereas the League's Advisory Committee on the Traffic in Women and Children has recommended that, pending the abolition of the system of State Regulation, the employment of foreign women in licensed Brothels should be prohibited,

This Council is not convinced that the measure would accomplish the object in view and asks the Executive Committee of the Union, should the occasion arise, to take such steps as are possible to secure the rejection by the Assembly of the proposal, because it would give the countenance of the League of Nations to the Regulation System, which is iniquitous in itself and which is the chief support of the Traffic."

51. Conference on Prevention of Causes of War.  
Resolved:- "That the Union should take part in the Conference which is to be organised by the International Council of Women on the Prevention of Causes of War to be held in London early in 1924, and that the Union should assist in giving all possible publicity."

52. Representation of Women at International Labour Office Conferences  
The Committee received the following resolution of the Women's Advisory Council:-

"That in view of the fact that questions which come before the Labour Conferences affect women as closely as they affect men, the Women's Advisory Council requests the Executive Committee to urge the British Government to include a woman in the British Delegation to the forthcoming Labour Conference."

(These minutes included (42) Nomination of representatives to serve on the W.A.C.; (43) Corporate Associateship; (44) Provision of Speakers; (45) Traffic in Women and Children (49) Corporate Associateship; (51) Prevention of Causes of War; (52) I.L.O. and League Assembly; and (53) Quarterly News Sheet).

- (c) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS. The minutes of the Committee of Religions and Ethics dated July 31st 1923 were approved and adopted.  
(These minutes included (178) proposed letter to national societies; (179) "Home" propaganda and winter campaign; and (180) Next Meeting).
- (d) APPEALS. The Minutes of the Appeals Committee dated July 31st 1923 were approved and adopted.



RESOLVED:- "To authorise the General Secretary to take such steps as were considered necessary for the launching of an autumn appeals campaign." (These minutes included (40) Suggestions for Autumn Campaign; (41) International Garden Fete; (42) Rev. Martin Pinker; (43) Mr. Gleaves Doyle).

(e) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The General Secretary reported orally upon the meeting of the Staff Appointments Committee held August 1st 1923. The Committee recommended -

1. That Mr. V.H. Pinnay be appointed Travelling Secretary for the East Midlands region at a salary of £400 per annum subject to the usual conditions.
2. That in the event of a suitable vacancy occurring on the staff in the future the following be considered for appointment:-

Miss Sydney Brown  
Mr. A.B. Butterworth  
Mr. C.W. Judd  
Major Keatinge

3. That notice should be given to Miss Nathan but that the date of her termination of her engagement with the Union, either the end of August or September, be left to the discretion of the General Secretary.
4. That the following names should be submitted to the Overseas Committee at its October meeting when the question of the appointment of Assistant Secretary to the Federation of Societies is considered:-

Captain A.E.W. Thomas,  
Dame Adelaide Livingstone.  
Mr. Stephen Gwynn  
Major Keatinge.

These recommendations were approved and adopted.

The Committee also approved the suggestion that Dame Adelaide Livingstone should be asked to give two weeks voluntary service to the Union in the Intelligence Section at the end of September in order that the officers of the Union may judge of her work.

(f) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS. The General Secretary reported orally upon the meeting of the Christian Organisations Committee held on August 1st 1923.

Letter to Federated League of Nations Societies. The Christian Organisations Committee considered a letter drafted by the Committee of Religions and Ethics and submitted for the opinion of the Christian Organisations Committee by the Executive Committee.

The Committee

RESOLVED:- The Christian Organisations Committee considers that the transmission of this letter to the Societies for which it is prepared will serve a good purpose. The Committee ventures to point out owing to the

wide range of its appeal, including all religions and ethical societies it is difficult to make it as pointed and practical as if limited to Christendom, and suggest that the Executive Committee may at some time consider it advisable to have a draft prepared of an encyclical appeal to Christendom."

The Executive Committee discussed this proposal and were uncertain of the effect of such a letter upon Roman Catholic opinion and in order to get further advice upon this, it was RESOLVED:-

"That the question of sending out such a letter be adjourned until the October meeting of the Executive Committee."

- (g) MANAGEMENT. The General Secretary reported orally upon the meeting of the Management Committee held earlier in the day. This report was approved and adopted.
- (h) HOSPITALITY. The Committee agreed to a recommendation of the Hospitality Committee that Lady Winifred Elwes and Mr. Cloudeley Brereton should be asked to serve on the Hospitality Committee of the Union.
- 793. FOURTH ASSEMBLY - DELEGATION. The Committee discussed the delegation to the Fourth Assembly and the Chairman promised to write a letter to the Prime Minister congratulating the Government on the personal qualities of the delegates appointed, but expressing regret at the absence of any representative of Labour, as desired in the resolution of the General Council of the Union of January 1922.
 

It was  
RESOLVED:- "That this letter be published."

It was further  
RESOLVED:- "That the congratulations of the Committee be extended to Sir Willoughby Dickinson on his appointment as substitute delegate to the Fourth Assembly."
- 794. SINGAPORE. A resolution on Singapore on the agenda proposed by Mr. David Davies was discussed, together with a memorandum by the Chairman on the relation of the Union to Party Politics.
 

RESOLVED:- "That these matters be adjourned to the next meeting of the Executive Committee and that they should be discussed immediately after the reading of the minutes."
- 795. NEXT MEETING.
 

RESOLVED:- "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on October 4th."

It was further  
RESOLVED:- "That for the future the Executive Committee should meet at 11 a.m. instead of at 11.30 a.m."
- 796. BRITISH LEGION - CO-OPERATION.
 

RESOLVED:- "That the question of co-operation with the British Legion should be discussed at the next meeting."
- 797. DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND - DEBATE. The Chairman in reply to Sir Arthur Haworth stated that the Executive were quite prepared to nominate someone to debate the question of the League with the Duke of Northumberland.

*Gilbert Murray*

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST  
21st 1923 AT 12 NOON.

PRESENT:- David Davies (in the Chair); G.N.Barnes, Reginald Berkeley, Percy Bigland, Lady Bonham Carter, Mrs.A.W.Claremont, A.W.Claremont, J.M.Green, John H.Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Charles Hobhouse, V.Rennie Hey, E. de M. Audolf, Philip Snowden, Mrs.Oliver Strachey, Raymond Unwin, Charles Webster; together with the General Secretary and Captain A.L.W.Thomas.

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798. CHAIRMAN. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Mr. David Davies was voted to the Chair.
799. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, Lady Denman, Sir W.H. Dickinson, Mr.Morton George, Major J.W.Hillis, Lady Mary Murray, Mr.Charles Roberts, Mrs.Walter Runciman, General Seely and Mr.L.M.Lynch.
800. RUHR RESOLUTION. The Committee considered the following draft resolution, submitted by the Chairman, Professor Gilbert Murray, who was unavoidably detained abroad:-

"In view of the ever increasing danger to peace resulting from the continued occupation of the Ruhr District by French and Belgian forces -

The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union respectfully urges His Majesty's Government at or before the meeting of the Fourth Assembly on September 21st, 1923,

1. to bring to the notice of the League, under Article XI of the Covenant, the present relations between France and Germany;
2. to endeavour to bring about a settlement under the auspices of the League of the whole problem of international indebtedness and security out of which the present strained situation has arisen;
3. to propose that representatives of Germany be invited, under the terms of Article XVII, to take part in the discussion of those matters in which Germany is directly interested.

The Executive Committee also hopes that His Majesty's Government will press vigorously forward the Draft Treaty on Disarmament and Guarantee, as the most effective means to ease the international situation by relieving the dangerous burdens of national expenditure, as well as to secure the future maintenance of peace.

The draft resolutions were amended and adopted in the following form:-

x ( "In view of the ever increasing danger to peace resulting )

From the continued occupation of the Ruhr district by French and Belgian forces:-

The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union respectfully urges His Majesty's Government at or before the meeting of the Fourth Assembly on September 3rd 1923,

1. to exercise its declared friendly right under the second paragraph of Article XI of the Covenant and to bring to the notice of the League the present relations between France, Belgium and Germany;
2. to propose that representatives of Germany be invited, under the terms of Article XVII, to take part in the discussion of those matters in which Germany is directly interested;
3. to endeavour to bring about a settlement under the auspices of the League (with the assistance, if possible, of the United States) of the whole problem of reparations, inter-allied debts, and security out of which the present strained situation has arisen;

The Executive Committee also hopes that His Majesty's Government will press vigorously for a Treaty on Disarmament and Guarantees, as the most effective means to ease the international situation by relieving the dangerous burdens of national expenditure, as well as to secure the future maintenance of peace."

It was further

Resolved:- "That copies of this resolution should be sent to the Government - the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary and Lord Robert Cecil - to the Press, to the Union's Branches and to the other League of Nations Societies abroad.

That the Union's Branches be urged to support the resolution by telegraphing to the Government.

That voluntary societies abroad be invited to urge their respective governments in a similar sense."

801. SIR FREDERICK LUGARD. The General Secretary reported that Sir Frederick Lugard had written to say that as he was very pressed with work, and as he lived in the country, he would find it very difficult to attend meetings of the Executive Committee, and that if, in these circumstances, the Committee were of the opinion that it would be better for him not to accept membership, he would write officially to that effect.

Resolved:- "To ask Sir Frederick Lugard to accept membership of the Committee."

802. RUHR INFORMATION BUREAU - BULLETIN. The Committee decided not to circulate the bulletins published by the Ruhr Information Bureau.

803. BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION. The General Secretary reported that a provisional option on a site for a combined exhibit had been secured, conditional upon the Union being able to make satisfactory

arrangements with the British Legion and the Overseas League, and that a Conference Hall had been engaged provisionally, for a Conference in the last week of June, 1924.

804. CONTRIBUTION TO THE FEDERATION.

Resolved:- "That the Union's subscription to the International Federation of League of Nations Societies for the year 1923/4 should be paid as soon as possible."

805. MR WAUGH.

Resolved:- "That the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union, while learning with regret of the resignation of Mr. R. D. Waugh from membership of the Saar Valley Governing Commission, desires to set on record its high appreciation of the efforts consistently exerted by Mr. Waugh in the past three years in interests of just and equitable administration in the Saar Valley, and conveys to him its cordial good wishes in respect of his future work in Manitoba.

806. MINUTE 1014 OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS - COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS OF DOCUMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED FROM INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS.

The General Secretary reported the decision of the Council of the League embodied in minute 1014 instructing the Secretary-General not to circulate communications or documents received from International or Voluntary Societies. It was

Resolved:- "To ask Professor Gilbert Murray to enter a protest against this decision on the ground that it would prevent the Members of the Council from receiving communications regarding resolutions passed by National and International League of Nations Societies. "

*Gilbert Murray*

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 5th 1923 AT 2 O'CLOCK.

PRESENT:- J.J.Hills (in the Chair); H.Baillie-Weaver, G.N.Barnes, Reginald Berkeley, Percy Bigland, Mrs.A.J.Claremont, David Davies, H.A.L.Fisher, Viscountess Gladstone, J.F.Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, S.M.Drury Lowe, E.W.Morton-George, Mrs.Oliver Strachey, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, and Charles K.Webster; together with the General Secretary and D.H.Mills.

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607. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Mr.J.H.Harris, Mr.F.N.Keen, General Maurice, and Professor Murray (all at Geneva), also Major Clifton Brown, Lady Bonham Carter, Sir Frederick Lugard, Mr. Oswald Mosley, Prebendary Rudolf and General Seely.

608. ITALIAN/GREEK CRISIS. The Chairman explained that the object of the special meeting was to consider the situation which had arisen between Italy and Greece. It was reported that the following cable had already been sent to the Italian and Greek Societies:-

"British League of Nations Union representing 310,000 members and 1,500 Branches greet your Society and remembering the ancient friendship between Italy and Greece appeal to members and branches of Italian League of Nations Society to petition their Government to refer Italian/Greek question to the League of Nations. Greek / Italian"

The Committee gave consideration to two suggested resolutions on the subject and it was ultimately

Resolved:- "That the Executive Committee of the L.N.U. -- remembering the abrupt termination of hostilities between Yugoslavia and Albania which resulted, in November 1921, from the intervention of the League of Nations -- welcomes the British Government's action in instructing their representative on the League's Council and Assembly to press for the full use of the League's powers under the Covenant with a view to an immediate settlement of the dispute between Italy and Greece. Its courageous action on this occasion may establish or destroy the League of Nations, upon which the future peace of the world depends. The Executive Committee accordingly appeals to H.M.Government to do all that lies in their power to secure that the League shall not hesitate to enforce the Covenant in the present critical instance, confident that such action on the part of the Government will command the support of the great majority of the people of this country.

It was further

Resolved:- "That this resolution --

1. Be published in the Press.

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2. Be sent to Branches with a request that they send similar resolutions to the Government.
3. Be sent to Wilson Harris at Geneva requesting that he might show it to French journalists at Geneva and suggesting that they might endeavour to influence French public opinion in this direction.
4. Be sent to M. Ruysens at Geneva requesting that he might send copies of this resolution to the Federated Societies and suggesting that a special meeting of the Council of the Federation be called for one day in the following week at Geneva.
5. Be sent to the French Society asking for information as to what the French Society were doing in this matter.

It was further suggested that a copy of this resolution be sent to Lord Grey with a suggestion that he might write a letter along these lines to the "Times."

99. TOKIO/YOKOHAMA DISASTER. It was

Resolved:- "That a message of sympathy in the great disaster which has overtaken the country be sent to the Japanese League of Nations Society.

10. RUHR. It was reported that in response to the resolutions of the special meeting of the Executive held on August 21st relating to the Ruhr, communications had been sent to the Prime Minister on the lines suggested in Headquarters circular letter by 212 Branches, 3 Junior Branches and 30 Corporate Members. The French Society had written to say that they did not consider the time very favourable, but the Federation was pressing an appeal to the Assembly on this question. The Swiss and Polish Societies telegraphed that they had already urged their respective Governments of the Union's resolutions, whilst the S. Australian Branch acknowledged the telegram and stated that the S. Australian Government supported the British note.

*Gilbert Murray*

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 19th 1923 AT 12 NOON.

PRESENT:- J.W.Hills (in the Chair); H.Baillie-Weaver, G.W.Barnes, Percy Bigland, David Davies, Viscountess Gladstone, J.F.Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, E.N.Keen, S.R.Drury-Lowe, E.W.Morton-George, Oswald Mosley, Lady Mary Murray, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, and L.M.Wynch: together with the General Secretary and D.H.Mills.

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811. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Mr. J.H.Harris, Professor Gilbert Murray, Prebendary Rudolf, Mrs Walter Runciman, & General Seely.

812. ITALIAN/GREEK SITUATION - NEWSPAPER ATTACKS ON THE LEAGUE.  
The Committee considered at length the newspaper attacks on the League in its dealing with the Italian/Greek dispute. It was

Resolved:- 1. "That the Union prepare and circulate as widely as possible - and gratis to all members whose Branches will undertake the local distribution - a statement

narrating the history of the Graeco-Italian dispute;

describing the League's part in its settlement;

estimating the effect upon the League's prestige and future usefulness;

and, in view of the partial success which has resulted from the degree in which the League has on this occasion mobilised public opinion throughout the world,

exhorting members of the Union and others to further efforts to secure for the League the general support of public opinion in this country.

That proofs of the document be available for consideration by the Committee on October 4th 1923.

2. "That the October HEADWAY devote a page - probably the cartoon page - to a series of typical extracts from English newspapers shewing their attitude to the League in this the greatest crisis of its history.

The General Secretary reported that he was leaving for Geneva the following day, and it was

Resolved:- "That the draft of this statement be left in the hands of Professor Murray, the General Secretary and Mr Wilson Harris."

The General Secretary stated that the circulating of this pamphlet might mean a cost of £500.



813. JAPAN. Consideration of the following resolution proposed by Mr David Davies was adjourned to the next meeting of the Executive:-

- " 1. "That the Union issue, if possible with the October HEADWAY, an appeal for funds for the Japanese Society. (the appeal might suggest that subscribers of 3.6d or more annually to the Union should for this year pay double their usual subscription in order that the Japanese Society may receive an amount equivalent to that received by the English Society from this source).
2. (a) That the British Government be asked to give blankets or such other suitable Army stores as may be available for the relief of sufferers from the Japanese earthquake;
- (b) That the Government, following the lead of the Government of the U.S.A. make a grant of £1,000,000 for the rebuilding of Tokio;
- (c) That the Government, reconsider in the light of the altered circumstances their proposal to spend very large sums of money on a naval base at Singapore.

*Gilbert Murray*

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APPROVED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 4th 1923 AT 11 O'CLOCK.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); G.F. Barnes, Reginald Berkeley, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Percy Bigland, The Viscountess Gladstone, Mrs Ogilvie Gordon, J.F. Green, John M. Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, David Hunter, S.R. Drury-Lowe, Sir Frederick Maurice, E.W. Horton-George, Lady Mary Murray, Charles Roberts, Prebendary E. de M. Rudolf, Raymond Urwin, Henry Vivian, Charles K. Webster, and L.M. Wynch; together with the General Secretary and D.H. Mills.

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814. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were received from Mr Baillie-Weaver, Mrs Ogilvie Gordon, Mr P.M. Keen, Lord Queensborough, and Lady Selborne.
815. MINUTES. The minutes of the last Ordinary meeting of the Executive Committee dated August 2nd and the minutes of the special meetings held August 21st, September 5th and September 19th were approved as circulated.
816. IRISH FREE STATE. It was reported that Mr O'Molony had visited the Irish Free State in August, that a League of Nations Union had been formed there, and that a large public meeting specially concerned with the Fourth Assembly of the League would be held under its auspices in November.
817. CO-OPERATIONS. It was reported that replies had been received from the following accepting seats on the Executive Committee, namely, Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, Mr Baillie-Weaver, Mrs Ogilvie Gordon, Sir Frederick Lugard, General Seely, Lady Selborne and Mr Whitehead.  
No replies had yet been received from Mr Philip Snowden and Sir Ellis Hume Williams.
818. RELIGIONS & ETHICS - LETTER TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES. The General Secretary reported that Father Keating had undertaken to approach Cardinal Bourne and to ask him whether he thought the sending out of such a letter would serve a useful purpose, or whether he had any suggestions to make for its emendation.
819. BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION. The General Secretary reported that no definite decision had yet been made in regard to a site at the British Empire Exhibition, but that negotiations were still proceeding between the British Legion, the Overseas League and the Union.
820. BRITISH LEGION - CO-OPERATION. The question of co-operation with the British Legion was adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.
821. DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND. The General Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that Mr Leo Maxse was speaking on the subject of the League of Nations and the Duke of Northumberland was presiding at a meeting to be held in the Kingsway Hall on November 2nd.
822. MINUTE 1014 OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS - COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS OF DOCUMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED FROM INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS. It was  
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Resolved:- "That a memorandum should be drafted on the subject of sending of communications from international and national societies to the Secretary-General of the League, and that this should be considered at an early meeting."

823. THE RUHR. The General Secretary reported that by means of a "follow-up" the Welsh National Council had persuaded 83 per cent of the Branches in Wales to send the Ruhr resolution to the Government. In England there had been no "follow-up" and only 23 per cent of the Branches were known to have communicated this resolution.
824. FOURTH ASSEMBLY. The Chairman commented on the doings of the Fourth Assembly and recommended that steps should be taken by the Union to press upon the British public the importance of the Opium Conference to be held under the auspices of the League.
825. GUARANTEED PACT. General Maurice promised to draft a memorandum for the consideration of the next meeting of the Committee on the Guarantee Pact.
826. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending October 2nd 1923 showed a Bank Overdraft to date amounting to £2,427.1.9 with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £2,500.
827. ITALY, GREECE AND THE LEAGUE. The Committee considered proof of a pamphlet which Mr Wilson Harris prepared in accordance with minute 612. Subject to certain slight amendments which were left in the hands of the Chairman and the author, the pamphlet was approved and Mr Wilson Harris was congratulated upon his work.
828. CENTRAL HALL MEETING. The General Secretary reported that Lord Robert Cecil <sup>part</sup> expected to make a statement to the Imperial Conference on the recent work of the League and particularly on the League's ~~opportunity~~ <sup>ability</sup> in settling the Italian-Greek conflict. This statement Lord Robert Cecil felt <sup>able</sup> to anticipate by a speech at the Union's proposed meeting on October 17th. nor could the Prime Minister preside at that meeting. A telegram had been sent to Mr E.F.L. Wood inviting him but no reply was yet to hand. Professor Murray stated that he had written inviting General Smuts.

Resolved:- "That in the event of General Smuts not accepting the meeting be cancelled; but if General Smuts accepted, Lord Grey should be invited to take the Chair."

829. PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONNAIRE COMMITTEE.

Resolved:- "To ask the following to serve on the new Parliamentary Questionnaire Committee:-

Major J.W. Hills.  
Mr J.R.M. Butler, M.P.,  
Lady Bonham-Carter.  
Mrs Strachey  
Mr J.R. Clynes, M.P. (or his nominee).  
Sir Arthur Haworth, Bt.  
Captain Reginald Berkeley, M.P.

830. GENERAL COUNCIL - DATE OF MEETING.

Resolved:- "That the next meeting of the General Council be held on a Thursday in December convenient to Lord Robert Cecil if his acceptance to an invitation to address the meeting is obtained."

831. FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES - RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved:- "That the following resolution be submitted to the next meeting of the Council of the Federation of Societies at the Hague:-

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"That during each Assembly of the League of Nations at Geneva, provision should be made for a Conference of members of the Societies in the Federation, and that these members should in advance be authorised to represent their Society in an official capacity."

832. NEXT MEETING. The following matters were postponed to the next meeting of the Committee:-

1. Reports of Committees:-

- (a) Appeals - 11.9.23 & 2.10.23.
- (b) Education - 28.9.23.
- (c) Labour Advisory - 2.10.23.
- (d) Christian Organisations - 1.8.23 & 3.10.23.
- (e) Hospitality - 27.9.23.

- 2. Proposed week-end School at Swanwick.
- 3. I.L.O. Expenditure.
- 4. Communication from Watford Branch
- 5. Singapore - resolution.
- 6. Japan - resolutions.

*Gilbert Murray*

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER  
11th 1923 AT 11 O'CLOCK.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); G.A.Barnes;  
Mrs A.W.Claremont; David Davies; H.A.L.Fisher; the Viscountess  
Gladstone; J.F.Green; John H.Harris; Sir Charles Hobhouse;  
David Hunter; F.N.Aeon; S.R.Drury Lowe; Sir Frederick Maurice;  
E.W.Morton George; Lady Mary Murray; Lord Queenborough; Presb.  
E. de M.Rudolf; Mrs Oliver Strachey; Henry Vivian; Charles K.  
Webster; and L.M.Wynch: together with the General Secretary  
and D.H.Mills.

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823. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Mr Percy Rigland, Mr Baillie-Weaver, Mr Charles Roberts, General Seely, Mr Raymond Unwin and Mr Graham White.
824. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on October 4th 1923 were approved as circulated.
825. RELIGIONS & ETHICS - LETTER TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES. The General Secretary reported that Father Keating had been in correspondence with Cardinal Bourne in regard to the sending out of the Religions & Ethics letter, and that a further communication was expected.
826. MINUTE 1014 OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS - COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS OF DOCUMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED FROM INTERNATIONAL SOCIETIES. Mr David Davies reported that this resolution was discussed at the meeting of the Federation Council held at the Hague on the previous week-end.
- The General Secretary stated that the memorandum relating to this subject, asked for at the previous meeting, was at present in the course of preparation.
827. PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONNAIRE COMMITTEE. It was reported that the Parliamentary Questionnaire Committee had been summoned and it was agreed to invite Major Clifton Brown to serve upon this Committee also.
828. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.
- (a) APPEALS. The minutes of the Appeals Committee dated 11.9.23 and 2.10.23 were approved and adopted.

Mr Morton-George reported orally upon the meeting of the Committee held the previous day, and the Executive approved a suggestion that a letter be drafted by the General Secretary to be sent to 2,000 business men to be approved and signed by Professor Gilbert Murray, Lord Queenborough and the General Secretary.

The General Secretary stated that wherever possible the printed letter would be accompanied by a short covering letter signed by

some recognised leader likely to have special influence with the special donor in question.

Mr Morton-George raised the question of the co-ordination of the work of the Appeals & Finance Committees, and this was referred for consideration and report to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

(These minutes included (47) International Musical Festival; (48) Rev. Prebendary Rudolf; (50) Appeals Secretary's visit to Buxton and Autumn Campaign; (52) Consideration of letter to 2,000 business firms; (54) Renewal of appeal, and (55) Financial Position in "Headway").

- (b) EDUCATION. The minutes of the Education Committee dated 28.9.23 were approved and adopted.

Mr Fisher agreed to the reprinting in "Headway", or elsewhere, of his preface to the Board of Education's recent report on the Teaching of History.

(These minutes included (358) resolutions adopted by Federation of Voluntary Societies; (359) International Moral Education Congress; (360) Teaching of History. (361) "The Unity of Europe" and (362) International Auxiliary Language).

- (c) LABOUR ADVISORY. Subject to the deferring of the consideration of resolution 23(a)(3) the minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee dated 2.10.23 were approved and adopted.

Resolved:- "That minute 23(a)(3) be deferred for consideration to the next meeting of the Executive, and that in the meantime a memorandum on the subject should be prepared and circulated."

(These minutes included (22) Secretary's Report; and (24) Dr J.B. Andrews).

- (d) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS. The minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated 2.10.23 were approved and adopted.

The Committee approved of the recommendation that a further sum of £100 out of the £500 promised by the Executive Committee, subject to the conditions agreed upon, should be paid to the Free Church Council in connection with their campaign for a Warless World.

It was reported that the Free Church Council was appealing to 8,000 Ministers to bring their churches into the L.M.U. as Corporate Members and that circular letters were to be addressed to clergymen of the Church of England telling them of the arrangements for World Peace Sunday (December 23rd), and urging them to do what they could to secure their members as Corporate Members of the Union. It was hoped to take similar steps in Scotland in connection with the peace celebrations on November 11th.

Mr David Davies recommended that a collection should be asked for at all the churches on World Peace Sunday.

(These minutes included (195) Appeal to Christendom; (196) World Peace Sunday; (201) Free Church Campaign; and (202) New Pamphlet).

- (e) HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE. The minutes of the Hospitality Committee dated 27.9.23 were approved and adopted.

(These minutes included (50) Additions to Committee; (51) Clubs & At Homes; (52) Embassies; (53) "Special Facilities" sub-Committee; (54) Dinner to Dominion Premiers; and (55) General Council).

(f) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The General Secretary reported orally upon the meeting of the Staff Appointments Committee held October 4th 1923. This report stated that -

- (a) Miss Booth had now returned to duty.
- (b) That the question of an entertainment allowance for members of the staff be referred for consideration to the Finance Committee.
- (c) That after consultation with the auditors it was not proposed to appoint an accountant.
- (d) That the offer of voluntary service by Miss Sawyer and Miss Lucy Mair be gratefully accepted.
- (e) That Mr Wilson Harris had commenced duties on October 1st.
- (f) That the resignations of Miss Brewer accepted in February last had taken effect.
- (g) That the applications for appointments from Miss Audrey Richards, Miss Grace Stonedals, and Miss V.A. Owen, were referred for consideration to the next meeting of the Committee.
- (h) That the applications of Miss White and Miss Waley to be placed on the paid staff of the Union were referred to the next meeting of the Committee.
- (i) That Dame Adelaide Livingstone had been working in the Intelligence Section for the previous fortnight and it was proposed that she should remain in a voluntary capacity until the Overseas Committee had met to consider and make recommendations for the Brussels appointment.

Resolved:- "That subject to the appointment of an accountant being referred for consideration to the Finance Committee, this report be approved and adopted."

(g) MANAGEMENT. The General Secretary reported orally upon the meeting of the Management Committee held earlier in the day.

839. PROPOSED WEEK-END SCHOOL AT SWANWICK. The General Secretary reported that a suggestion had been made to him that the Union should hold a week-end School at Swanwick. Enquiries had already been made and it was found that a School could be held at a cost of 9/6d per head per day, and arrangements could be made to utilise just as few, or as many, rooms as there were necessary for the number of applicants to attend such a school. Such arrangements could be made so that the Union could not possibly incur a loss.

Resolved:- "To authorise the General Secretary to proceed with the arrangements of such a School."

840. I.L.O. EXPENDITURE. The Committee gave consideration to the following two resolutions adjourned from the meeting of the Executive held on July 12th:-

- (a) All entertainment allowance should be abolished, but that the Director should be authorised to present to the proper authorities a quarterly, biennial or annual statement of accounts showing the expenditure on entertainments which had been incurred on his authority and that this statement of accounts should be met.

- (b) The I.L.O. publications "Industrial & Labour Information" and the "Monthly Review" should be amalgamated, and that a third section should be incorporated in the joint publication containing in unofficial language, the contents of the "Official Bulletin" and that the whole publication should be put upon a commercial basis."

Mr Barnes agreed to the withdrawal of these resolutions provided the others members of the sub-Committee which drafted them were agreeable.

841. PROPOSED COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW - COMMUNICATION <sup>see</sup>  
FROM WATFORD BRANCH. The General Secretary reported a communication from the Secretary of the Watford Branch who suggested that it would be of great value if the Executive Committee could arrange for a small standing committee of experts in International Law who would be asked to follow any matter of concern to the League which may arise, and to supply the leading newspapers with a statement of the position from time to time when they think it necessary.

The General Secretary stated that there was already in existence an Amendments to the Covenant Committee of which Lord Phillimore was chairman, and it was

Resolved:- "To ask Mr Keen to look into the matter; and if necessary to see Dr Bellot, Secretary of the International Law Association, and to make suggestions to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

842. SINGAPORE. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"The Executive of the League of Nations Union beg to suggest to H.M. Government that in view of the effect of the earthquake on the Japanese Fleet and Naval Establishments, this new fact be considered at the Conference on the Extension of the Terms of the Washington Convention to be held at Geneva next year, and that meanwhile no further expenditure be incurred for developing a base for Capital ships at Singapore."

It was  
Resolved:- "That this resolution --

- (a) Be sent to the Press.
- (b) Be sent to the Government
- (c) Be placed on the agenda of the next Council meeting.

In view of the above resolution, the resolution on Singapore standing in the name of Mr David Davies, and adjourned from the Executive meeting of August 2nd, was by leave withdrawn.

843. HAGUE - COUNCIL OF FEDERATION. Mr David Davies gave a brief report of the meeting of the Council of the Federation which was held at the Hague on the previous week-end.

844. GUARANTEE PACT. The Committee received a memorandum by General Maurice on the Guarantee Pact and the gratitude of the Committee was expressed to General Maurice for his memorandum.

Resolved:- "That this memorandum --

- (a) should appear in HEADWAY;



(b) should be used as a preface to the Mutual Guarantee Treaty if it was printed by the Union; and that an article based on the memorandum should be "syndicated" for the Press."

845. CONFERENCE OF AMBASSADORS. The Committee received a memorandum on the Conference of Ambassadors by Professor Webster and Professor Webster promised to expand this memorandum for the consideration of another meeting of the Executive.
846. ITALY-GREECE PAMPHLET. In reply to the Chairman the General Secretary reported that Branches had asked for 16,000 copies of the Italian-Greek pamphlet for free distribution to their members. 500 copies were also being sent to the Non-Partisan Committee; 500 copies to the World Peace Foundation; 100 copies to Mr Sweetser in Geneva, and two copies to each of the Societies who belong to the Federation of Societies. It was

Resolved:- "To enquire from Captain Colin Coote who was in Rome as to what use could be made of the pamphlet in Italy, and especially to ask the name of prominent English speaking Italians to whom it might be sent."

847. BRITISH LEGION - CO-OPERATION. Major Murray reported briefly upon the progress of his conversations with the British Legion with a view to co-operation.
848. CHRIST AND THE ANDES. The General Secretary reported that Miss Mary Elwes who had painted a water colour of the Christ and the Andes on the spot, wished to make a presentation of the original to the Union.

Resolved:- "To accept this gift with thanks."

849. PRESIDENT MASARYK. The General Secretary reported that President Masaryk, (Czechoslovakia) was visiting this country on the 21st inst for two or three days. He was being asked to extend his visit in order that he might attend the dinner to the Dominion Premiers on the 25th October. He would probably be accompanied by Dr Benes. His reply to the Union's invitation however had yet been received.

*Gilbert Murray*

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, 18th  
OCTOBER 1923 AT 11 O'CLOCK.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); Percy Bigland;  
Lady Bonham Carter, Mrs. A.A. Claremont, A.W. Claremont, Sir  
Willoughby Dickinson, the Viscountess Gladstone, J.F. Green,  
John H. Harris, David Hunter, F.N. Keen, S.R. Drury-Lowe,  
D.W. Merton-George, Lady Mary Murray, Lord Queenborough,  
Prebendary D. de M. Rudolf, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian and  
I.M. Wynch: together with the General Secretary and D.H. Mills.

MINUTES

850. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr. Baillie-Weaver, Mr. Barnes, Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Mrs. Walter Runciman, General Seely, Mr. Graham White and Mr. Aneurin Williams.
851. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held October 11th 1923 were approved as circulated.
852. RELIGIONS AND ETHICS - LETTER TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES. Referring to minute 835 of the Executive meeting of October 11th the General Secretary explained that two circular letters had been proposed: the first was to be sent to League of Nations Societies. This circular the Executive had approved when they adopted the minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee on August 2nd. The other circular was a proposed encyclical appeal to Christendom, the consideration of which was deferred until Father Keating should have consulted Cardinal Bourne. Father Keating had now reported unfavourably.
- Resolved:- "That the circular letter to League of Nations Societies be despatched forthwith and that no further action be taken in regard to the proposed encyclical appeal to Christendom."
853. PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONNAIRE COMMITTEE. It was reported that Major Clifton Brown had stated that he was unable to accept the invitation to join the Parliamentary Questionnaire Committee.
- Resolved:- "To invite Captain Walter Elliot to serve."
854. LIGHT HOURS' CONVENTION. The General Secretary reported that a memorandum on the Eight Hours' Convention was in the course of preparation. This would be available for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.
855. SINGAPORE. The General Secretary reported that the resolution on Singapore had been sent to the Government and had appeared in a few London and several Provincial newspapers.
856. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending October 16th showed a Bank Overdraft on that date amounting to £2,556.8.8. with estimated outstanding liabilities amounting to £2,500.

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857. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) MANAGEMENT. The minutes of the Management Committee dated October 11th 1923 were approved and adopted.

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 (c) That it be explained to Miss Waley that the Committee regretted they were unable to pay a salary.  
 (d) That Miss Brodie be appointed Librarian and that her salary be increased by £50 per annum.  
 (e) That the thanks of the Committee be expressed to Brig. General Bruce for his offer of voluntary service, but that he be informed that the Committee regretted the financial position of the Union did not allow of his being paid expenses at the rate of 10/- per day, for each day he worked in the office.  
 (f) Miss Spaul. The General Secretary reported that Messrs. George Harraps were publishing Miss Spaul's new book on "Women who are working for the League", for which she was getting a 10 per cent royalty on the published price on the general edition and a 10 per cent royalty on two thirds of the published price on the school edition. She suggested that in accordance with an arrangement made with the Union she should hand over 5 per cent royalty (i.e. half the amount paid to her). The Staff Appointments Committee recommended that Miss Spaul's offer be accepted.

Resolved:- "That the report of the Staff Appointments Committee be approved and adopted."

858. FRENCH ASSOCIATION - PROPOSED INTERCHANGE OF SPEAKERS. Sir Willoughby Dickinson reported that in the previous week he had attended a Committee of the French Association for the League of Nations in Paris, and the views expressed at that Committee were that it would be a good thing to have two or three representative speakers from the League of Nations Union to speak in French to meetings organised by the French Association in France ~~giving the League of Nations point of view in regard~~

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*in support of the League of Nations (See Minute 863 Ann)*

~~to the Occupation of the Ruhr.~~ He thought this a good idea and urged the Executive to consider the suggestion as a matter of urgency. It was also thought that the League of Nations Union in its turn could invite speakers from the French Association to address British audiences.

Resolved:- "To authorise Sir Willoughby Dickinson to write a letter to the French Association stating that the L.N.U. would welcome any invitation for a representative to go to Paris, and have conferences with the French Society, and that if the French Society so desired, those speakers would take part in local meetings of their Society."

The Chairman urged that if speakers went from the Union they would have to be very careful indeed in their speeches to emphasise that they were representing the League of Nations point of view and not necessarily the British point of view.

Resolved:- "That the further arrangements in connection with this suggestion of the French Association be placed in the hands of the Overseas Committee."

359. PRESENTATION TO THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS OF RESOLUTIONS FROM INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS - MEMORANDUM. The Committee considered a memorandum on the subject of the presentation to the League of Nations of resolutions from International Associations. Professor Murray stated that he would write to Sir Eric Drummond putting forward certain objections to this resolution and at the same time would ask whether there was not a means which would allow of certain resolutions on such organisations as the Associated Chambers of Commerce, Bankers' Societies, and the International Federation of the League of Nations receiving the attention both of Sir Eric and of the Council.

860. GENERAL COUNCIL. The General Secretary reported a letter from Mr. Penman, the Secretary of the Watford Branch, requesting that the Council should formulate a policy on the Italian-Greek dispute, and to this end that an immediate meeting of the Council be called.

Resolved:- "That the Graeco-Italian dispute be discussed at the next meeting of the Council to be held in December, and that it be arranged to hold a two days' meeting preferably on the 13th and 14th December."

Lady Gladstone stated that the Hospitality Committee would do all they could to provide hospitality for those delegates coming up from the country if the Hospitality Committee were notified of the names of the people who desired hospitality say by November 20th.

861. CONFERENCE OF AMBASSADORS.

Resolved:- "That a special meeting of the Executive be held on Thursday next, the 25th October at 11 a.m. to consider the question of the Ambassadors' Conference."

*Gilbert Murray*

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30.10.23.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CHURCH, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 25TH, 1923 AT 11 O'CLOCK.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); A.W.Claremont;  
David Davies; Sir Willoughby Dickinson; H.A.L.Fisher; the  
Viscountess Gladstone; J.F.Green; John E. Harris; Sir Charles  
Hobhouse; David Hunter; F.N.Keen, S.R.Drury Lowe; Sir Frederick  
Maurice; E.W.Morton-George; Lady Mary Murray; Prebendary D. de M.  
Rudolf; Mrs. Walter Runciman; Raymond Unwin and Henry Vivian;  
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MINUTES

862. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr. Barnes, Mrs. A.W. Claremont, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Lady Bonham Carter, Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, Lord Queenborough, Mr. Graham White and Mr. Aneurin Williams.
863. MINUTES. Subject to the substitution of the words "in support of the League of Nations" in line nine of minute 858, instead of the words "giving the League of Nations point of view in regard to the Occupation of the Ruhr", the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated October 18th 1923 were approved as circulated.
864. FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES - PERMANENT COMMISSION TO EXAMINE TEXT BOOKS. The General Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to minute 838(b) of the Committee held on October 11th. This minute stated that the Committee approved a recommendation of the Education Committee of September 28th that Mr. F.G. Gould should be invited to serve as the Union's representative on the Permanent Commission of the Bureau which is to examine Text Books now in use in schools and colleges in several countries. The General Secretary was of opinion that this was an incorrect minute; his impression was that the Executive Committee desired him to attend if possible, or to send a substitute. The Committee agreed with the General Secretary's opinion, and it was
- RESOLVED:- "That minute 838(b) in so far as it confirms the recommendation that Mr. F.J. Gould should serve on this Committee, be rescinded; and that instead the General Secretary, or his representative, should attend these meetings of the Bureau."
865. LIGHT HOURS' CONVENTION. The General Secretary reported that the memorandum on the Eight Hours' Convention would be circulated in time for the next meeting of the Committee.
866. FRENCH ASSOCIATION - PROPOSED INTERCHANGE OF DELEGATES. Sir Willoughby Dickinson reported that he had written a letter to the French Association as he was requested at the last meeting of the Committee, but had not yet received a reply. He hoped that by the next meeting of the Executive, a reply would be received.
867. PRESENTATION TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS OF RESOLUTIONS FROM INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS. The Chairman stated that he had written to the Secretary-General of the League, as he was requested to do at the last meeting of the Committee, and had received a reply from Sir Eric Drummond's private secretary to the effect that Sir Eric was away and that a reply would

be sent upon his return. Meantime certain suggestions were offered in the letter as to how resolutions might possibly be brought to the notice of the Council.

Resolved:- "That the following be asked to serve on a small Committee to consider the situation created by this decision of the Council of the League and make recommendations to the Executive Committee:-

Mr. David Davies, M.P.  
Sir Willoughby Dickinson,  
Mr. H. L. Fisher, M.P.  
Mr. J. H. Harris.

It was decided that this sub-Committee should have a preliminary meeting and then await the official reply of Sir Eric Drummond.

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CONFERENCE OF AMBASSADORS.

Resolved:- "In view of the dangerous instability likely to result if representatives of H.M. Government pursue one policy in the Conference of Ambassadors and another at the Council of the League of Nations, AND particularly in view of the regrettable action of the Conference of Ambassadors with regard to the Graeco-Italian dispute in September 1923; The Executive Committee of the L.N.U. respectfully recommends to H.M. Government that the activities of the Conference of Ambassadors should be strictly confined to completing as soon as possible the duties already imposed upon it as a result of the Peace Treaties; and that in any case where its sphere of action may overlap that of the League of Nations, the latter should be recognised as the superior authority.

Resolved:- "That this resolution be sent -

- (a) To the Government.
- (b) To the Press.
- (c) To the Branches.

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REPARATIONS - CONFERENCE OF POWERS.

Resolved:- "In view of the threatened catastrophe to Europe in general and to Great Britain in particular caused by the present condition of Germany, the Executive Committee of the L.N.U. welcomes and recommends to the earnest attention of His Majesty's Government the proposal made by General Smuts for immediately convening "a great Conference of the Powers who are mainly interested in the reparation question." The Committee consider that Germany must be a member of this Conference and especially after the speech of the American Ambassador on 23rd October, urges that no effort be spared to induce the United States also to take part. The Executive Committee trust that the Government will keep in mind the desirability of initiating without delay some such scheme for the financial reconstruction of the German Republic, combined with control by the League of Nations, as has already produced successful results in Austria and has been approved in principle for Hungary."

Resolved:- "That this resolution be sent -

- (a) To the Government.  
 (b) To the Press.  
 (c) To the Branches.

It was suggested that copies of General Smuts speech should be circulated to the Branches. The General Secretary promised to find out what the cost of this would be.

Resolved:- That a letter of thanks be sent to General Smuts for his powerful speech on the question of reparations on Tuesday, October 23rd."

370. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) EDUCATION. The minutes of the Education Committee dated 19th October 1923 were approved and adopted.  
 (These minutes included (368) List of meetings; (370) Study Circle Text Books; (371) Lantern Lecture for Children; (373) Japanese Libraries; (374) Study of International Affairs; (375) Greek Refugees; and (376) Intellectual Co-operation).

- (b) OVERSEAS. The following two minutes of the Overseas Committee held October 24th 1923 were considered:-

510. Constitution of New German sub-Committee. The Secretary reported that the names suggested at the last meeting had been approved by the Executive. These gentlemen had accordingly been invited to join the sub-Committee, with the result that Herr Hessenberg and Herr Crusemann had accepted, Herr Bohr had declined and Herr Martens and Herr Pluttee had not replied.

It was resolved to submit to the Executive for approval the two following additional names:-

Mr. Edwards, London representative of the Vossische Zeitung and Herr Kircher, London representative of the Frankfurter Zeitung.

It was also resolved that the sub-Committee when constituted should be asked to suggest the name of a lady suitable to serve on the sub-Committee.

524. Appointment of Assistant Secretary to the Secretariat of the Federation. The Committee proceeded to consider this appointment, it being understood that the American and Japanese Societies were prepared to share the cost with the Union and to accept the Union's nomination. The appointment was to be made for a period of nine months with three months notice on either side. The salary was to be £400 per annum. Five applicants for the post were interviewed by the Committee who finally decided unanimously to recommend to the Executive that Mr. W. O'Hanlon be appointed to the post."

Resolved:- That these two recommendations of the Overseas Committee dated October 24th be approved and adopted.

- (c) FINANCE. Subject to the <sup>addition of</sup> the words "provided that a further £400 a year comes from other sources" at the end of resolution included in minute 371, the minutes of the Finance Committee dated October 23rd 1923 were approved and adopted.



Mr. David Davies undertook to make efforts to get the American and Japanese Unions to pay their quota and if that failed he would endeavour to get one of the other Societies.

Accountant. It was understood that the question of the appointment of an Accountant would be discussed by the Executive Committee upon the receipt of the auditors report and statement for 1923.

871 I.L.O. EXPENDITURE - RESOLUTIONS. The General Secretary reported that three members of the sub-Committee on the I.L.O. Expenditure namely, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Aneurin Williams, and Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, had agreed to the withdrawal of the two following resolutions on I.L.O. Expenditure adjourned from July 12th. No reply had been received from the other member of the Committee, Captain Berkeley:-

(a) All entertainment allowance should be abolished, but that the Director should be authorised to present to the proper authorities a quarterly, biennial or annual statement of accounts showing the expenditure on entertainments which had been incurred on his authority and that this statement of accounts be met.

(b) The I.L.O. publications "Industrial & Labour Information" and the "Monthly Review" should be amalgamated, and that a third section should be incorporated in the joint publication containing in unofficial language, the contents of the "Official Bulletin" and that the whole publication should be put upon a commercial basis."

Resolved:- "That these resolutions be now withdrawn".

872 TYNE DISTRICT COUNCIL - RESOLUTION. The following resolution of the Tyne District Council was referred for consideration to the next meeting of the Management Committee:-

"The Tyne District Council of the I.N.U. requests the National Executive Committee to consider the advisability of arranging two day conferences for the General Council meetings, so as to enable more time for discussion upon the various matters of business and resolutions to be passed.

The Tyne District Council further asks that the rule of holding one General Council meeting in the provinces, be reinstated; and invite the National Executive Committee to arrange a General Council meeting in Newcastle in 1924."

The General Secretary intimated that he had already informed Miss Ainsworth that it had been decided to hold a two days' meeting of the General Council on the 13th and 14th December.

873. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL - COMMUNICATION FROM TYNE DISTRICT COUNCIL. The General Secretary reported a letter from the Tyne District Council asking how the Executive viewed the formation of Local Peace Councils in various parts of the country. One was being formed in Newcastle and District and the Tyne District Council were being asked to affiliate. The General Secretary stated that he had hitherto advised local Branches and Districts of the Union not to affiliate to local Peace Councils but to effect an informal association with local Peace Councils by such means as had been employed for informally associating the Executive Committee of the Union with the National Peace Council.

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

authorize the Tyne District Council."

Nov. 1, 1923 Gilbert Murray

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER  
1st 1923 AT 11 O'CLOCK.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); H.Baillie-Weaver;  
G.N.Barnes, Lady Bonham Carter, Mrs A.W.Claremont, David  
Davies, Sir W.H.Dickinson, the Viscountess Gladstone, Mrs  
Gervie Gordon, J.F.Green, John H.Harris, J.W.Hills, David  
Hunter, E.H.Keen, S.A.Drury-Lowe, E.W.Morton-George, Lady Mary  
Murray, E. de M. Rudolf, Mrs Walter Runciman, Mrs Cliver  
Strachey, Henry Vivian and L.R.Wynch; together with the General  
Secretary and D.H.Mills.

MINUTES

874. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr Percy Bigland, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Sir Frederick Lugard, Lord Queenborough and Mr Graham White.
875. MINUTES. Subject to a verbal alteration in minute 870(c) the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated October 25th 1923 were approved as circulated.
876. EIGHT HOURS' CONVENTION. It was reported that the memorandum on the next meeting of the Committee.
877. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending October 30th 1923 showed a Bank Overdraft on that date amounting to £3,179.2.11 with estimated outstanding liabilities amounting to £2,500.
878. SIR FRANCIS TRIPPEL. The General Secretary reported that Sir Francis Trippele had called upon him on the 25th October and Sir Francis stated that he had spent practically all August and September in London endeavouring to persuade Sir W.J.Robinson to give £100,000 to the Union; he offered to continue beyond 31st October his endeavour to secure that sum and would expect no further payment from the Union. Sir Francis offered to return the £200 he had already received should the Union's Committee express a wish to have the £200 back. He offered to give the General Secretary a cheque at that time, but this was not taken. The General Secretary promised to convey Sir Francis' generous offer to the Executive Committee.
- Resolved:- "That Sir Francis Trippele be thanked for his generous offer to return the £200 but that he be told that as this was a business arrangement, the Committee did not feel justified in accepting this offer. But that Sir Francis' offer to endeavour to continue to raise £100,000 for the Union without further payment be gratefully accepted, subject as before to the condition that no potential subscriber be approached without first consulting the General Secretary."
879. REPARATIONS - CONFERENCE OF EXPERTS. The Chairman referred to the resolution of the last meeting of the Committee about calling a Conference of Experts mainly interested in the Reparations question; that/ to the recent decision of the French Government/ the Conference should take the form of a Conference of Experts on the question; and to a conversation he had since had with General Smuts on the

whole question. The Chairman recommended that the Committee should consider the advisability of organising a deputation to wait upon the Prime Minister. The Committee discussed this proposal and considered suggestions that the deputation should -

- (a) commend the Government's action against disrupting Germany;
- (b) demand that outstanding legal questions of recent events in the Ruhr and in the Rhineland should be submitted to the Permanent Court of International Justice and corresponding diplomatic questions to the Council of the League;
- (c) ask that steps should be taken to stay as far as possible the process of disintegration pending the report of the Conference;
- (d) urge that if the Conference of Experts fails, or turns out to be unduly restricted in scope, it should be superseded by a Conference with full powers such as General Smuts suggested including the United States, Germany and Russia.

- Resolved: - 1. That an effort be made to arrange for a deputation to the Prime Minister.
2. That representative persons belonging to all the Political Parties, together with representative persons from the Universities, the Churches, the Services, and Business (especially Banking) be invited to join in this deputation.
3. That the main object of the deputation be expressed in a resolution to be drafted by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mr David Davies.

Members of the Committee were asked to notify the Chairman or the General Secretary of prominent persons who might be invited to join in the deputation.

It was suggested that the deputation should endeavour to meet the Prime Minister before November 9th when the Prime Minister would make a speech at the Guildhall.

#### 880. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) MANAGEMENT. The minutes of the Management Committee dated 25.10.23 were approved and adopted.  
(These minutes included (417) Consultative Committee; (414) Branches; (415) Membership Statement; (416) Women's Institutes; and (417) Girl Guides).
- (b) HOSPITALITY. 17.10.23.

Resolved: - "To adopt the recommendation of the Hospitality Committee that Mr Victor Beigel and Mr H. Norman be invited to serve upon that Committee."

- (c) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The General Secretary reported orally upon a meeting of the Staff Appointments Committee held earlier in the day. This Committee recommended -

- (a) That Miss Waley be paid expenses at the rate of £100 per annum as from 1st October 1923.
- (b) That in view of the appointment of Mr Molony to the Assistant Secretaryship of the Federation of Voluntary Societies at Brussels, the Overseas Committee be asked to recommend how the vacancy created by Mr Molony's resignation could be filled, but that the Committee be asked to consider appointing Mr Channon.
- (c) That the Committee consider the question of a new appointment in connection with the public Meetings Department.
- (d) That bonuses at the rate of £/6d per week, whilst the services of an Accountant were dispensed with, be granted to Miss Adson, Miss Glen and Miss Finch.

981. NORTH STAFFS DISTRICT COUNCIL - COMMUNICATION. The General Secretary reported a communication from the Chairman of the North Staffs District Council suggesting that a meeting should be arranged in London at which General Smuts should speak. The General Secretary stated that it was reported that General Smuts would be leaving England on the 3th November. The Committee, however, were of the opinion that if General Smuts remained in England for a longer period, an effort should be made to get him to address a large public meeting, and that Lord Grey should be asked to preside. Lord Robert Cecil should also be asked to speak.

The Chairman promised that he would communicate with General Smuts, Lord Grey and Lord Robert Cecil.

982. SMALL STANDING COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW. The Committee considered a memorandum by Mr F.W. Aasen on the question of a proposal from the Watford Branch that the Executive Committee should arrange for a small standing Committee of experts in international law. The Committee were of the opinion that there was no need to organise a Committee for the purpose suggested by the Watford Branch, and it was

Resolved:- "To inform the Watford Branch accordingly."

983. GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered references from the last meeting of the General Council held on Thursday, July 19th 1923.

(a) Honorary Vice-Presidents.

Resolved:- "To recommend to the next meeting of the Council that for the future the Union should not elect Hon. Vice-Presidents, but that the dominion Hon. Vice-Presidents should be appointed Vice-Presidents."

(b) Rule 20(4).

Resolved:- "To recommend that Professor Muirhead should be co-opted under section 20(4)(a)."

(c) Rule 20(4).

Resolved:- "That General Maurice and Admiral Drury Lowe be asked to suggest names for election under section 20(4)(g) Services."

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(d) Rule 20(2).

Resolved:- "To recommend that Professor Pollard should be co-opted under Rule 20(2)."

884. MR BONAR LAW. The Committee passed a vote of sympathy and condolence with the relatives of Mr Bonar Law.

885. GENERAL SMUTS SPEECH. The General Secretary reported that General Smuts speech to the South African Luncheon Club had been printed and the Union had been offered copies at 1,000 for £1. Inquiries were being made to find out whether this speech could be purchased at a less charge.

Resolved:- "That the speech delivered by General Smuts at the South African Luncheon Club should either be purchased in large numbers for distribution or else be printed by the Union; that the Union should also print the speech delivered by Professor Gilbert Murray on Reparations at the Assembly."

The General Secretary reported that a donation of £50 had already been received for the publication of the speeches made at the dinner to the Dominion Premiers and steps were being taken to do so.

*Gilbert Murray*

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER  
15th 1923 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); H. Baillie-Weaver, G.N. Barnes, Percy Bigland, D. Clifton Brown, Mrs A.W. Claremont, A.W. Claremont, David Davies, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, the Viscountess Gladstone, Mrs Ogilvie Gordon, J.F. Green, David Hunter, P.N. Keen, Rear-Admiral S.R. Drury Lowe, Sir Frederick Maurice, E.W. Morton-George, Lady Mary Murray, Prebendary E. de R. Rudolf, Mrs Walter Runciman, the Countess of Selborne, Mrs Oliver Strachey, Raymond Unwin and Professor C.K. Webster: together with the General Secretary and D.H. Mills.

MINUTES

886. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Captain Berkeley, Lady Bonham Carter, Lord Queenborough, and Mr A. Whitehead.
887. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated November 1st 1923 were approved as circulated.
888. PRIME MINISTER - DEPUTATION. It was reported that in accordance with minute 879 of the last meeting of the Committee, a deputation had waited upon the Prime Minister who was accompanied by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, on Thursday, November 8th 1923. The deputation consisted of:-

*see 899(c)*  
Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe, C.M.G., W.T. Layton, Esq. C.B.E., A. Barnes, Esq., the Rt. Hon. the Lord Phillimore, P.C., Lieut. General Sir Hubert de la Poer Gaugh, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., K.C.V.O., the Rt. Hon. G.N. Barnes, P.C., Professor C.K. Webster, Mrs Wintringham, M.P., Lady Bonham Carter, the Lady Denman, Lady Selborne, the Marquis of Aberdeen & Temair, K.T., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., the Rev. J.C. Scott Lidgett, D.D., the Chief Rabbi, the Rt. Hon. A. Henderson, P.C., M.P., Major J.W. Hills, the Rt. Hon. Sir John Simon, K.C.V.O., P.C., the Rt. Hon. H.A.L. Fisher, P.C., M.P., Sir Hugh Bell, C.B., Miss Violet Markham, the Lady Parmoor, the Rev. D.S. Cairns, D.D., J. St. Loe Strachey, Esq. F. Bramley, Esq., the General Secretary and Mr Wilson Harris.

The Chairman promised to write a letter to the Prime Minister urging that the question of the Ruhr and Reparations should be raised at the next meeting of the Council of the League to be held on December 10th. It was

Resolved:- "That a copy of this letter be also sent to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and also to Lord Robert Cecil, and that the letter, together with the reply of the Prime Minister, should be inserted in the press so soon as it is received."

889. LORD BIRKENHEAD. The Committee discussed the recent speech of Lord Birkenhead. Admiral Drury Lowe said that he would raise the question at the next meeting of the Council when the election of Vice-Presidents is brought up for consideration.
890. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending November 13th 1923 showed a Bank Overdraft on that date amounting

to £2,636.8.7. with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £2,000.

891 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- (a) WOMEN'S ADVISORY The minutes of the Women's Advisory Committee dated 30.10.23 were approved and adopted.  
(These minutes included 66 Miss Jepps's work for protection of Armenian women and children).

Resolved:- "That the League's support should be urged for Miss Jepp's work for the protection of Armenian women and children to be continued beyond next year in accordance with the following resolution adopted by the Fourth Assembly:-

'The Assembly approved the reports of Dr. Kennedy and Miss Karon Jepps. It expresses its appreciation of the work accomplished and recommends that the League shall continue the work for the protection of women and children in the Near East.'

- (b) NEAR EASTERN COMMITTEE. Consideration of the minutes of the Near Eastern Settlement Committee dated 30.10.23 was deferred.
- (c) APPEALS. The minutes of the Appeals Committee dated 31.10.23 and 14.11.23 were approved and adopted.

The General Secretary stated that the Union's budget had contemplated the receipt of £10,000 in respect of the Council's Vote by 1st November and that only some £4,000 had been paid within a week after that date. The result was that the Union's account at the bank was overdrawn by an amount which, along with outstanding accounts, amounted to about £5,000. To get the finances straight the appeals Committee had proposed to repeat the successful experiment of last year and to issue an appeal to the 60,000 members who received HEADWAY. This appeal would ask members to promise a sum of money to be paid in quarterly instalments during the next three years. The minimum sum to be asked for was £90,000 or £30,000 a year, and the minimum sum to be paid before Christmas being a quarter of £30,000 or a sum of £7,500.

In view, however, of the recommendation of the Budget Committee which had been adopted by the General Council, that all Headquarters attempts to raise money should be carefully co-ordinated with those of the Branches, the Consultative Committee had been asked to consider the proposed appeal at its meeting on November 8th.

The Consultative Committee unanimously

Resolved:- "That the proposed appeal should be deferred until the new year, and then be issued only if the General Council approved at its meeting on 13th and 14th Dec.

The Consultative Committee gave as their reason the fact that Branches were making great efforts by issuing local appeals as well as otherwise to raise the balance of the Council's Vote of £15,000 before 31st December; and that the issue of an appeal from Headquarters, even though it be for promises of payments to be spread over three years, would injuriously affect these local efforts.

The Appeals Committee have considered this resolution of the Consultative Committee and now recommended that the scheme should be communicated to the Branches before the Council meeting in December, that the appeal should be issued early in the new year, that the sums received from Branch Members should be considered part of these Branch contributions to the Council's Vote for 1924, and that at the end of March the result of the appeal should be communicated to the Branches so that they would know their position in regard to the Council's Vote.

It was pointed out how grave might be the difficulty of financing the Union if a decision of Headquarters to appeal for funds could at any time be upset under the clause requiring co-ordination between Headquarters' attempts to raise money and those of Branches, especially if the Branches proved unable to pay the amounts required by the Council's Vote.

Resolved:- "That the recommendation of the Appeals Committee be adopted and that if the appeal proposed to be issued early next year did not meet with sufficient success the Council should be asked at the next following meeting to review its decision that all Headquarters' attempts to raise money should be carefully co-ordinated with those of the Branches so as to avoid all possibility of overlapping."

- (d) **STAFF APPOINTMENTS.** The minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated 8.11.23 were approved and adopted.  
(These minutes included (295) Public Meetings departments; (296) Welfare Officer; (297) Miss Wightman).

The General Secretary reported orally upon the meeting of the Staff Appointments Committee held earlier in the morning, and subject to questions of expenditure being referred for approval to the Finance Committee, this report was approved and adopted as follows:-

1. That Dame Adelaide Livingstone be appointed to take charge of the Public Meetings Department for an experimental period of six months at a salary at the rate of £400 per annum.
2. That Colonel Fisher's resignation be accepted with regret and that he be thanked for his services and for his kind offer to continue to raise funds for the Union as a voluntary part-time worker.
3. That the Appeals Committee be asked to consider and make recommendations in regard to the future organisation of the Appeals department.
4. That the replacement of a typist in the Appeals Department by another at the same rate of pay be approved.
5. That members of the staff who were candidates in the Parliamentary election, together with those members of the staff who wished to help candidates, should be allowed leave, without pay, during their absence from the office.

Resolved:- "That other members of the staff be not allowed to speak during the election campaign on party political platforms in support of any particular candidature."

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- (c) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS. The minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated 7.10.23 were approved and adopted.

(These minutes included (205a) Appeal to Christendom; (205b) Peace Sunday; (206) Resignation of the Rev. H. V. Fox; (207) Appointment of Secretary; (208) Corporate Members; (209) Local Free Church Councils and Corporate membership; (210) Free Church Campaign; (211) Rev. G.K.A. Bell; (212) Rev. J. Keating; (213) Armistice Sunday; (214) Wireless Message for Children; (215) Resolution; (216) Mr. McCready; and (217) Rev. J.F. Hayes.

- (f) MANAGEMENT. The minutes of the Management Committee dated November 8th 1923 were approved and adopted.

British Empire Exhibition. Arising out of the minutes of the Management Committee the General Secretary reported that a sub-Committee set up under minute 425 to consider the question of a stall at the British Empire Exhibition, had now met and had recommended that the Union should rent a stall, the estimated cost of which would be £222.9.4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. The Executive Committee were of opinion that it would be better to rent part of another stall at a much less charge, and it was

Resolved:- "That the recommendation of the sub-Committee be not adopted."

- (g) PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONNAIRE. The Committee considered a questionnaire drafted by the Committee on the previous day. This questionnaire to Parliamentary candidates was adopted in an amended form (See annex A).
- (h) OVERSEAS. Mr. David Davies reported the following recommendations of the Overseas Committee held 14.11.23.
- (1) Election of Count Bornstorff. That no further additions be made to the list of Hon. Vice-Presidents and that the Council be requested to consider the advisability of allowing the whole list to lapse. Further that representatives of the Dominions and India be appointed Vice-Presidents.
  - (2) Proposed Conference of ex-Service Men's Associations. That the Executive should invite Brig. General Bruce and Major Gladstone Murray to proceed with the scheme for co-operation between the Union and the Legion at the British Empire Exhibition in June 1924 and more especially to secure that proposals for the holding of a World Conference of ex-service men, ex-enemy and allied alike are advanced at the Exhibition. It is suggested that a day should if possible be allocated to the question of ex-service men and World Peace.
  - (3) Federation Business - Revision of Scale of Subscriptions. That the scale of subscriptions to the Federation of the League of Nations Associations for the next financial year should be calculated on the basis of the rate of subscriptions paid by Societies in the currency of their own country on July 21st 1921.

(4) Appointment of Mr. O'Molony. That immediate payment to the Federation of the League of Nations Association of the £200 this Union is to contribute towards the expenses of the Assistant Secretary in view of the fact that the Assistant Secretary has already proceeded to Brussels, and that Office accommodation is being engaged.

Resolved:- (a) To approve of (1) and (2).  
 (b) That (3) be adopted subject to the approval of the Finance Committee.  
 (c) That subject to the approval of the Finance Committee £100 should be transferred immediately to the Federation of League of Nations Associations.

892 CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. The following resolutions of the Consultative Committee were received:-

- (1) Having learned that there is in preparation an appeal to subscribers of 3/6d and upwards, this Committee, having regard to recommendation 30 of the Budget Committee's Report adopted by the General Council of 15.3.23 unanimously recommend that the issue of the appeal be deferred until the New Year and only made then if confirmed by the General Council at its December meeting.
- (2) That this Committee shall normally meet four times a year.
- (3) That minutes of each meeting of the Committee be kept but not circulated.

893 MUTUAL GUARANTEE TREATY. It was agreed that at an early meeting after the General Election, the question of the Mutual Guarantee Treaty should be placed upon the agenda for discussion.

894 NEXT MEETING.

Resolved:- "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, November 29th.

895 ADJOURNMENTS. The following matters appearing on the agenda were postponed to the next meeting of the Committee:-

- (a) Eight Hours' Convention - memorandum.
- (b) British Association of Auxiliary Language.
- (c) Proposed formation of Opium Campaign Committee.
- (d) Amendments to Covenant Committee.

*Gilbert Murray*

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION. K58SUGGESTIONS FOR QUESTIONS TO PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES.

## A.

1. SUPPORT OF THE LEAGUE.  
Are you prepared to support the League of Nations and will you urge the Government to make its foreign policy consistent with the fundamental principles of the League and to consider the League the normal instrument for dealing with important international affairs?
2. EUROPEAN CRISIS.  
Do you favour the fullest possible association of the League of Nations in any scheme of settlement of the present political and economic crisis in Europe; and in particular will you urge that the machinery of the League be utilised for the financial reconstruction of Germany on the lines that have proved so successful in the case of Austria?
3. A COMPREHENSIVE LEAGUE.  
Will you urge the Government to avow as part of its policy the extension of the membership of the League to include as soon as possible all nations which comply with the conditions of Article I of the Covenant?

IT IS EXTREMELY DESIRABLE THAT QUESTIONS 1, 2 and 3, EITHER AS THEY STAND OR WITH SUCH CHANGES AS THE LOCAL BRANCH MAY SEE FIT TO MAKE, SHOULD BE PUT TO ALL CANDIDATES. THE FOLLOWING FIVE QUESTIONS ARE RATHER IN THE NATURE OF SUGGESTIONS FOR THE BRANCHES TO ADOPT OR NOT AS MAY SEEM BEST:

## B.

4. ARMAMENTS.  
Will you press for a general limitation of armaments in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII of the Covenant of the League?
5. THE INTERNATIONAL COURT.  
Do you approve the acceptance by this country of the Protocol already signed by twenty States, whereby States undertake always to submit to the decision of the Permanent Court of International Justice certain classes of disputes (interpretation of Treaties, questions of International Law, questions of fact concerning alleged breaches of international obligations, the assessment of damages in the case of such breach) with such other States as are prepared to assume the same obligation?
6. LABOUR CONVENTIONS.  
Will you support the principle that Draft Labour Conventions as adopted by the International Labour Conference should be submitted to the House of Commons for its opinion before Ministers advise the Crown upon their ratification (see Covenant Art. 23, and Treaty of Versailles Art. 405) and, in particular, will you urge the Government to ratify those Conventions for which its representatives were instructed to vote?
7. BRITISH REPRESENTATION.  
Do you agree that this country should always be represented at meetings of the Council and Assembly by a responsible Cabinet Minister?
8. PUBLICITY.  
Do you consider that meetings of the Council of the League should normally be held in public? Will you urge the Government to provide adequate Parliamentary opportunity for discussion of League matters?

COMMENTARY ON SUGGESTED QUESTIONS TO PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES.QUESTION A.2.

The essential preliminary to the scheme of Austrian reconstruction was the temporary suspension of all claims upon Austria's assets by the States to whom she owed money for reparations and relief credits. When this had been agreed to, the League was able to induce the Governments of certain Member States to give a guarantee which enabled Austria to raise an external loan, whose expenditure is strictly supervised by a League High Commissioner at Vienna. With this support behind it, the Austrian Government has been able to cut down expenses, stabilize currency, and balance the Budget.

QUESTION A.3.

The number of Members of the League is fifty-four. No State has ever been refused admission, but there are a few who have never yet made application. The most important of these are Germany, Mexico, Russia and Turkey. It is highly desirable that these States should be included as soon as they bring forward proofs of their qualifications under Article 1 of the Covenant, in order that the League may become as soon as possible fully representative of all the organised governments of the world.

QUESTION B.4.

The League is at present endeavouring to secure a limitation of armaments through the Treaty of Mutual Guarantee, which sets forth the conditions under which States pledge themselves to come to one another's aid with armed force in case of aggressive attack. It permits special agreements between particular groups of States within the framework of the general pact.

The draft Treaty is the result of three years study of existing conditions by technical and civilian Commissions of the League. It contains a provision for general limitation of armaments, the essential principle being that States must limit their armaments to a standard approved by the League before they can enjoy the protection afforded by the Treaty.

QUESTION B.5.

When the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice was framed in 1920 it was not thought advisable to impose upon States compulsory jurisdiction by the Court. Since then twenty States have voluntarily accepted the clause that binds them to submit certain disputes to the Court. None of the Great Powers have yet taken this pledge.

QUESTION B.6.

To each International Labour Conference set up under the League of Nations by the Treaty of Versailles, the British and all other Governments send four delegates: two representing the Government, one representing the Employers and one the Workers. This co-operation has proved singularly effective in reconciling the interests of Capital, Labour and the State, and in building up a code of labour legislation, applied through the domestic laws of each several country, thus levelling up the standard of life for the workers, and as a consequence diminishing the evils arising from the competition of States where long hours and low wages have prevailed. As the Prime Minister said

in a recent speech in relation to the International Labour Office: "It is most important for us in this country to endeavour so far as we can to see that our standard of life is protected, by helping to raise as far as possible the standard of life for working men in foreign countries".

Unfortunately, two Conventions (the Eight-Hours Convention and the White Lead Convention) which were adopted at International Labour Conferences, and for which the British Government representatives on those occasions were instructed to vote, have not yet been ratified by Great Britain.

QUESTION B.7.

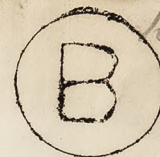
If the League of Nations is to become "the corner-stone of British foreign policy", it is essential that our representative on the Council should always be a Member of the Government, and highly desirable that he should be either the Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister, or (as has been the case of Mr. Baldwin's Government) a Minister without portfolio who devotes himself specially to League affairs. Moreover, as much of the work of the Council is necessarily continuous (for example, the supervision of the administration of the Saar Territory) it is advisable that the Government should be represented as often as possible by the same Minister.

QUESTION B.8.

The Council, largely as a result of the efforts of the British representative, does as a general rule, meet in public, but in view of the strong preference certain of its members always exhibit for private meetings it is important that the British representative should have a definite mandate to press for publicity on all ordinary occasions.

As regards the British Parliament it is extremely desirable that the British representative should give members of the House of Commons an account of any Council or Assembly meeting he has attended, either orally or by laying a White Paper, and that facilities for the discussion of such statement should be given by the Government.

IMPORTANT. It is obviously necessary to treat all candidates on precisely the same basis in such matters as questions, deputations and invitations to appear on a common platform.



C.13.  
5/12/1923.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29th 1923  
AT 11 A.M.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); G.N. Barnes; Percy Bigland, Mrs. A.W. Claremont, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, J.F. Green, David Hunter, F.N. Keen, E.W. Morton George, Lady Mary Murray, Lord Queenborough, Prebendary E. de M. Rudolf, the Countess of Selborne, Raymond Unwin, Professor C.K. Webster, and L.M. Wynach; together with the General Secretary and D.H. Mills.

M I N U T E S.

896 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr Baillie-Walker, Mr. J.R. Clynes, Mr. Rennie Hey, Major J.W. Hills, Admiral Drury Lowe and Mr. Granam White.

897 MINUTES Subject to the following amendments the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated November 15th 1923 were approved as circulated.

- (a) Minute 882. That Professor Gilbert Murray's name be added to the list of the deputation which waited upon the Prime Minister.
- (b) Minute 831 (c). That the words in the second line of the first paragraph on page 3 "that the scheme should be communicated to the Branches before the Council meeting in December" be amended so as to read - "that the Council should be consulted in December."
- (c) Minute 801 (d). That No.5 should read "that members of the staff who were candidates in the Parliamentary election should resign on the understanding that if they were not elected to Parliament they would be appointed on the staff of the Union on the day after the election, and that those members of the staff who wished to help candidates should be allowed leave, without pay, during their absence from the office."

898 FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending November 27th 1923 showed a Bank Overdraft on that date amounting to £1,382.7.11, with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £2,100.

899 BUDGET FOR 1924. The Committee considered the minutes of the Finance Committee meetings dated November 21st and 23rd including that Committee's recommendations concerning the Budget for 1924 (Minute 386).

the following  
The Committee had before them/tables which had also been considered by the Finance Committee.

SG.701.  
22/11/1923.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION RECEIPTS

1921; 1922; 1923 (ACTUAL); 1923 (ESTIMATED); 1924 (ESTIMATED)

	Y E A R				
	1921	1922	Actual receipts to 31st October, 1923	1923 (est)	1924 (estimated)
DONATIONS					
Ordinary	23646	26362 <sup>(a)</sup>	(10291)	10497	10000
Under Deed	50	16443	(17452)	17712	18500 <sup>(b)</sup>
Council's Vote.	-	-	(4118)	15000	20000
	23696	42805	(31861) <sup>(c)</sup>	43209 <sup>(c)</sup>	48500
SUBSCRIPTIONS	2976	3375	(3199)	3549 <sup>(d)</sup>	4000
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS (@ 5%)	-	-	-	-	500
OTHER RECEIPTS	218	910 <sup>(e)</sup>	(640)	692	1000
	26890	47090	(35700)	47450	54000

(a) This includes £11,702 received in response to special appeals in November and December 1922.

(b) Of this sum £17,636 has already (November 1923) been promised under Deed for 1924.

(c) In the 1923 accounts the cost of collection is made a first charge on donations received. The cost of collection in 1923 is estimated at £3,692 (actual cost for the first ten months being £3,314) including the Appeals Department's share (£1,125) of all overhead charges.

(d) This figure would have exceeded £4,000 but for the fact that, by a decision of the General Council, receipts from subscriptions under Rule 12, which had previously been reckoned as subscriptions, have been treated as part of the Council's Vote since 1st April, 1923.

(e) A loss of £926 on the S. Albans Exhibition more than counter-balanced all these receipts (£910) for 1922.

TABLE B.

S.G.700  
22.11.23. A COMPARISON OF HEADQUARTERS INCOME FOR 1923 and 1924  
as estimated in December 1922 (FIRST ESTIMATE)  
and  
as estimated in November 1923 (SECOND ESTIMATE).

	YEAR			
	1923		1924	
	(first estimate)	(second estimate)	(first estimate)	(second estimate)
New Money	£ 25000	£ 25394 <sup>(a)</sup>	£ 30000	£ 30000 <sup>(b)</sup>
Sums Promised under Deed	18800	17692	17400	18500 <sup>(c)</sup>
Headquarters' share of Membership subscriptions	4000	3519 <sup>(d)</sup>	5000	4000
National Sunday Collections &c.	1000	680	1500	1000
Income from Investments (reckoned at 5%)	750	-	2225	500
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>49550</b>	<b>47285</b>	<b>56125</b>	<b>54000</b>
Less authorised expenditure	25000	28000 <sup>(e)</sup>	25000	30000 <sup>(f)</sup>
Less overdraft on 1st January	10000	10062	1950	-
Excess expenditure (at £31000 a year) during 1st quarter of 1923	1500	750	-	-
Less cost of Appeals Department	-	3692	-	3000
Placed to reserve	15000	4781	29175	21000
Total reserve at end of year	13050	4781	44175	25781

(<sup>a</sup>) This assumes that the whole Council's Vote (£15,000) for the last nine months of 1923 will be forthcoming. It was to this end that the Consultative Committee unanimously opposed the issue of a special appeal by Headquarters during November-December, 1923. A similar appeal in November-December 1922, realised £11,702.

(<sup>b</sup>) This includes £20,000 proposed as the Council's Vote for 1924.

(<sup>c</sup>) Of this sum, £17,636 has already (November 1923) been promised under Deed for 1924.

(<sup>d</sup>) This figure would have exceeded £4,000 but for the fact that, by a decision of the General Council, on and after 1st April, 1923 receipts from subscriptions under rule 12, which had previously been reckoned as subscriptions, have been treated as part of the Council's Vote.

(<sup>e</sup>) This involves spending on current account no more than £9,801 (i.e. less than £10,000 see Resolution 3 of Minute 414 of the Executive Committee of December 7th, 1922) out of the new money (£25,394; or £21,702 if the cost of collection be deducted) estimated to be obtained during the year 1923.

(<sup>f</sup>) This involves spending on current account no more than £9,000 out of the new money (£30,000; or £27,000 if the cost of collection be deducted) estimated to be obtained during the year 1924.

S.G.702.  
22.11.23.

TABLE R.

A COMPARISON OF HEADQUARTERS INCOME FOR 1925 and 1926  
as estimated in December 1922 (FIRST ESTIMATE)  
and  
as estimated in November 1923 (SECOND ESTIMATE)

	YEAR			
	1925		1926	
	(first estimate)	(second estimate)	(first estimate)	(second estimate)
Donations (new money)	£ 35000	£ 35000 (a)	£ 40000	£ 40000 (a)
Sums promised under Deed	2900	3000 (b)	-	2500 (c)
Headquarters' share of Membership subscriptions	5500	4500	6000	5000
National Sunday Collections etc.	2500	1500	3000	2000
Income from Investments (reckoned at 5%)	4033	1250	5534	2050
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>49933</b>	<b>45250</b>	<b>54534</b>	<b>51550</b>
Less authorised expenditure	25000	30000	25000	30000
Less overdraft on 1st January	-	-	67	-
Placed to reserve	25000	15250	29467	21550
Total reserve to end of year	69175	41031	98642	62581

(a) After deducting cost of collection.

(b) £2100 has already been promised.

(c) £1600 has already been promised.



In regard to Tables A and B the General Secretary explained that the £30,000 estimated to be received in new money (whether under the Council's Vote or otherwise, but not including sums promised under deed) was the estimated response to the Appeal approved by the Executive Committee (see Minute 891c. of the Executive Committee's meeting of November 15th 1923). That appeal would ask for promises of £30,000 a year for three years, and might produce either more or less than this sum. Of this £30,000 it was suggested that £20,000 should be "underwritten" by the Council and form the Council's Vote for 1924 so that the Branches and Districts would be under obligation to collect during 1924 the amount of money by which the total of the sum promised for 1924 by Branch members in response to the appeal falls short of £20,000.

The Committee proceeded to consider the following Table C which compares the approved annual expenditure as from 1st April 1923 and the expenditure recommended by the Finance Committee for 1924.

TABLE C.

£28,000 Budget of 1923 and suggested £30,000 Budget for 1924.

	1923	1924
A. Administration	£2200	£2150
B. Education and Publicity. (Direct)		
1. Intelligence (special enquiries and reports)	1024	1194
2. Library.	50	100
3. Press Publicity.	730	930.
4. Public Meetings and Speakers.	2059	2534
5. Publications.	-	- *
6. Branches, Members and general.	1666	1666
7. Travelling Secretaries.	7355	7500
(Indirect)		
8. Overseas.	1201	1201
9. Parliamentary	475	450
10. Educational Organisations.	590	1040
11. Labour Organisations.	500	557
12. Religious Organisations.	500	500
13. Women's Organisations.	250	403
C. Establishment.		
1. Clerical services.	3180	3530
2. Accounts.	1186	985
3. Stationery etc.	800	1000
4. Postages.	1300	1100
5. Office Maintenance.	2596	2559
6. Insurances.	200	200
7. Auditors' Fees.	105	130
8. Bank and Legal charges	-	15
9. Travelling.	-	200
D. Contingency Fund.	1148	1181
E. Appeals.	-	- #
	£29125	£31125
Less Appeals' share of general overhead charges	1125	1125
	£28000	£30000

\* Receipts balance expenditure although provision is made for special grants of publications to the extent of £276.

# The cost of Headquarters' appeals will be reckoned as a first charge on the income they raise.

The General Secretary explained that this Table also had been approved by the Finance Committee; that an estimated expenditure for 1924 provides for the alterations in salaries and allowances already approved by the Finance Committee (Minutes 380 and 382); and that the proposed increase of £2,000 in the estimated expenditure of 1924 as compared with the authorised expenditure for 1923 was mainly due to -

- (a) the new appointment just approved in the Public Meetings Department (£200 salary and £50 travelling expenses);
- (b) the proposed appointment (see Minute 432 (2) of the Management Committee's meeting of November 22nd 1923 of a Travelling Secretary for Universities and Training Colleges (£450 including travelling expenses).
- (c) a possible expenditure of £300 on fire escapes and other alterations to the Building required by the L.C.C.; and
- (d) a further possible expenditure of £800 on providing and managing a stall at the British Empire Exhibition.

Resolved:- 1. That the report of the Finance Committee including the proposed expenditure for 1924 shown in the second column of Table C be adopted subject to the approval again of the Finance Committee in March 1924 in the light of monies received in the meantime.

2. That the Council be asked to be responsible for raising the Council's Vote amounting to £20,000 for the year 1924.

[ These minutes included (378) Appeals sub-Committee, (379) Financial statement, (380) Staff Appointments, (381) Colonel Fisher, (382) Revision of Salaries, (383) International Federation, (384) Composition of Committee, (385) Passing of Cheques, (386) Budget for 1924 ].

#### 900 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) MANAGEMENT. The minutes of the Management Committee dated November 22nd 1923 including the recommendation that the decision taken at the last meeting of the Executive Committee concerning the British Empire Exhibition be reversed, and that the Union accept the recommendation of the special Committee (minute 431 of Management Committee) to have a stall at that Exhibition, were approved and adopted; and the General Secretary was asked to bring forward suggestions for the constitution of a Committee to be responsible for the arrangements in regard to the stall, for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

[ These minutes included (429) Minutes; (430) Branches (431) British Empire Exhibition, (432) Budget for 1924, (433) resolutions, (434) Library, and (435) Dorset County ].

(b) APPEALS. Mr. Morton George reported orally upon a meeting of the Appeals Committee held on the previous day. The Committee agreed that in view of the appointment just approved of Dame Adelaide Livingstone as head of the Appeals department, Mr. Graham Cree should for the future be designated as Travelling Appeals Secretary.

#### 901 GENERAL ELECTION.

(a) Communications from Party Leaders. The General Secretary reported receipt of communications in support of the League of Nations from Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, and Mr. Asquith, in response to a letter which he had addressed to those Party Leaders. The Committee agreed that these communications should be printed and circulated to Branches.

(b) Proposed resolution on Free Trade and Protection. A resolution on the agenda paper proposing to record the Committee's "opinion that no Article or Clause of the Covenant as it stands is intended by its framers, or can legitimately be interpreted as a pronouncement for or against the system commonly known as Free Trade and Protection", was not put.

(c) The Committee expressed the opinion that in a Parliamentary Election where one or two candidates definitely opposed a League of Nations policy and the other equally definitely supported it, the Union should employ all its available sources, both local and central to ensure the return of the pro-League candidate whatever his party allegiance.

902 RE-APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES.

Resolved:- "That the question of the re-appointment of sub-Committees be brought forward at the meeting of the Committee to be held in the third week in December. Meanwhile the sub-Committees be asked to make any recommendations as to the composition of their Committees for the ensuing year."

903 GENERAL COUNCIL - THANKS TO VOLUNTARY WORKERS. The Committee considered a list of persons who have rendered voluntary service to the Union and

Resolved:- 1. "That the General Council of the L.N.U. be asked at the Annual Meeting in May to place on record their high appreciation of the services of all those who in an Honorary capacity have assisted in the work of the Union;

2. That the special thanks of the Executive Committee be given to Mr. A.W. Claremont, who has acted as honorary legal advisor, and that the Chairman be asked to write a letter to Mr. Claremont, and also to all those who have generously given whole-time unpaid services in the Central Office under the ordinary conditions of office discipline.

904 EIGHT HOUR'S CONVENTION - MEMORANDUM. The Committee considered a memorandum on the Eight Hours' Convention, and it was

Resolved:- 1. "To recommend that the draft Labour Conventions with regard to the eight hours' day, as adopted by the International Labour Conference should be submitted to the new House of Commons for its opinion."

2. "That this resolution be sent to the Government".

905 AMENDMENTS TO THE COVENANT COMMITTEE. The Chairman asked the Committee's permission to call a meeting of the Amendments to the Covenant Committee to consider

- (a) alleged illegal restrictions of the privileges of the inhabitants of the Saar.
- (b) proposed Polish landlaw and its effects on German settlers in Poland.
- (c) to investigate suggested alterations to the Covenant without seriously injuring the League that would most facilitate the United States entry into the League.

908 PROPOSED FORMATION OF OPIUM CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. Mr. Wilson Harris urged that in view of the important work now before the Opium Commission at Geneva, and the impending International Conferences to be held in July, the Executive Committee should appoint an Opium Consultative Committee to consider the situation as it concerns particularly Great Britain and the British Empire.

Resolved:- "To authorise the appointment of this Committee and that the following be asked to serve:- (with power to co-opt)

Mrs. Alfred Lyttelton.  
Sir John Jordan.  
Sir Arthur Steel Maitland.  
Mr. Basil Mathews.

907 ADJOURNMENTS. The following matters on the agenda were adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee:-

- (a) British Association - communication on Committee on International Auxiliary language.
- (b) Russian sub-Committee.
- (c) Memorandum on the question of Memel.

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION.

C.13.  
18/12/1923.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER  
11th 1923 AT 11.30 A.M.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); H. Baillie-Weaver; G.N. Barnes, Lord Henry Cavendish Bontinck, Captain Reginald Berkeley, Percy Bigland, A.W. Claremont, the Viscountess Gladstone, J.F. Green, John H. Harris, John W. Hills, David Hunter, F.N. Keen, Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe, E.W. Morton-George, Oswald Mosley, Lady Mary Murray, the Countess of Selborne, and Mrs Oliver Strachey: together with the General Secretary and D.H. Mills.

MINUTES

- 908 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr. David Davies, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, Sir Arthur Haworth, General Sir Frederick Maurice, Lord Queenborough, Prebendary Rudolf, Mr. Raymond Unwin, Mr. Henry Vivian, Professor Webster, and Mr. L.M. Wynch.
- 909 MINUTES. The draft minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated November 29th 1923 were amended, and the minutes as set out in the minute book were adopted.
- 910 BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION -STALL. The General Secretary suggested that the following should be asked to serve on a Committee to be responsible for the arrangements in regard to the Stall at the British Empire Exhibition: Major J.W. Hills (Chairman), Captain Berkeley, Prebendary Rudolf, Mrs. E.M. Wood, Sir Richard Gregory, Mr. Vernon Bartlett, the London Correspondent of the I.L.O., with Mr. Wilson Harris as Secretary.
- Resolved:- "To approve of the names suggested by the General Secretary."
- 911 FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending December 7th 1923 showed a Bank Overdraft on that date amounting to £2,676.7.6 with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £2,400.
- 912 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.
- (a) EDUCATION. Subject to the last paragraph of minute 391 being amended so as to read "it was agreed that the Union should take steps to follow up Sir Eric Drummond's letter and write to Mr. E.F.L. Wood, President of the Board of Education asking him what steps he was taking to give effect to the resolutions of the Assembly, and asking him to receive a deputation", the minutes of the Education Committee dated December 4th 1923 were approved and adopted.
- Professor Murray promised to write a letter to Mr. E.F.L. Wood in this sense.
- [ These minutes included (379) Composition of Committee; (380) Mr. H.W.V. Tenperley; (381) Map of Europe; (386) (388) History Text-book; (389) Educational Associations; (390) Classes for Study of Italian; and (391) Resolution of Fourth Assembly. ]
- (b) COMMITTEE OF RELIGIONS & ETHICS. The minutes of the Committee of Religions & Ethics dated 4.12.23 were read by the General Secretary.
- Resolved:- "That the General Secretary be asked to bring up a further report."
- (c) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS. The General Secretary reported upon the minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee held 5.12.23. and the minutes, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

The Christian Organisations Committee was asked to consider a suggestion that efforts be made to secure the preaching of a sermon on the League of Nations in the principal Roman Catholic Church in Geneva during the sitting of the Fifth Assembly.

(d) MANAGEMENT.

Resolved:- "That the Committee should consider the report of the Management Committee at its next meeting."

913 INTERNATIONAL AUXILIARY LANGUAGE. The General Secretary read a letter from Dr. E.H. Tripp on behalf of the Committee on International Auxiliary Language of the British Association for the Advancement of Science (Section L), stating that the Committee had decided nem. con. to recommend the adoption of Esperanto, and urging that the subject of an International Auxiliary Language should be brought before the public through meetings, lectures, etc. held under the auspices of the Union.

Resolved:- "That the communication be sent to M. Ruysen at Brussels, together with the suggestion that a Committee of the Federation should be set up to consider it."

914 MR. LAWRENCE CADBURY.

Resolved:- "That Mr. Lawrence Cadbury be invited to serve as a member of the Executive Committee."

915 RUSSIAN SUB-COMMITTEE. The recommendation of the Overseas Committee "that in view of the fact that Russia sends delegates to Geneva and has accepted a seat on the Railway Convention Conference and the Naval Conference next year, such a sub-Committee might reasonably be formed," was considered.

Resolved:- "To approve of the formation of the Russian sub-Committee provided that the names proposed for this Committee be submitted to the Executive for approval."

It was suggested that Dr. Nitobe should be written to, to ask for his opinion.

916 MEMOR. A memorandum of the question of Memol was received.

917 DECEMBER SALARY CHECKS.

Resolved:- "That the December salary cheques be paid before the Christmas holidays."

918 STAFF PARTY. The Committee were notified of the annual Staff Party to be held on January 19th 1924, and members of the Executive were urged to be present.

919 NEXT MEETINGS. It was

Resolved:- "That the next two meetings of the Committee be held on Thursday, December 20th, and Thursday, January 10th 1924."

920 FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION. The Committee considered a letter from the London Union of the Fellowship of Reconciliation suggesting that the L.N.U. should co-operate in the organisation of a London Conference at which leading French and German speakers would put their particular point of view in regard to the European situation while dealing with the whole problem from a definitely European standpoint.

Major Murray had attended a meeting which was held on Friday, December 7th. A further meeting would be held on Monday, the 17th. The Committee were in favour of the proposal to co-operate provided that the names of both French and German speakers were approved by the Union.

The Vice-Chairman and the General Secretary were asked to attend the next meeting on Monday, December 17th.

*Gilbert Murray*


 C.13.  
 4/1/1923.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
 16, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER  
 20th 1923 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman), G.W. Barnes, Reginald Berkeley, Percy Bigland, Lady Bonham Carter, David Davies, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, H.A.L. Fisher, the Viscountess Gladstone, J.F. Green, J.W. Hills, Sir Charles Hobhouse, F.N. Keen, E.W. Norton-George, Charles Roberts, Prebendary E.de M. Rudolf, the Countess of Selborne, Mrs. Oliver Strachey, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, Professor C.K. Webster, and L.M. Wynch: together with the General Secretary and D.H. Mills.

## M I N U T E S

- 921 APLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mrs. A.W. Claremont, Mr. Baillie-Teaver, Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, Admiral Drury Lowe, Lady Mary Murray, Lord Queenborough, Mrs. Walter Runciman, General Seely, Mr. Graham White and Mr. Aneurin Williams.
- 922 MINUTES The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held December 11th 1923 were approved and adopted.
- 923 BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION
- Resolved:- (a) "To add the names of the Chairman of the Hospitality Committee, the Chairman of the London Federation (or their representatives), and Major E.B. Ince, to this Committee; and that Major Gladstone Murray should act as Secretary instead of Mr. Wilson Harris."
- (b) "That the first meeting of this Committee be held on Friday, January 11th at 12 noon."
- 924 PROPOSED DEPUTATION TO PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION. The General Secretary read a communication from the President of the Board of Education stating that he had already discussed the matter raised with Dame Edith Lyttelton at Geneva, that the resolution of the Executive had his full sympathy, and hoping that in view of his many engagements the Union should not press him to receive a deputation.
- The Chairman promised to write and ask Mr. Wood what action the Board was taking in the matter.
- 925 FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION. The Vice-Chairman reported that he and the General Secretary had attended a meeting of the Fellowship of Reconciliation and had agreed to the following:-
- That a public meeting should be held in London during the week from January 16th to 23rd;
- That it should be addressed by one German and one Frenchman, and presided over by an Englishman;
- That the following names in order should be asked to Chair the meeting:-

Lord Robert Cecil.  
 Lord Grey  
 Dr Temple (Bishop of Manchester)  
 Lord Haldane.  
 Dr Gore.  
 Mr Keynes.

That if any of the first three accepted the invitation to preside the meeting should be held in the Central Hall;  
 That if none of the first three were able to accept the invitation the meeting should be held in the Exeter Hall;  
 That a certain number of seats should be sold and that a collection should be taken to cover the balance of the expenses.

Further arrangements in regard to this proposed meeting were left in the hands of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the General Secretary.

926 REPARATIONS. The Committee considered two memoranda by Mr David Davies and the General Secretary respectively on the question of Reparations.

Resolved:- "that the following be asked to constitute a sub-Committee to draft a memorandum for submission to the Government on the question of reparations, and to report at an early meeting of the Executive:-

The Chairman, Mr. David Davies, Mr. H.A.L. Fisher, Major J.W. Hills, Sir Charles Hobhouse, and Mr. W.T. Layton.

It was further Resolved:- "That this Committee should meet in the first instance at 3 o'clock on Tuesday, January 8th and possibly again on the 9th."

927 FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending December 17th 1923 showed a Bank Overdraft on the date amounting to £2,312.19.11 with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £1,223.4.9.

928 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated December 11th 1923, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[ These minutes included (307) Dame Adelaide Livingstone, (308) Revision of Salaries; (309) Mr Macdonell; (310) General Election; (311) Mr Archer; (312) Mr Ellison; (313) Miss Naylor; (314) Universities and Colleges Travelling Secretary ]

(b) MANAGEMENT. The minutes of the Management Committee dated December 11th 1923, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[ These minutes included (437) Minutes; (438) Branches; (439) Staff Appointments Committee; (440) Royal Charter; (441) Objects of Union; (442) Resolutions; (443) Library; (444) General Council ]

(c) OVERSEAS Subject to the reference back to the Overseas Committee of minute 531, the minutes of the Overseas Committee dated 12.12.23 were adjourned for consideration to the next meeting of the Committee.

In the meantime the Committee decided to proceed with the arrangements already made by the Overseas Secretary.

(d) AMENDMENTS TO THE COVENANT. The following minutes of the Amendments to the Covenant Committee were reported:-

(a) Alleged illegal restrictions of the privileges of the inhabitants of the Saar.

Resolved:- To recommend to the Executive Committee to express an opinion that in the abstract the right of free passage over German territory to and from the Saar is granted by the Treaty of Versailles and remains notwithstanding that this territory is now in French occupation but that in the case of individuals the occupying Power might take steps which were reasonable for the purpose of preventing a passing person from using his passage to spread sedition or unrest.

(b) Proposed Polish land law and its effects on German settlers in Poland.

Resolved:- "That this law appears to this Committee to be injurious to the German minority in Poland and to be an attempt to evade the decision of the Permanent Court of International Justice and the Minority Treaty; and that the Executive Committee be asked to watch the situation and take such steps as it thinks proper to protest against the action of the Polish Government.

(c) Suggested alterations to the Covenant to facilitate the United States entry into the League.

Resolved:- "That no action be taken."

Resolved:- "That resolution (a) be sent to Lord Robert Cecil and the Foreign Secretary, and that in regard to (b) Lord Robert Cecil be asked to watch the situation.

(e) LABOUR ADVISORY. The minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee dated 18.12.23 were adjourned for consideration to the next meeting of the Committee.

Resolved:- "To suggest that Major J.W.Hills be co-opted a member of the Labour Advisory Committee."

(f) FINANCE. The General Secretary reported orally upon the meeting of the Finance Committee held the previous day. This report was approved and adopted as follows:-

1. That in reply to a communication from Miss Ainsworth, Hon. Secretary of the Tyne District Council, suggesting that the Union should make a grant from the Central Fund to the expenses incurred by the Tyne District Council in connection with Mr Gillender's work particularly amongst Miners Lodges and other Trade Union organisations in the county of Durham, the General Secretary should write expressing appreciation of Mr Gillender's work and offering to support the Tyne District in any application it might see fit to make to Lady Londonderry (a Vice-President of the Union) or any other wealthy persons in the county to defray the cost of Mr Gillender's salary. If the District Council so desired the approach to Lady Londonderry could be made by Headquarters.
2. That the Union shall pay in 1924 to the International Federation of Voluntary League of Nations Societies the sum of £97.12.- being the difference between the £130 demanded for 1924 under minute 891 (h) of the Executive Committee (i.e. the equivalent on 21st July, 1921 of the 6,125 Belgian francs paid in respect of the year 1921/22) and the sum of £32.8.0 already paid (on August 30th, 1923) in respect of the year 1924.



3. That for an experimental period of six months the expenses of the Hon. Travelling Secretary for Dorset be at the rate of £100 a year.
4. That approval be given to the proposal of the Executive Committee that a sum not exceeding £600 be set aside for the financing of the Union's stall and exhibit at the British Empire Exhibition.

929 COMMITTEES FOR 1924.

Resolved:- "That the Committees for 1924 be constituted as follows:-

MANAGEMENT. Mrs. A.W.Claremont; Mr David Davies, M.P.; Lady Denman; Sir Willoughby Dickinson, K.B.E.; The Viscountess Gladstone; Mr. J.F.Green; Mr. J.H.Harris, M.P.; Sir Arthur Haworth, Bart.; Major J.W.Hills, (Vice-Chairman); Mr. F.N.Keen; Mr.E.W.Morton-George, J.P.; Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); Lord Queenborough; Mr. Charles Roberts; Mrs. Walter Runciman.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The Viscountess Gladstone (Chairman); Mr. David Davies, M.P.; Sir Willoughby Dickinson, K.B.E.; Professor Gilbert Murray;

X FINANCE. Lord Queenborough (Chairman); Viscount Cowdray; Mr. A.W.Claremont; Mr. David Davies, M.P.; Mr. Charles Roberts; Sir John Mann, K.B.E.; Mr. E.W.Morton-George, J.P.; Major E.B.Ince; Prebendary Rudolph; Sir Frederick Clarke, C.B. X

APPEALS. Mr. Morton-George (Chairman); Mr. Runciman; Mr. Finnis; Mr. Marvin; Mr. Snelling; Mr. Stepney; Prebendary Rudolph; Lord Queenborough; Lord Cowdray; Mr. David Davies; Sir John Mann; Mr. Claremont; Major Ince; Mr. Charles Roberts; Sir Frederick Clarke, C.B.

EDUCATION. Dr.C.W.Kimmins (Chairman); Mr. Philip Baker; Mr. A.E.Bullock; Mr. C. Delisle Burns, M.A.; Miss Henrietta Bask; Mrs. Claremont; Professor Sir Israel Gollancz; Rt.Hon.Lord Gorell, C.B.E., M.C.; Mr. W.W.Hunt; Dr.Robert Jones; Miss Lloyd Evans, M.A.; Mr. J.M.Mactavish; Mr.R.S.Marvin, M.A.; Mr. P.Matthews; Professor Gilbert Murray; Sir Sydney Olivier, K.C.M.G., C.B.; Mr George Peverett; Miss F.M.Stawell; Mr.H.W.V.Tamperley; Professor J.F.Unstead; Professor Graham Wallas; Mr George Whale; Mr Z.F.Willis; Mr Basil Yeaxlee, O.B.E., B.A.;

HOSPITALITY. Miss Kathleen Balfe; The Dowager Lady Boyle; Mr Cloudeley Breton; Mrs Croxton, O.B.E.; Lady Dickinson; Mr J.O.Dobson; Mrs. Dugdale; Lady Winifrede Elwes; Mrs Alan Erskine; Miss Annie Gardner; Mrs Maxwell Garnett; Viscountess Gladstone; Mrs Harington-Stuart; Miss Harley Bacon; Marchioness of Hartington; Mrs Mark Kerr; Mrs Ronald McNeill; Miss Margesson; Lady Isabel Margesson; Lady Mond; Miss Monro; Miss E.D. Nicholson; Lady Pollock; Mrs Runciman; Mrs.Phillip Scott; Mrs George Whale; Miss Wigram; Miss Lucy Yates.

Resolved:- "That the composition of the Labour Advisory, Overseas, Christian Organisations, and Religions and Ethics Committees, be considered at the next meeting."

930 GENERAL COUNCIL - DRAFT MINUTES. The draft minutes of the meeting of the General Council held December 13th and 14th 1923 were considered. Members of the Committee were asked to send to the General Secretary any comments they might have to make upon the draft minutes.

931 MAJOR D.CLIFTON BROWN - RESIGNATION. The General Secretary reported the resignation of Major D.Clifton Brown.

Resolved:- "That this resignation be accepted with regret".

The Chairman promised to write to Major Clifton Brown.

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932 "NO MORE WAR". The Vice-Chairman reported that he had attended with Major Gladstone Murray a meeting of the "No More War" Central Committee. This Committee was considering its future, and it was possible that the "No More War" demonstrations would not be run under their auspices during this summer.

933 TANGIER. Mr F.N. Keen raised the question of Tangier and the Intelligence Section were asked to draft a memorandum comparing the administrative functions of the Treaty with such functions undertaken by the League - Dantzig, etc.

*Gilbert Murray*

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15,  
GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 10th  
1924 AT 11 O'CLOCK.

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PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); H.Baillie-Weaver, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, G.N.Barnes, Reginald Berkeley, Lady Bonham Carter, A.W.Claremont, David Davies, Sir W.H.Dickinson, Mrs.Ogilvie Gordon, J.F.Green, John H.Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, J.W.Hills, Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe, E.W.Morton-George, Oswald Mosley, Lady Mary Murray, Prebendary E. de M. Rudolf, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, and L.M.Wynch; together with the General Secretary and D.H.Mills.

## M I N U T E S

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Lord Queenborough, Mrs Walter Runciman and Mr Aneurin Williams.
2. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held December 20th 1923 were approved and adopted.
3. FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION. The General Secretary reported that the Conference arranged by the Fellowship of Reconciliation would take place on January 17th, that the speakers would be M. D'Estournelles de Constant and Dr Kuczyński, and the Chairman, Mr Charles Roden Buxton.
4. AMENDMENTS TO THE COVENANT - RESOLUTIONS. The General Secretary reported that the resolutions relating to alleged illegal restrictions of the inhabitants of the Saar in regard to the proposed Polish land law and its effects on German settlers in Poland had not been sent to the Government, but they had been communicated to Lord Cecil.

Resolved:- "That these resolutions be sent to the new Government when it takes office."

5. COMMITTEES FOR 1924. The General Secretary reported that the recommendations of the Overseas Committee would come up for consideration at the next meeting; that the Labour Advisory Committee would make a recommendation after January 29th; and the Committee of Religions and Ethics after their first meeting in March. The Christian Organisations Committee made the following recommendation:-

"That the Provisional Committee be continued during 1924 with the following personnel:-

Rev.G.Armitage.	Rev. Carey Bonner.
Rev. W. Copeland Bowie	Rev. H. Carter
Mrs Creighton	Sir Willoughby Dickinson
Rev.R.C.Gillie	Miss Lucy Gardner
Lady Gladstone	Sir Arthur Haworth
Rev. J. Keating	The Bishop of Kensington
Dr Lyttelton	Rev. Thomas Nightingale
Rev. Canon Ottley	Lady Parmoor
Rev.E.B.Perkins	T.R.Ponsford.
Miss Ruth Rouse	Rev.J.H.Rushbrooke
Rev.J.W.Tuffley	The Dean of Worcester
Rev.W.Y.Wray	Rev. H.W.Fox.

together with the Rev.P.T.R.Kirk if he will consent to serve or some other person representing Industrial Christian Fellowship."

Resolved:- "To approve of the composition of the Christian Organisations Committee as above for 1924; and to reappoint the Committee of Religions and Ethics subject to reconsideration in connection with the report to be made by that Committee at its March meeting."

6. CHAIRMAN.

Resolved:- "That the question of the appointment of the Chairman of the Executive Committee be considered by the Committee ~~allowing~~ <sup>along with</sup> that the other questions upon which the Committee will have to recommend to the General Council at the Annual meeting in May."

7. LORD CECIL. The General Secretary informed the Committee that in the event of a change of Government taking place in the near future Lord Cecil might be able to attend meetings of the Committee.

Resolved:- "That notices of meetings and other papers circulated to the Executive be also sent to Lord Cecil."

[ It is understood that the same papers should be sent to the other Joint President in the event of his wishing to receive them ]

8. PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE. The question of the constitution and officers of this Committee was discussed, and it was

Resolved:- "That these matters be left in the hands of Members of Parliament."

9. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending January 8th 1924 showed a CREDIT BALANCE at the Bank amounting to £9,777.17.3 with estimated outstanding liabilities amounting to £1,200.

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) LABOUR ADVISORY. The following recommendations of the Labour Advisory Committee were considered:-

(a) That a series of meetings on the I.L.O. be arranged by the L.N.U. in important centres, to be addressed by a member of the Secretariat of the I.L.O. Geneva.

(b) That the Secretary of the Committee accompany a member of the London I.L. Office early in 1924 round the regions addressing Branch meetings on the I.L.O. and preparing for the above series of big demonstrations.

Resolved:- "That subject to the Finance Committee approving the expenditure involved, it be suggested to the Finance Committee that the expenditure should not be allowed to exceed £30 without further approval from the Finance and Executive Committees; and that the Labour Advisory Committee be asked to submit an estimate of the whole amount of the expenditure they desired to incur in this direction, together with proposals for raising this money from new sources."

Subject to the above the minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee dated 18.12.23, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (29) Secretary's Report; and (30) Mr H.B. Butler]

- (b) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated 20.12.23, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (316) Dame Adelaide Livingstone; (317) Staff - General Election; (318) Mr Archer; (319) Universities and Colleges; (320) Revision of Salaries; (321) Miss Alexandre; (322) Mr Macdonell; (323) East Midlands; (324) Mr Freshwater; and (325) Chairman's Secretary]

- (c) MANAGEMENT. The minutes of the Management Committee dated 20.12.23 together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (447) Resolutions; (448) Branches; (449) Royal Charter; (450) Staff Appointments Committee; (451) HEADWAY; (452) Resolution; and (453) Headquarters salaries]

- (d) EDITORIAL. The minutes of the Editorial Committee dated 20.12.23 together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (2) Business Arising; (3) Reappointment of Committee; (4) Christmas Card for 1924; (5) Suggested Publications; (8) League "Celebration" (11) Pamphlet; and (12) League book for boys]

- (e) OVERSEAS. The minutes of the Overseas Committee dated 12.12.23 together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted. It was

Resolved: - "That the recommendation of the Overseas Committee that the Executive should consider the question of setting up a standing Committee of the L.N.U. for disarmament be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Executive Committee."

[These minutes included (546) Japanese Society; (547) VIIIth Conference of the Federation; and (549) Mr Angelo Crespi]

10. WAGES AND OVERTIME. Lady Mary Murray urged that the Committee should make it a general rule that no person be employed on the staff of the Union at a salary of less than £2 per week, and that no overtime be worked except on the understanding that payment was at the rate of time and a half.

Resolved: - "That this question be referred to a special Committee consisting of the Staff Appointments Committee together with -

Mr G.N. Barnes, Mrs Ogilvie Gordon, Sir John Mann (or nominee)  
Mr E.W. Morton-George, and Lady Mary Murray.

11. REPARATIONS. The General Secretary reported that the sub-Committee had met which had been appointed to draft a memorandum for submission to the Government on the question of reparations and had drawn up a report. This report after being submitted to the individual members of the Committee would be circulated to the Executive Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

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12. JAPAN. The following resolution of the Japanese Association was received:-

"Be it resolved that it is the desire of the Association of the League of Nations of Japan hereby to express its profound thanks to the people of each friendly nation who shewed a very deep sympathy and rendered a speedy existence to the people of Japan at the time of the great earthquake disaster; and be it resolved that it is the aim of this Association so to endeavour as to promote and deepen the happy tendency of international mind created among the people of Japan by the sympathy and material aid which were given them by each friendly nation."

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