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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, 2ND  
DECEMBER, 1926, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major J.W.Hills (in the Chair), Professor Philip Baker, G.N.Barnes, C.Delisle Burns, L.J.Cadbury, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Vice-Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, Lady Gladstone, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Leif Jones, Sir Walter Napier, Charles Roberts, W.J. Salmon, Henry Vivian, H.D.Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch together with the Secretary.

265. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, R.S.Hudson, Mrs. Layton, Lady Selborne and A.L. Shepherd.
266. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on November 18th, 1926, were approved as circulated.
267. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending November 23rd, shewed a Bank Overdraft to date amounting to £2,148.2s.8d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £3,674.5s.11d.
268. CONTINENTAL GROUPINGS WITHIN THE LEAGUE. The Minutes of the meeting of the special Committee held on November 22nd, 1926, were presented and adopted.

[These Minutes included (1) Memorandum on Plans for Continental and other Groupings within the League; (2) World Economic Conference; (3) Report of Austrian National Committee to Committee on Trade Barriers in Collective Treaties facilitating International Commerce in Europe.]

Sir Walter Napier suggested that this Committee should interchange the result of its inquiries with the Union Juridique Internationale in Paris. It was

RESOLVED: "That Dr. Garnett's memorandum on the World Economic Conference be circulated to members of the Executive Committee".

269. DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN. The Minutes of the meeting of the special Committee held on November 23rd were presented and adopted.

[These Minutes included (6) Secretary to Committee; (7) Plan of Campaign.]

The Chairman explained that the Committee intended the Campaign to culminate in a special effort in May or June 1927 to synchronize with the issue of the full report of the League's Preparatory Commission for the World Disarmament Conference.

It was further

RESOLVED: "That drafts of letters on disarmament should be sent to all members of the Executive Committee who should use them as a basis for their own communications to newspapers in the provinces".



270. SETTLEMENT OF ARMENIANS IN ERIVAN. It was reported that the Women's International League had forwarded a copy of their resolution of November 9th, calling upon His Majesty's Government to reconsider its objection to share in a guarantee for the loan required to settle Armenians in Erivan, in view of the pledges formerly given by Great Britain to the Armenian nation. An inquiry addressed to the Armenian (Lord Mayor's) Fund had elicited the reply that, in common with other Armenian societies, the Fund Committee, considering the Erivan scheme to be temporarily in abeyance, were concentrating their efforts upon the settlement in Syria of 120,000 Armenians now occupying refugee camps in the French mandated territory, and that important financial assistance was expected from the French Government. Professor Baker reminded the Committee that the League's Assembly had granted £600 to Dr. Nansen to assist him in obtaining privately the £2,000,000 required for the Erivan Settlement Scheme which the League's Council had pronounced technically sound, although they had decided that the League should not finance it. It was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. J.H. Harris and Professor Baker be asked to prepare a report on the settlement of Armenian refugees in Erivan under Dr. Nansen's scheme and in Syria under the scheme advocated by the Armenian (Lord Mayor's) Fund".

271. SITUATION IN CHINA. The Chairman drew attention to the gravity of the present situation in China, and the Committee discussed the question whether the position of China should be discussed at the forthcoming meeting of the Council of the League. It was felt that the absence of the United States would seriously impair the usefulness of such a discussion. Finally it was

RESOLVED: "That a special Committee be appointed, consisting of Professor Baker, Mr. Delisle Burns, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Major Hills, Sir Walter Napper and Mr. Lynch to inquire into the actual situation in China and to advise what action, if any, should be taken by the Union".

272. COAL DISPUTE - DISPUTE AGREEMENTS AND THE EIGHT HOURS CONVENTION. Mr. Barnes stated that the district settlements of the mining dispute in at least four cases included a forty-nine hour week for surface men. He contended that this was a violation of the spirit, if not of the letter, of the Washington Convention. The Committee were reminded that the Minister of Labour, having been asked by the Chairman what would be the effect upon the ratification of the Washington Hours Convention of the passing into law of the Mines' Eight Hours Bill, had replied that -

"...the existence of the Coal Mines Act, 1926, does not in any way prevent the ratification by Great Britain of the Washington Hours Convention".

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman, after consultation with Mr. Barnes, should write to the Minister of Mines, and ask:-

- (1) whether the inclusion of clauses providing for a 49-hour week for surface workers in the district settlements of the mining dispute, would impede ratification of the Eight Hours' Convention; and



- (2) whether the situation created by these settlements would unfavourably affect the agreement reached by Conference of Labour Ministers in London in March, 1926."

273. DR. NORWOOD'S CAMPAIGN. The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to a summary published by the "Free Press" (Pontypool), of a speech recently made by Dr. Norwood in Pontypool. The newspaper account professed to include a quotation from the speech, and commented that the sentence quoted wounded patriotic susceptibilities. A complete record of the speech and the impressions of persons who had heard the whole of it, had been asked for. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to see Dr. Norwood and to convey to him the views of the Committee on this subject".

274. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) WELCOME COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Welcome Committee dated 16th November, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (44) (a) American Parties visiting England, (b) British Universities' League of Nations Society; (c) Budget for Financial Year, 1927. (45) Secretary's Report; (46) Report of Conference on Organisations interested in Hospitality; (47) Constitution of Committee for 1927.

(b) MANDATES COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Mandates Committee dated November 17th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (2) Resignation of Sir Humphrey Leggett; (3) Letters from Mr. Unwin; (4) Memorandum by Professor Baker; (5) Resolution submitted by Sir Walter Napier.

On the recommendation of the Mandates Committee it was

RESOLVED: "That the statement, amended as annexed to these Minutes, be issued to Branches and to the Press".

Further consideration of the Minutes dated November 30th, 1926, was adjourned.

(c) MINORITIES COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Minorities Committee dated July 21st, and November 5th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (2) Russian Refugees; (3) Russians and other persons without nationality; (4) Staatenlosigkeit; (5) Future of Minorities; (13) State-less Persons; (14) Salzburg Meeting of Federation; (15) Obtaining Report from Brussels.

(d) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee held on November 17th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (87) Armistice Literature; (88) Composition of Committee; (89) Demand for Literature from the Christian Standpoint; (90) Corporate Membership; (91) Circular Letter to Diocesan Bishops; (92) Geneva Cathedral Service.

(e) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions upon Minutes 121 and 122, the Minutes of the Industrial Advisory Committee dated November 18th, 1926, were approved and adopted.



These Minutes included (118) Composition of Committee; (119) Hours Convention; (12) Minimum Wage Conference; (121) Affiliation - Proposed Scheme; (122) Enquiry into conditions of Labour in Coal-mining Industry; (123) Finance and Industry.

Minute 121. In view of the disagreement expressed by the Industrial Advisory Committee with the proposed scheme for the affiliation of headquarters of Employers' and Workers' Organisations, it was

RESOLVED: "That the draft resolution upon co-operation with industrial organisations, proposed by the Executive Committee at its last meeting, be withdrawn from the Agenda of the meeting of the General Council to be held December 14th, and that the Industrial Advisory Committee be invited to recommend to the Executive Committee any improvement upon the scheme contained in that draft resolution".

Minute 123. It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of a proposal to arrange a Conference upon the relation of banking and currency policy to industrial wages be adjourned to the next meeting of the Executive".

- (f) REVISION OF THE COVENANT. The Minutes of the Revision of the Covenant Committee dated November 22nd, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (11) U.S.A. and World Court; (12) Election of Council Members; (13) Constitution of Council; (14) Communication from Proportional Representation Society; (15) Amendment to Covenant; (16) Procedure for dealing with non-justiciable disputes.

- (g) OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. With the exception of Minute No. 84, the Minutes of the Overseas Committee, dated November 24th, 1926, were approved and adopted. On Minute 94 it was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to write to Professor Ruyssens and to M. Vaucher at his discretion, concerning the proposal to form an Egyptian League of Nations Society".

These Minutes included (88) India; (89) Conference of L. of N. Societies in the Pacific; (90) Lane Bequest; (91) Composition of Council of L. of N. (Aberystwyth Resolution); (92) Composition of Committee; (93) Report of Continental Groupings Committee; (94) Egypt and L. of N.; (95) Permanent Committee of Federation; (96) Federation Meetings, Spring 1927; (97) Overseas Report.

- (h) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Management Committee dated November 25th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

The Chairman expressed a wish that all members of the Executive Committee would be present at the Staff Christmas Party to be held on Thursday, January 20th, 1927.

These Minutes included (99) Recognition of Branches; (100) Editorial Committee, Publicity and Advertising; (102) Public Meetings; (103) Dinner to Dominion Premiers; (104) Northamptonshire Council; (106) Branch Resolutions; (107) Abyssinia, Settlement of Released Slaves; (108) Staff Party; (109) Reduced Corporate Membership Fee; (110) Contract for HEADWAY.



It was

RESOLVED "That the Executive Committee should proceed at its next meeting to the appointment of the Publicity Committee".

- (i) EDUCATION COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Education Committee dated November 26th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

✓These Minutes included (90) Composition of Committee; (91) List of Meetings; (92) Steps taken by Local Education Authorities; (93) Report of Secretary's Tour in Midlands; (94) Report of Young People's Organisations Committee; (95) Experts' Report - Communication from Federation; (96) Summer Schools; (97) Film Arrangements; (98) Miss Stawell Report on Examination Papers in History; (99) Training Colleges, Communication from Mr. G.W. Judd; (100) Adult School Union Study Notes on L. of N.; (101) Communication from Secretary of new Education Fellowship.✓

- (j) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated 25th November, 1926, were approved and adopted subject to the consent of the Finance Committee.

✓These Minutes included (71) Half-yearly revision of Salaries and wages; (72) Articles for the Press; (73) Voluntary Workers.✓

275. ADVERTISEMENTS IN HEADWAY. The Secretary reported that, after consulting the Chairman, he had refused to insert an advertisement of a demonstration organised by Mr. Ponsoby in the December HEADWAY, although advertisements had appeared in the October and November HEADWAYS. Some months ago several readers of HEADWAY protested against advertisements of the Royal Military Tournament appearing in HEADWAY, and the Executive Committee decided to refuse such advertisements in future. Similar protests, but from the opposite wing of the Union, had been received this time concerning Mr. Ponsoby's meeting. The precedent had therefore been followed and further advertisements excluded.

276. CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

RESOLVED: "That the office be closed from Thursday evening, December 23rd, till Tuesday morning, December 28th".

*G. M. Bell,*



S.G. 1505  
1.12.26.

STATEMENT ON THE BRITISH MEMORANDUM  
TO THE LEAGUE REGARDING MANDATES PROCEDURE.

In view of the reply made by H.M.G. on November 8th to the communication from the League Council on the subject of the Mandates Questionnaire, and of the hearing of Petitioners from Mandated territories, the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union think it desirable to state their views with regard to the points raised.

The League of Nations Union Executive Committee is convinced that the effective working of the Mandatory system rests upon three conditions.

- (1) Annual enquiry and report to the Council through the expert and impartial agency of the Permanent Mandates Commission.
- (2) The recognition that the Permanent Mandates Commission is entitled to ask any question relevant to the execution of the Mandates texts.
- (3) Close and sympathetic co-operation between the Council, the Commission and the Mandatory Powers, in carrying into effect the system of trusteeship embodied in Article 22 of the Covenant, and thus ensuring its effective development in harmony with the conditions prevailing in the various Mandated Areas.

Furthermore the League of Nations Union Executive Committee bears in mind the following principle adopted by the League Council for its own guidance on August 5th, 1920.

"The Annual Report stipulated for in Article 7 \* should certainly include a statement as to the whole moral and material situation of the peoples under the Mandate. It is clear, therefore, that the Council should also examine the question of the whole administration. In this matter the Council will obviously have to display extreme prudence so that the exercise of its rights of control should not provoke any unjustifiable complaints and thus increase the difficulties of the task undertaken by the Mandatory Power". (See Report to Council by M. Hymans, August 5th, 1920 Assembly Document 161 6/12/20).

The League of Nations Union regrets that the wording of H.M. Government's letter of November 8th appears to suggest a desire on the part of the British Mandatory Powers to limit the exercise of judgment on the part of the Mandates Commission as to the proper scope of the investigations required to carry out its duty of thoroughly examining the Reports of the Mandatory Powers.

Were this really the intention of H.M.G., it would be the more deplorable from the fact that Great Britain has set and continues to maintain a standard of colonial administration which is an example of the principle of trusteeship embodied in Article 22 of the Covenant.

\* This refers no doubt to para. 7 of Article XXII of the Covenant.



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The practice of the British Mandatory Powers has moreover hitherto been to facilitate the enquiries of the Mandates Commission in every way.

Investigation shows that British Reports have answered 117 out of the 118 questions put in the List of Questions, Australian Reports have answered the total number and New Zealand Reports have answered 115. (Two questions in the List relate to mines, and are not relevant to the Pacific Islands held by New Zealand under Mandate).

In the knowledge of these facts the League of Nations Union Executive Committee feel that certain of the detailed criticisms made by H.M. Government upon the Proposed questionnaire are, in the light of their actual practice, misleading. They desire to express their conviction that detailed questions, such as are contained in the questionnaire, may often be the only means by which the Mandates Commission can satisfy themselves that any given policy, in its practical application, is calculated to promote the moral and material welfare of the inhabitants of mandated territories. They also desire to express their conviction that nothing should be done in the present early stage of the Mandates System to prejudice or to diminish, in any way, the existing rights of the Commission in respect of petitions; and they prefer to believe that the real attitude of the Government was expressed in the following statement made by the Viscount Cecil of Chelwood in the House of Lords on November 17th, 1926:-

"I should like to say in the strongest possible way that the British Government have no desire in the world to hamper, or interfere with, or do other than support to the utmost of their power, the work of the Permanent Mandates Commission."

*John*



UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, 16TH  
DECEMBER, 1926, at 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major J.W.Hills (in the Chair), G.N.Barnes,  
Major Clifton Brown, L.J.Cadbury, Admiral  
Drury-Lowe, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Lady  
Gladstone, Sir Arthur Haworth, J.R.Griffin,  
Lady Hall, R.S.Hudson, Leif Jones, F.N. Keen,  
Mrs. W.T.Layton, Sir Walter Napier, F.G.Penman,  
H.D.Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch together  
with the Secretary.

277. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Mr. Loder and Mr.Vivian.
278. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on December 2nd, 1926, were approved as circulated, subject to the amendment of the resolution in Minute 269 by the substitution of the words "notes for" for the words "drafts of" in the first line.
279. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending December 15th, 1926, shewed a bank overdraft to date amounting to £1,882.8s.1d., with outstanding accounts amounting to £2,996.15s.11d.
280. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.
- (a) JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE AND STAFF STANDING COMMITTEE. Lady Gladstone reported that the Joint Committee had now concluded its work and presented a report on the second of its terms of reference, viz: The method of making appointments on the staff, thereby completing its full report to the Committee (attached to these Minutes). It was
- RESOLVED: "That the report of the Joint Committee of the Staff Appointments Committee and the Staff Standing Committee be approved and adopted, and the members of the Joint Committee be thanked for their labours".
- (b) MANDATES. The Minutes of the Mandates Committee dated November 30th, 1926, were approved and adopted.
- [These Minutes included (7) Professor Toynbee's Letter; (8) Professor Baker's Draft Statement; (9) Resolution Proposed by Sir Walter Napier.]
- (c) WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. Lady Gladstone made a moral report on the Council's Meeting of December 8th, 1926.
- Consideration of the Minutes of the meeting dated 8th December, 1926, was deferred till January 20th.
- (d) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision upon Minutes 115, 119 and 120, the Minutes of the Management Committee dated December 9th, 1926, were approved and adopted.
- [These Minutes included (112) Dinner to Dominion Premiers; (113) Dr. Norwood's Campaign; (114) Recognition of Branches; (115) HEADWAY Advertisements; (116) Public Meetings; (117) Branch Resolutions; (118) Enrolling of Members; (119) Relations with U.S.A.; (12) Co-operation of Student Christian Movement House Club.]



Minute 115: HEADWAY Advertisements. The Chairman reported that he had dealt with the controversy that had arisen through the exclusion of the advertisement of Mr. Ponsonby's Albert Hall Meeting from the December issue of HEADWAY, in his speech to the General Council on December 14th. He had laid stress upon the fact that the Union was anxious to co-operate with all who desired to work for international peace, but could not be committed to support schemes for the attainment of international peace by methods which were opposed to the Covenant. He reported that, after discussion of his statement in the Council, it was resolved:

"That the Executive Committee be asked to consider the whole question of advertisements in HEADWAY".

RESOLVED: "That a memorandum on the subject be prepared for the meeting of this Committee on February 3rd".

Minute 119. Relations with the U.S.A.

RESOLVED: "That before including in SPEAKERS NOTES material to help speakers to combat ill feeling towards the United States, the matter be further discussed after Professor Murray's return".

Minute 120. Co-operation with Student Christian Movement House Club.

RESOLVED: "That the resolution proposed by the Management Committee be adopted, subject to the condition that only those members of the Club who are individual members of the Union should make individual use of the Union's Library".

(e) DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Disarmament Campaign Committee dated December 9th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (9) Assistant to Mrs. Strachey; (10) Mr. Sherman's Disarmament Pamphlet; (11) Mr. C.G. Ammon's Pamphlet; (12) Letters from Dr. Sibly and Mr. Grinnell-Milne; (13) New Disarmament Booklet; (14) Study Circle Syllabuses; (15) Lord Grey's Speech on Armistice Day; (16) Press Cuttings on Disarmament; (17) Private Letters to Editors.]

(f) WELCOME COMMITTEE. Lady Gladstone reported orally on the meeting of the Welcome Committee held on December 14th, 1926, and read a list of persons whom the Committee had decided to recommend for appointment as additional members of the Committee.

Consideration of the Minutes of the Welcome Committee dated 14th October, 1926, was deferred to the next meeting.



- (e) FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Finance Committee dated December 15th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

/These Minutes included (99) Financial Statement; (100) Budget for 1927; (101) Half-yearly Revision of Salaries and Wages; (102) Council's Vote for 1926; (103) Salary Cheques; (104) Passing of Cheques for Payment./

It was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Leif Jones and Mr. Herbert Worsley be invited to join the Finance Committee".

- (h) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. The Secretary reported that at a meeting of the Committee held on December 15th, 1926, the composition of the Committee for 1927 had been considered and the following resolutions passed:-

1. That the Rev. J.E.B. Sawbridge be asked to serve in the place of the Rev. P.T.R. Kirk, but that if Mr. Sawbridge be unable to serve, Mr. Kirk be asked to recommend a representative of the Industrial Christian Fellowship.
2. That Dr. Rushbrooke be asked to recommend a representative from the Baptist Union, if he be unable to attend the meetings himself.
3. That Father Bampton or some other Catholic priest be asked to take the place of Father Keating, who is unable to attend on the third Wednesday.
4. That the Salvation Army be asked to nominate a representative in the place of Lt. Commissioner Unsworth.
5. That the remaining members be nominated for 1927 with the exception of the Dean of Worcester who has resigned, Canon E. Lyttelton if he would prefer to serve on the Education Committee, and the Rev. Eymon Davies.

RESOLVED: "That these recommendations be approved and adopted, and that further consideration of the minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee, dated December 15th, be deferred till the next meeting."

- (i) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated December 2nd, 1926, were approved and adopted, with the exception of Minute No. 76 (Secretary to Mrs. Strachey).

/These Minutes included (75) HEADWAY; (76) Secretary to Mrs. Strachey; (77) Miss Coxwell./

It was

RESOLVED: "To ask the Staff Appointments Committee to meet on Thursday, December 25th, with power to act in the appointment of a political organiser to assist Mrs. Strachey, and in granting automatic increases of wages due on January 1st, 1927, where "satisfactory service" has been certified."

281. GENERAL COUNCIL. The Secretary briefly reported on the meeting of the General Council held on 14th December, and the Chairman stated that the meeting had been most satisfactory. The minutes would be printed and circulated.



282. JOINT COMMITTEE OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION AND ROTARY. The Secretary epitomised the findings and the minutes of the Committee held on December 1st, 1926. This report was approved and adopted.
283. WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE. The Committee took note of a memorandum prepared by Dr. Garnett and circulated at the Committee's request (Minute No. 268).
284. SITUATION IN CHINA. A report of the Special Committee, dated December 8th, 1926, was presented. Since it appeared from the report and from discussion that members of the Committee were by no means agreed, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the report be referred back to the Special Committee for further consideration".

(2) "That the Committee be empowered to co-opt as members, or to call as witnesses, persons having personal knowledge of the situation in China".

285. APPOINTMENT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the following persons be invited to become members of the new Publicity Committee:-

Professor Gilbert Murray	Rev. J. Parkes
Mr. L. J. Cadbury	Mr. Record
Lady Hall	Mr. J. H. Spender
Mr. J. H. Harris	Miss Warner
Major W. E. G. Murray	Mrs. E. Wood

(2) "That members of the Executive Committee should suggest any further names to the Secretary in writing".

286. UNION OF DEMOCRATIC CONTROL. The Secretary reported that the Union of Democratic Control desired the co-operation of the Union in organising a course of lectures which the U.D.C. had already begun to arrange on foreign affairs. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That a memorandum be prepared upon the considerations which ought to govern the relations between the League of Nations Union and other organisations whose object is the promotion of international peace".

(2) "That the Union of Democratic Control be thanked for their invitation and informed that, pending full consideration of the principles involved in such co-operation as they suggested, this Union could not undertake to share in the responsibility for the organisation of the proposed course of lectures".

287. CHELMSFORD BY-ELECTION. The Committee received a report of the by-election at Chelmsford. Both the Conservative, Labour and Liberal candidates had urged support of the League in their Election Addresses, and during the Campaign the Chelmsford Branch issued a poster giving the Candidates' statements upon the League.

288. COAL DISPUTE. The Chairman reported that he had received the following reply to his inquiries from the Minister of Labour:-



"My dear Hills,

Many thanks for your letter of the 7th December, about the Washington Hours Convention.

In answer to your earlier question, I told you that the Eight Hours Act in the Coal Mining Industry would not be a bar to the ratification of the Convention.

You now ask me whether some of the district agreements which have been made in the coal-mining industry will also be a bar to ratification, in so far as they provide for a 49-hour week for surface workers. The answer to this question is that agreements made in the coal mining industry under the Eight Hours Act affecting hours of work would not be barrier to ratification of the Washington Convention, but if legislation that would be involved by ratification of the Washington Convention is passed, it would of course be necessary for those concerned to consider how far the agreements were compatible with it.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) ARTHUR STEEL-MAITLAND."

The Committee, unable to record its satisfaction at the statements contained in this letter,

RESOLVED: "That the letter from the Minister of Labour, dated December 10th, 1926, to the Chairman, be referred to the Industrial Advisory Committee".

289. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS.

(a) Oxford Federation Executive Committee (8/12/26):

"That in the opinion of the Executive Committee of the Oxford Federation, practically all the literature issued by the L.N.U. is unsuitable for use in rural areas. It is therefore strongly urged that Headquarters should take steps, in consultation with selected representatives of village Branches, to prepare (with such outside assistance as may be found desirable) and to print pamphlets which would be especially suited to the needs of such areas".

It was

RESOLVED: "That the Oxford Federation be thanked for its resolution and that it be referred to the Publicity Committee".

(b) Toynbee Hall Branch (5/12/26):

"This meeting supports the policy of the Mandates Commission in asking mandatory powers to supply detailed information of conditions in mandated countries and of the methods used in their administration; also the right of the Mandates Commission to hear the appeals of the peoples of these countries".

It was

RESOLVED: "That the Toynbee Hall Branch be thanked for their resolution and that their attention be drawn to the statement on the Mandates Situation, approved by the Executive Committee on December 2nd".

290. NEXT MEETING. It was decided that the next meeting of the Committee should be held on January 20th, 1927. *A. M.*



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JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE STAFF APPOINTMENTS  
COMMITTEE AND STAFF STANDING COMMITTEE.

Terms of Reference:

To consider and report on

- (1) The possibility of establishing a system of the grading of appointments on the staff of the Union including the maximum and minimum rates of pay for all grades;
- (2) The method of making appointments on the Staff.

On (1) the Joint Committee submit the following Report to the Executive Committee:-

The Committee considered a plan for the grading of appointments in the staff of the Union, including the maximum and minimum rates of pay for all grades. The plan was accompanied by a chart, shewing the names and salaries or wages of the Union's staff in relation to this plan. It was also accompanied by the following memorandum:-

In presenting the Grading List they have drawn up, the Staff Standing Committee wish to state that:

- (1) The Staff is already divided into two grades or classes, "administrative" - those who have at least monthly engagements and are paid yearly salaries - and "Clerical" staff - those who are paid weekly wages and have weekly engagements.
- (2) The List (of which there should be an automatic revision every two years) is based on things as they are; that is to say the present organisation of the office is taken as the basis and the minimum and maximum rates of remuneration attached to the different grades of appointments are all related to each other and based on a total budget of about that proposed for 1927. A great decrease or increase in the amount of the budget might necessitate the modification of minimum and maximum rates of pay for all appointments as well as of the grades of appointments.
- (3) It is realised that in a constantly developing organisation like the Union, the grades of some appointments are in a state of transition. For example, when the Librarian has further developed, the appointment of Librarian should be in the same grade as that of heads of departments; when the British Universities League of Nations Society comes definitely into being, and its work is extended, the grade of the appointment of Travelling Secretary for Universities and Colleges should be made equal to that of the other Travelling Secretaries (Regional Representatives).
- (4) The qualifications, capability or personality of an officer may not only affect the position within its grade of the appointment he or she holds, but may even affect the grade itself. For example, but for the special qualifications, etc., of the present holder, the appointment of telephone operator might be a Grade III post.



Should it be that the suggested automatic revision of the Grading List is not sufficient to provide for cases of this sort, the Committee recommends that, in order to avoid misunderstandings and misconceptions, they be consulted before proposals of this sort are adopted.

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Standing Staff Committee be thanked for their labours."

(2) "That the Joint Committee recommends the approval of the following system of the grading of appointments on the staff of the Union, including maximum and minimum rates of pay for each grade, viz:-

Grade I. Minimum £350. Maximum £600.  
Heads of Departments, Regional Representatives, full-time Speakers.

Grade II. Minimum £200. Maximum £400.  
Assistant Departmental Officers, Librarian, Travelling Secretary for Universities and Colleges, Heads of Sections.

Grade III. Minimum 75s.0d. a week (£91).  
Maximum 80s.0d. a week (£208).

(a) Senior Clerks with special responsibility: Minimum wage 50s.0d. (£130) with automatic annual increases of 5s.0d. (£13) to 65s.0d. (£163).

(b) Stenographers: minimum wage 75s.0d. (£91) with automatic annual increases as per existing scale, to 55s.0d. (£143).

Grade IV. General Clerks.

Minimum 30s.0d. a week (£78)  
Maximum 50s.0d. a week (£130).

(a) for those who entered the service of the Union before 1st January 1925, annual increases of 2s.6d. (£1.10s.0d.) to 50s.0d. (£130);

(b) for those appointed on or since January 1st 1925, automatic annual increases to 40s.0d. (£104).  
Facilities are to be given to these clerks, so that they can, if they wish, attend classes with a view to qualifying themselves for better appointments either on the Staff of the Union or elsewhere,

provided that

(c) Automatic increases of pay will be conditional upon satisfactory service in each case.



- (b) Existing contracts between the Union and its individual officers are unaffected, except that in the only case in which a whole-time paid officer is receiving less than the minimum allotted to his grade - the case of Mr. Gillinder who is receiving £325 whereas the minimum allotted to his grade is £350 - the salary of the officer in question shall be increased to the minimum in his grade (£350) as from 1st January, 1927.
- (c) The grading should be re-considered every two years.
- (d) Should circumstances require a departure from the grading, without waiting for the regular two years re-consideration, the Staff Standing Committee shall be consulted before such departure is actually made effective.
- (e) Nothing in this scheme shall prevent the continued employment or fresh appointment of volunteers in order to expend the Union's activities beyond the limit otherwise set by the authorised expenditure.
- A volunteer is a person who does not receive from the Union a money-payment exceeding £1 a week, apart from payments made to him under schedules applicable generally to officers of the Union.

NOTE: Part I of the Report, as above, was adopted subject to certain conditions by the Executive Committee on 4th November, 1926 - See Minute 250(f).

G.M.



On (2) the Joint Committee submits the following report:-

After considering proposals submitted by the Staff Standing Committee, together with amendments suggested by the Chairman, the Joint Committee resolved to recommend the approval of the following rules to govern the making of future appointments on the staff:-

- (1) That vacant posts on the staff of the Union shall, as a rule, be advertised throughout the office; and if, in exceptional circumstances, an appointment is to be made by transfer or promotion without advertisement, the Staff Standing Committee shall be informed in advance; (Adopted nemine contradicente).
- (2) Grades shall be assigned to voluntary workers who desire to be graded; (Adopted unanimously).
- (3) That all posts, whether filled by whole or part-time workers, shall be graded, and that remuneration for part-time work shall be in proportion to the amount of work undertaken; (Adopted unanimously).

provided always that the provisos attached to the Executive Committee's resolution of November 4th (contained in Minute 250f) shall, in so far as they are applicable, apply also to the above resolutions.

[ NOTE: Part II of the Report, as above, was adopted by the Executive Committee on December 16th, 1926 - See Minute 280(A). ]



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 20TH, 1927, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), G.N. Barnes, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, L.J. Cadbury, A. Duff Cooper, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, Lady Gladstone, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major J.W. Hills, Leif Jones, F.N. Keen, J. de V. Loder, Sir Walter Napier, F.G. Penman, Miss Constance Smith, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, A.L. Shepherd, E.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch together with the Secretary.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Mr. J.R. Griffin, Mr. R.S. Hudson, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Miss Maxse and Mr. Charles Roberts.
2. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on December 16th, 1926, were approved as circulated.
3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending 17th January, 1927, shewed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £1,276.15s.3d., with outstanding accounts amounting to £3,298.15s.6d.
4. PROFESSOR MURRAY'S RETURN. Sir Arthur Haworth cordially welcomed the Chairman home in the name of the Committee, and also expressed the thanks of the Committee to Major Hills who had taken Professor Murray's place during his absence in America.
5. RELATIONS WITH THE U.S.A. The Committee considered the following minute of its meeting on December 16th:-

"That before including in SPEAKERS' NOTES material to help speakers to combat ill-feeling towards the United States, the matter be further discussed after Professor Murray's return."

Major Hills explained that the Committee was somewhat disturbed at the extent of mischievous and acrimonious comments upon the policy of the United States in this country. The Chairman expressed the view that while it was certainly the function of the Union to maintain and promote Anglo-American friendship, great discretion should be used in making any statement for publication. No useful purpose could be served by making reference, at the present time, to the possibility of the U.S.A. joining the League of Nations or the Permanent Court of International Justice. He even doubted whether American co-operation in the World Disarmament Conference would be effective. In conclusion, he pointed to the increasingly friendly feeling of the American opinion for this country.

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to write a statement upon the relations of this country to America, and upon the attitude and policy of the American people to questions affecting international peace, for the next issue of SPEAKERS' NOTES".

6. DIVISION OF WORK BETWEEN EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES. The Secretary submitted the following proposal for reducing the volume of business which the Executive has to transact:-



The Management Committee should be transformed into a Management and General Purposes Committee, consisting of all the members of the Executive. The transformed Committee would continue to meet on the even (second and fourth) Thursdays, and the Executive on the other Thursdays. On the even Thursdays, political questions would come first on the agenda paper, and routine business at the end of it. But on Executive days the reports of Committees, including that of the transformed Committee, would be the third item on the agenda, following immediately after the minutes and the Financial Statement. The Executive would thus begin by reviewing all the work of the Union as presented in the reports of Committees. If the remaining time were not sufficient to complete the discussion of some political issue, it could be handed over to the Management and General Purposes Committee, and the Executive, sitting as its own Committee, would resume the discussion with only a week's delay. Moreover, political problems that were not urgent, would come first to the Management Committee, and so save time on Executive days. By this arrangement those members of the Executive who can only manage to attend on the odd Thursdays would still see all the Executive's business and have an opportunity to express their opinions upon it.

It was

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary's proposal be adopted for a trial period of three months".

Mr. Vivian urged that the Executive Committee should make a practice of adopting, without further discussion, reports unanimously approved by the Management and General Purposes Committee and presented to the Executive by the Chairman of that Committee.

7. SETTLEMENT OF ARMENIANS IN SYRIA. Mr. Harris explained that there were two plans for the settlement of Armenians, one, which was estimated to cost £1,500,000 aimed at the permanent settlement in the near future of 25,000 Armenians in Erivan; Professor Baker had been asked to submit a report upon this project, but had not yet done so. The other scheme for which £150,000 would probably suffice, was for the settlement in Syria of some 40,000 Armenian Refugees most of whom were already in that country. A Committee, of which Dr. Nansen was a member, had been formed by the I.L.O. to promote the latter scheme and their Commissioner had already made an investigation and reported that it was perfectly practicable. Certain funds had already been raised for this purpose: the British Armenian Committees and the Save the Children Fund had allocated £5,000, Dr. Nansen's Fund £3,000, and the French Government £8,000. That Government had also promised thereafter to add £1 for £1 to all monies raised by the Joint Committees up to the total of £150,000.

The British Armenian Committees wished the League of Nations Union to be associated with them in asking the British Government to make a financial grant for the Syrian Settlement Scheme and to give a forcibly worded letter to the Lord Mayor of London, in order that a general appeal might be made to the British public. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be invited to be one of the signatories of the letter addressed to the Prime Minister on this subject, and also to be a member of a deputation if one be formed".



8. PENAL REFORM. The Minutes of the meeting of the Penal Reform Committee held on December 21st, 1926, were considered and the following decisions taken upon them. Further consideration of these Minutes was deferred, pending an interview between the Chairman of the Sub-Committee and Sir Evelyn Ruggles Brise, and a statement, if necessary, by the Howard League upon his views, once they had been ascertained.

Minute 10. That, while accepting the proposed change in the wording of Minute 2 so far as the record of Captain Green's statement is concerned, the change be not accepted but the original record retained of the statement made by the Secretary of the Union.

Minute 12. That Lady Hall's name be added as having been appointed by the Executive Committee on November 8th, to serve on this Sub-Committee.

[These Minutes included (11) Judge Wadham; (12) Composition of the Committee, (13) Attitude of British Government - Interview with Prison Commissioners; (14) Attitude of Other Governments; (15) Relation of International Prison Commission to the League of Nations; (16) Schedule of Conditions to be observed in the treatment of Persons under Arrest or in Captivity; (17) Action by L.N.U.; (18) Personal Action.]

9. CONTINENTAL GROUPINGS. The report of Lord Phillimore's Sub-Committee was considered, and it was

RESOLVED: "That, subject to the omission of the footnote, the report be approved and adopted; and that Lord Phillimore and the members of the Sub-Committee be thanked for their labours".

The Committee received the communication from Mr. W.T. Layton upon the economic aspect of continental groupings, and

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Layton be thanked for his communication".

10. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. The Secretary reported that of those who had been invited by the Executive Committee on December 16th to join the Publicity Committee, Lady Hall, Major W.E.G. Murray, Rev. J. Parkes, Mr. Record, Miss Warner and Mrs. E.M. Wood had accepted. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following persons be also asked to become members of the Publicity Committee:-

Lord Burnham	Sir Robert Donald
Mrs. Corner	Mr. John Strachey.

11. BY-ELECTIONS. The Committee considered the reports of the Union's action during the Parliamentary By-Elections held at Smethwick and Central Hull. It was

RESOLVED: "That a report of the action of the Regional Representative concerned in each By-Election be henceforth included in the communication of the By-Election presented to this Committee".

12. ADHERENCE TO THE OPTIONAL CLAUSE OF THE PERMANENT COURT: WOMEN PEACEMAKERS' PILGRIMAGE AND THE DOMINION PREMIERS. Consideration of this matter was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.



13. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Secretary reported that Resolutions had been received endorsing the following Resolutions of the General Council, from

Ashton-under-Lyne	Resolution No.222(v)	(Arbitration)
Macclesfield	" " "	(Arbitration)
Wellingborough	" " "	(ix) (Washington Hours Convention)
"	" " "	(iv) (Reduction of Armaments)

Consideration of these resolutions was deferred.

14. DEPUTATION TO FOREIGN SECRETARY. Major Hills reported that he had communicated to Sir Austen Chamberlain the Resolutions of Policy passed by the General Council on December 14th. The Foreign Secretary had written suggesting that he should receive a deputation from the Union to receive his reply to this communication. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary be instructed

- (1) to ask the Foreign Secretary how many members of the Union he would be prepared to receive as a deputation and on what date the deputation might wait upon him;
- (2) to forward at the same time the volume containing the resolutions of the Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies passed at Aberystwyth in June 1926".

15. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. The Minutes of the meeting of the Women's Advisory Council held on Wednesday, December 8th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (213) Open-Air Meetings, 1927; (216) Reports of Representatives;]

- (b) WELCOME COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th December, 1926, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (50) Lady Parmoor's Reception; (51) Composition of Committee for 1927; (52) Reception to Delegates to Conference on Systems of Fixing Minimum Wages.]

Subject to the amendment of Minute 59, the Minutes of the meeting held on January 11th, 1927, were approved and adopted:-

Minute 59. It was

RESOLVED: "That the suggestion of the Committee be approved in the sense that the Executive Committee itself will communicate to the Welcome Committee any requests for co-operation put forward by Sub-Committees or departments of the Union".

[These Minutes included: (57) Lady Grey's Party; (58) Students' Tea Parties;]



- (c) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the meeting of December 15th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (96) Dr. Norwood's Campaign; (97) Composition of Committee for 1927; (98) Letter from Dr. Barbour re Scots Observer; (99) Report of Union's Stall at Southport Church Congress; (100) Geneva Cathedral Service; (101) Literature; (102) Co-operation with Sunday School Union in formation of Peace Organisation; (103) Corporate Membership.

On Minute No. 102 the Secretary reported that the Sunday School Union had decided not to form a separate peace organisation in the Sunday Schools but to recommend co-operation with the League of Nations Union and the formation of Junior Branches of the Union wherever practicable.

- (d) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS. The Minutes of the meeting held on December 15th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included: (402) Minutes of Home Sub-Committee; (403) Composition of Committee for 1927; (404) New Member; (405) Literature Sub-Committee; (406) Appeal to Spiritualistic Bodies; (407) Approach to Swedenborgians; (408) New Corporate Members; (409) Drawing-Room Meetings.

- (e) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions upon Minutes 128(c) and 134, the Minutes of the Industrial Advisory Committee held on December 16th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (127) Composition of Committee for 1927; (128) Washington Hours Convention; (129) Coal Dispute - District Agreements and Hours Convention; (130) Minimum Wage Conference; (131) Industrial Associates; (132) World Economic Conference; (133) Finance and Industry; (134) White Lead Convention - Sir Thomas Legge's Resignation; (135) Luncheon-Hour Addresses; (136) Royal Sanitary Institute.

Minute 128(c). It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Vice-Chairman be requested to ask the Minister of Labour in the House of Commons whether the British Government would proceed to ratify the Washington Hours of Work Convention without delay".

(2) "That a four page leaflet, and not a pamphlet, giving the history of the Convention up to date, be printed".

Minute 134. It was

RESOLVED: "That a communication be sent to the TIMES in criticism of the non-ratification of the White Lead Convention by the British Government and drawing attention to the significance of Sir Thomas Legge's resignation; that the Vice-Chairman and Mr. Barnes be asked to sign this communication and to associate with themselves other members of the Executive or Industrial Advisory Committee".



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(f) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the meeting held on December 23rd, 1926, were approved and adopted.

16. CORPORATE MEMBER. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Moses Gate Wesleyan Men's Class, Faraworth, be admitted as a Corporate Member of the Union".

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 1927, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Professor Philip Baker, G.N. Barnes, C. Delisle Burns, A.E.W. Claremont, J.H. Harris, Major J.W. Hills, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Leif Jones, F.N. Keen, Mrs. W.T. Layton, Sir Walter Napier, F.G. Penman, Charles Roberts, H.D. Watson, L.M. Wynne together with the Secretary.

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, Mr. L.J. Cadbury, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe, Miss Fry, Countess Gray, Mr J.R. Griffin, Sir Arthur Haworth, Miss Constance Smith, Mr. Henry Vivian and Mr. Worsley.
18. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 7 and 14, the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on January 20th, 1927, were approved and adopted:

Minute 7 - Settlement of armenians in Syria. That the last sentence of the first paragraph be amended to read -

"That Government had also promised thereafter to add £1 for £1 to all monies raised by the Joint Committees up to a total of £50,000 (£50,000 from the Joint Committees and £50,000 from the French Government: £100,000 altogether)."

Mr. Harris reported to the Committee that the Lord Mayor of London had felt obliged as a Conservative Member of Parliament to withhold his signature from the proposed letter to the Prime Minister. The Committee was not disposed to reverse its decision of January 20th, 1927 on that account.

Professor Philip Baker gave notice that he would present his report on the Erivan Settlement Scheme at a later date.

Minute 14 - Deputation to Foreign Secretary. The Committee noted with satisfaction that the Foreign Secretary had offered to receive the deputation on Tuesday, February 22nd.

19. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending 31st January, 1927 shewed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £256. 9s. 8d., with outstanding accounts amounting to £2,828. 2s. 0d.

20. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the meeting held on January 27th, 1927 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (1) Terms of Reference; (2) Recognition of Branches; (3) Public Meetings; (4) Situation in China; (5) British Dependencies and the Purchase of Opium.

- (b) OPIMUM COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th January, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (2) Terms of Reference; (3) Result of Indian Government's Prohibition upon Export; (4) Plan of Action; (5) Effects of Civil War in China; (6) Alternative to Opium Crop; (7) Exchange of Information with Foreign Policy Association.



The Committee noted with satisfaction that Dame Edith Lyttelton had interviewed the Hon. W. Ormsby-Core, M.P., and that Sir Neill Malcolm had declared his determination to take further steps towards the eventual suppression of opium-smoking in North Borneo and that he would welcome assistance from the League of Nations Union to this end.

- (c) FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the meeting held on January 19th, 1927 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (3) Financial Statements; (4) Dr. Norwood's Campaign; (5) Disarmament Campaign; (6) Economics; (7) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

- (d) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the meeting held on January 19th, 1927 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (107) New Members; (108) Dr. Norwood's Campaign; (109) Draft Resolution on Disarmament; (110) Foreign Missions and Mandates; (111) Corporate Membership; (112) Proposed Questionnaire to Churches on Corporate Membership; (113) Rev. W. L. Doughty's Sermon; (114) Anglo-Catholic Congress; (115) Bibliography on Religious Aspect of International Questions; (116) Co-operation with Sunday School Union.

- (e) EDUCATION COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the meeting held on January 21st, 1927 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (2) Composition of Committee; Miss Stewall's Report on Examination Papers; (3) List of Meetings; (4) Steps Taken by Local Education Authorities; (5) Films; (6) Communication from International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (7) International Education in Schools in Wales and Mon. (8) Branches in Public Schools; (9) Experts' Report (A.26) (10) Publication of Proceedings of Geneva Institute of International Relations, 1926; (11) Issue of Circular to Public Libraries; (12) Young People's Organisations - Communication from Miss Warner; (13) Summer Schools; (14) Holiday Camps for Members of Junior Branches; (15) Co-operation with Association of University Women Teachers; (16) Home Universities Library; (17) Posters.

- (f) PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the meeting held on January 26th 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (2) Personnel of Committee; (3) Terms of Reference; (4) Work by Publicity Section; (5) Mr. Murray Allison's article in SPECTATOR; (6) Mr. Sydney Walton; (7) Quarterly Meeting of Editors; (8) Articles for Women's Papers; (9) Reference from Executive Committee.

- (g) OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions upon Minutes 6 and 7, the Minutes of the meeting held on January 26th 1927, were approved and adopted:-

Minute 6 - Egypt and the League of Nations. Professor Baker gave notice that he would raise the question of the possible formation of an Egyptian League of Nations Society at the next meeting of the Management Committee.

Minute 7 - Federation Meetings at Brussels. It was RESOLVED: "That the Secretary of the Union be also appointed a member of all Committees of the Federation meeting at Brussels from 21st to 25th February, 1927."



(h) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the meetings of January 20th and 27th 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (2) Assistant to Mrs. Strachey; (3) Dame Adelaide Livingstone; (4) Temporary Assistant in Information Section at Geneva; (5) Assistant to Mrs. Strachey.

Minute 3. It was

RESOLVED: "That the best wishes of the Committee be conveyed to Dame Adelaide Livingstone for the restoration of her health."

Minute 5. It was

RESOLVED: "That Miss Loder be asked to make herself as well acquainted as possible with the various aspects of the campaign for the reduction of armaments."

21 SITUATION IN CHINA. The Committee considered a draft prepared by the Chairman as a result of the discussion in the Management and General Purposes Committee meeting of 27.1.27. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the statement as amended and attached to these Minutes be adopted and communicated to His Majesty's Government, to the Press and to the Branches of the Union."

The Executive Committee took note of a proposal made by Mr. Macdonald, on behalf of the Liverpool and Merseyside District Council, that a special meeting of the General Council should be called to discuss the Union's policy with regard to the Chinese crisis; and acknowledged the copy of a resolution passed by the Edinburgh Branch, which had been sent to the Government, and which proposed that British troops, who were on their way to China, should not proceed further than Hongkong pending intervention by the League.

22 PENAL REFORM. The Committee considered a report of the Special Committee on Penal Reform of December 21st, and a report made by Sir Walter Napier, as requested by the last meeting of the Executive Committee (Minute 8). Sir Walter Napier indicated that British members of the International Prison Commission would not like to see the Assembly of the League of Nations discuss an International Convention on Penal Reform. He said that three courses were open to the Committee, either to agree with the view of the Home Office that any international action for penal reform should remain in the hands of the existing International Prison Commission; or to ask the British Government to place on the Agenda of the Eighth Assembly of the League the question of framing an International Convention on the subject; or to invite the Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies to pass a resolution asking for the inclusion of this subject on the Agenda of the Assembly.

Miss Eaton, Captain Green and Mr. Shawcross, representing the Howard League, were then introduced to the Committee. They strongly deprecated leaving the question to the International Prison Commission, because it acted so slowly. They also asked the Executive not to request the British Government to take the action referred to above, as they would almost certainly receive a refusal which might make it more difficult for the British



delegation at Geneva to support proposals made by other Governments or by the Federation. They hoped, on the other hand, that the Executive would agree to the course proposed by the Sub-Committee and propose a resolution on the subject to the Plenary Congress of the Federation; the publicity thus obtained, and the fact that the decision of the Congress would, in any case, be printed in the journal of the Assembly, would greatly help to advance their cause. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the schedule OF CONDITIONS TO BE OBSERVED IN ALL CIVILISED COUNTRIES IN THE TREATMENT OF PERSONS UNDER ARREST OR IN CAPTIVITY ON WHATEVER CHARGE, as amended and attached to these Minutes, be approved."

(2) "That the League of Nations Union should propose the following resolution at the Eleventh Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies to be held in June or July, 1927:

'The Plenary Congress urges upon the Assembly of the League of Nations the necessity of framing an international convention upon the conditions to be observed in all civilised countries in the treatment of persons under arrest or in captivity, and submits to the Secretary-General of the League a suggested schedule of these conditions as a basis of discussion.'

(3) "That this resolution and the suggested schedule be circulated at once to all constituent societies of the Federation, together with a communication explaining the urgency of the matter, in view of the fact that the Plenary Congress will meet after the date by which resolutions must be submitted for inclusion on the Agenda of the Assembly."

- 23 HEADWAY ADVERTISEMENTS. Consideration of a memorandum (Minute 280d of 16.12.26.) on this subject was referred to the Management Committee.
- 24 RELATIONS BETWEEN THE L.N.U. AND PEACE SOCIETIES. Consideration of a memorandum (Minute 286 of 16.12.26) on this matter was referred to the Management Committee.
- 25 ADHERENCE TO THE OPTIONAL CLAUSE OF THE PERMANENT COURT: WOMEN PEACEMAKERS' FILICRIMAGE AND THE DOMINION PREMIERS. This matter was referred to the Management Committee.
- 26 BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. Resolutions received from the following Branches: Ashton-under-Lyne, Macclesfield and Wellingborough, were referred back for consideration to the Management Committee.

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## STATEMENT ON THE CHINESE SITUATION.

The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union is of opinion that the Chinese situation has two aspects:-

- (1) The Chinese Civil Wars.
- (2) The relations of the Chinese with foreigners.

1. THE CHINESE CIVIL WARS are a domestic issue for the Chinese themselves to settle. They are no doubt also a "matter of concern to the whole League", and may in their result so affect international relations as to call for some action under Article XI; but it is difficult to see at present what action of this sort could be beneficial (see below). The League might perhaps hold some enquiry into the sources of the supply of arms which has prolonged the Civil Wars and increased their scope; and might well insist on the ratification without further delay of the Arms Traffic Convention. But any forcible foreign intervention in the civil wars would be disastrous in its effect, and scarcely consistent with the obligation in Article X to "respect the political independence", of China. The League of Nations Union is therefore in complete accord with the policy stated in the British Memorandum to the Washington Treaty Powers of December 23rd, 1926, of abstaining "from any interference between the warring factions and rival Governments".
2. THE RELATIONS OF CHINA WITH FOREIGNERS affect both British and international policy. Considering that it is not only the supreme interest of Great Britain to avoid war, but also her bounden duty under the Covenant to seek for a peaceful settlement of all her disputes, it would seem at first sight the correct course for the British Government, as a member of the League, to bring its dispute with the Chinese Government before the League Council by one of the several methods available.

But further consideration shows grave objections to this course in the situation that exists at the present time.

The League is of course a League of Governments, and there is no generally accepted Government in China. The "China" at present represented on the Council of the League is the old Peking Government, now almost powerless, against which the Cantonese and other factions have successfully rebelled. If the various warring sections would agree on a representative, or even if the Cantonese alone would send a representative to the League for the purpose of negotiation, the British Government "would desire to raise no meticulous objections, but would be only too glad to get the matter transferred to an atmosphere where a real settlement could be arrived at". (Lord Cecil at Trowbridge, January 26th.) That is, if the Cantonese would propose recourse to the League, H.M. Government would be only too glad. The Executive welcomes this statement, and expresses the hope that the Government will officially communicate a statement on this aspect of their policy to the other members of the League by means of a memorandum addressed to the Secretary General.



But ought the League of Nations Union to urge H.M. Government to go further, and press the machinery of the League upon the Cantonese or their rivals? The Executive thinks not, for the following reasons. The Chinese are at present united in a strong anti-European and especially anti-British prejudice, and already regard the League with suspicion. The Cantonese or Kuomintang, now the strongest party in China, have accepted official advisers, both political and military, from Soviet Russia, a non-member and notably suspicious of the League. These suspicions would only be deepened if the League were pressed upon the Chinese by the British Government.

The Executive does not see what further step can at present be taken towards the pacification of China by means of the League than that indicated by Lord Cecil; to assure the Cantonese of our readiness to use the League machinery as soon as they are willing to do so.

It is possible however that, if the situation should become more acute, so as to constitute "a war or threat of war" in the sense of Article XI of the Covenant, it will then be necessary to initiate some action by the League, irrespective of the wishes of the Chinese.

#### THE NINE POWER PACT

The objection may be raised that the points in dispute between the Chinese and all foreigners with special treaty rights were made the subject of agreement between the signatories of the Washington Nine Power Pact of 1921-2. It was then agreed that none of the signatories should take action under the pact without consulting all the rest, and it would seem on diplomatic grounds desirable to maintain as much common action as possible. In answer to this, however, the Executive must point out that the programme of common action between the Nine Powers has been broken down. The others have not yet officially answered the proposals for a constructive policy made in the British Memorandum of December 23rd, 1926, and it appears unlikely that they will agree with those suggestions.

#### IMMEDIATE PRACTICAL STEPS.

Meantime it is essential that His Majesty's Government should act quickly to ameliorate the present dangerous state of anti-British feeling in China. In the circumstances the best and quickest method of peaceful settlement seems to lie in separate negotiations with the authorities actually in power in various parts of the country, such as have already been undertaken by Sir Miles Lampson and Mr. O'Malley in Peking and Hankow. The Executive Committee warmly welcome the liberal and far-sighted proposals of His Majesty's Government's Memorandum of December 23rd, particularly the sympathetic recognition of the "growth of a powerful nationalist movement", the suggestion that the Powers should issue a statement "declaring their readiness to negotiate on treaty revision and all other outstanding questions as soon as the Chinese themselves have constituted a Government with authority to negotiate, that they should abandon the idea that the economic and political development of China can only be assured under foreign tutelage, and should declare their readiness to recognise her right to the enjoyment of tariff autonomy as soon as she herself has settled and promulgated a new national tariff", and that in the interim "the declaration should show that the Powers are prepared to consider in a sympathetic spirit any reasonable proposals



that the Chinese authorities wherever situated may make.... without insisting on the prior establishment of a strong central government".

The only further action the Committee would suggest for the present is that, in order to clear the good name of this country from the unwarranted accusations and misunderstandings to which it is now exposed, the Foreign Secretary should make a statement to the League Council explaining the exact policy of H.M. Government, offering to give any additional information which members of the Council might desire and expressing their willingness to submit the question to the League should the Chinese authorities be willing to take this course. They venture to recall the similar action taken by him with regard to Egypt in December 1924.

If the proposed negotiations lead to a state of peace it may be hoped that the next step will be the active co-operation of those then responsible for the Government of China in the proceedings of the League and in the settlement of the new treaties by League methods. Furthermore, it seems almost certain that after so long a period of dislocation and upheaval China will, like various European countries after the Great War, be in need of some considerable economic reconstruction. They were, like China, rightly jealous of any foreign encroachment on their independence; and China may, as they did, find in the League the disinterested and scientific aid which she needs without loss of national self-respect or undue obligation to any particular power or group of powers.

#### MOVEMENTS OF TROOPS.

On January 2nd a Foreign Office statement declared that "the naval and military dispositions which have been made in connection with the Chinese situation are precautionary. Sensational announcements regarding them are to be deprecated and disregarded. Their sole object is to enable H.M. Government to fulfil the elementary duty of protecting the lives and persons of British subjects whose safety is in their charge, if such protection is proved necessary. There has been no modification whatever of the conciliatory attitude towards the legitimate aspirations of Chinese nationalism so clearly laid down in the memorandum upon Chinese policy issued by H.M. Government last Christmas.... The policy behind the force is purely defensive, and it has no mandate for military operations beyond protection".

The Executive Committee, while expressing no opinion upon the military problems involved, takes note of the above declarations of the intention of H.M. Government, and trusts that they will resolutely maintain and make unmistakably clear the policy so expressed, not only because the use of troops for any other purpose would be clearly inconsistent with the obligations of the Covenant, but because the Committee is convinced that any conflict whatever between British forces and the Chinese population would be disastrous.



## THE HOWARD LEAGUE FOR PENAL REFORM.

23, Charing Cross, S.W. 1.

## SUGGESTED SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS OBSERVED IN ALL CIVILISED COUNTRIES IN THE TREATMENT OF PERSONS UNDER ARREST OR IN CAPTIVITY ON WHATEVER CHARGE.

1. Every prisoner should be entitled:
  - (a) To a public trial within 6 months of arrest
  - (b) To be defended by a lawyer if he so desires. If necessary this should be at the public expense in all cases where the penalty is death or prolonged imprisonment. The accused should have the right to private interviews with his lawyer before the trial, and to call witnesses for the defence.
2. Prisons should have good light, warmth and ventilation, and be kept in a sanitary state. Prisoners should be given food sufficient for health, and an ample supply of water both for drinking and washing. They should have sufficient open air exercise daily. Every prisoner should have facilities for the exercise of his religion and visits from an authorised chaplain.
 

Prisoners should be classified as far as possible. Children and young persons should be kept altogether apart from older criminals.

Women prisoners should be attended by women-warders and not by men.
3. Every prisoner should be allowed a visit from a relation or friend at reasonable intervals and at least twice a year. Representatives of authorised societies working solely for the welfare of prisoners should be allowed to visit every prisoner in custody.
4. All forms of torture should be forbidden. No corporal punishment of a severity liable to result in grave injury should be allowed. Corporal punishment should not be inflicted at the discretion of the police or prison officials nor upon unconvicted prisoners, but only upon prisoners after conviction and sentence by a legal tribunal.
5. No child or young person should suffer the death penalty, nor should they be liable to imprisonment for a purely political offence not involving acts in their nature criminal.
6. The names of all prisoners sentenced to death, with particulars of the offence for which, and the tribunal by which, the sentence has been passed, should be officially published before sentence is carried out. Before death sentence is carried out the condemned person should be allowed to see relations and friends. The fact that the sentence has been carried out, with the date, should also be officially published immediately.
7. The above conditions should not be varied in an adverse manner for any prisoner or class of prisoner whatever.



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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH  
1927, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair),  
Professor Philip Baker; G.N. Barnes, Lord  
Henry Cavendish Bentinck, C. Delisle Burns,  
Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, Vice-Admiral  
S.R. Drury-Lowe; Major J.W. Hills, R.S. Hudson,  
Leif Jones, F.N. Keen; Mrs. V.T. Layton, Sir  
Walter Napier, Lord Queenborough, Mrs. Runciman,  
A.L. Shepherd, Miss Constance Smith, Henry  
Vivian, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert  
Worsley, L.M. Wynch, Raymond Unwin together  
with the Secretary.

27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. were received from L.J. Cadbury, Sir  
Willoughby Dickinson, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, J. de V. Loder  
and Miss Maxse.

28. MINUTES. Subject to the following amendment of the schedule  
attached to the Minutes, the Minutes of the last meeting of the  
Committee held on February 3rd, 1927, were approved and adopted:

"The first line of the heading of the schedule  
should be amended to read as follows:-

"Suggested schedule of conditions to be  
observed in all civilised countries".

29. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The financial statement for the period  
ending February 14th, 1927, showed a bank balance to date  
amounting to £1,271.3s.4d. with outstanding accounts (including  
£1,470.9s.10d. unexpended grants) amounting to £3,426.11s.10d.

30. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE. Subject to  
the following amendments with regard to Minutes 8, 10  
and 21, the Minutes of the Management and General  
Purposes Committee, dated 10.2.23., were approved and  
adopted.

[These minutes included (8) Documents circulated to  
Members of Executive; (9) Recognition of Branches;  
(10) Public Meetings; (11) Branch Resolutions; (12)  
Lord and Lady Gladstone; (13) Sir Willoughby Dickinson's  
illness; (14) Headway Advertisements; (15) Relations  
with the L.N.U. and Peace Societies; (16) Annual Meeting  
of the General Council; (17) National Council for  
Prevention of War - Resolutions on Arbitration and  
Disarmament; (18) "Peace with China" Demonstration;  
(19) Adherence to the Optional Clause; (20) Minimum  
Wage Conference; (21) Staff Appointments.]

Minute 8 - Documents circulated to members of the  
Executive. The resolution was amended by the addition  
of the words "of that Committee".

Minute 10b - Luncheon at Finoli's. The minute was amended  
to read as follows:-

"Five protests had been received against the invita-  
tion given to Mr. L'Estrange Malone to speak on China  
at the luncheon held on February 4th, 1927. The  
Secretary read a letter in which he had explained  
in reply to protests the policy of inviting people  
of the most various views to address these luncheons.



After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) That Mr. Wilson Harris be warmly thanked for the skill and success with which he has arranged these luncheons at Finoli's Restaurant in the past.

(2) That Mr. Harris' suggestion that he should submit to the Chairman or Vice-Chairman in future the names of the proposed speakers for these luncheons be accepted.

The Secretary having stated that Sir Reginald Macleod had continued to protest against the invitation in question, it was further

RESOLVED: "That Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe be asked to call on Sir Reginald Macleod and to explain to him the views of the Committee."

Minute 21 - Staff Appointments. That the resolution be amended by the addition of the words: "subject to approval by the Disarmament Campaign Committee".

(b) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 12 and 14, the Minutes of the Industrial Advisory Committee dated January 27th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (3) Composition of Committee for 1927; (4) Washington Hours Convention; (5) Minimum Wage Conference; (6) Royal Sanitary Institute; (7) New Year's letter 1927; (8) Publications; (9) Education Committee; (10) International Federation - I.L.O. and Social Legislation Committee; (11) International Labour Conference - Geneva 1927; (12) White Lead Convention; (13) Lantern Lecture; (14) Co-operative Union and Disarmament.]

Minute 12 - White Lead Convention. It was

RESOLVED: "That Major Hills, Mr. Barnes and Mr. Foulton be warmly thanked for the letter which they had written to the TIMES upon the failure of the Government, so far, to ratify the Convention."

Minute 14 - Co-operative Union and Disarmament. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Co-operative Union be invited to include the subject of Disarmament on their lecture lists and that speakers on this subject be offered to them".

(c) LIBRARY COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th February, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (3) Report of Librarian; (4) Duplication of League and I.L.O. Documents in the Library; (5) Report of Book-Selection sub-Committee; (6) Foreign Policy Association; (7) Composition of the Library Committee; (8) Re-issue of Rules of the Library; (9) Equipment of Library.]

(d) WELCOME COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 7, the Minutes of the meeting held on February 8th, 1927, were approved and adopted.



[These Minutes included (8) Secretary's Report; (9) Students' Tea Parties; (10) Composition of Committee for 1927; (11) Anglo-Batavian Lunch.]

Minute 7 - Hospitality. It was

- RESOLVED: (a) That the Welcome Committee be invited to arrange a party for members of the Imperial Education Conference meeting in June 1927.
- (b) To arrange some hospitality for a party of thirty American journalists visiting England in the summer.
- (e) MINORITIES COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the meeting held on February 10th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (2) Forthcoming Meeting of Minorities Committee of Federation in Brussels - (a) Proposed Minorities' Bulletin. (b) Non-Mussulman Minorities in Constantinople. (c) The question of the Sabbath Day of rest in Salonika, (d) German Minority in the Tyrol; (e) Geneva Minorities Conference. (f) and (g) Bulgarian Minorities in Southern Dobrudja and the pourparlers between the Hungarian and the Yugo-Slav Societies regarding the respective minorities of the two countries.]

- (f) DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 27, 33, and 35, the Minutes of the Committee held on 10th February, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (20) Assistant to Mrs. Strachey; (21) Mr. Sherman's Pamphlet "On the Verge of Disarmament"; (22) Study Circle Syllabuses; (23) Lord Grey's speech on Armistice Day; (24) Press-cuttings on Disarmament; (25) Private Letters to Editors; (26) Articles on Disarmament; (27) Mayoral Conferences; (28) Disarmament Posters; (29) Supply of Professor Baker's Book; (30) Suggestion of Bassett Branch; (31) N.C.F.W. Disarmament Campaign; (32) Correspondence; (33) Chambers of Commerce; (34) Disarmament Conference; (35) Budget Debate in House of Commons; (36) Funds for the Campaign.]

Minute 27 - Mayoral Conferences. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Lord Mayor of London be asked to invite Lord Provosts as well as Lord Mayors to any Mayoral Conference which he might convene for the purpose of hearing Lord Cecil; and that if the Mayors of London Boroughs be invited to the Conference, invitations be also sent to the Mayors of Boroughs in Greater London."

Minute 36b - Chambers of Commerce. It was

RESOLVED: "That Admiral Drury-Lowe be also asked to invite Sir Frederick White to speak."

Minute 35 - Budget Debate. It was

RESOLVED: "That this matter be referred to the Secretary of the Parliamentary Committee with the recommendation that the Executive of the Parliamentary Committee should make whatever arrangements it thinks fit to carry out this suggestion."



(g) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th February, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (6) Assistant to Mrs. Strachey; (7) Publicity Section staff; (8) Typing-room; (9) Records Section; (10) Voluntary Worker.]

31. BRITISH TENURE OF MANDATED TERRITORY. The Secretary reported upon his conversation with Lord Burnham, Chairman of the Publicity Committee of the Empire Marketing Board. He had drawn Lord Burnham's attention to the fact that "B" and "C" Mandated areas administered by the British Empire were coloured red and were only distinguishable from countries that were integral parts of the Empire by the fact that the word "Mandate" was printed across them; "A" Mandates were coloured differently. Lord Burnham promised to consider whether in future editions of the map, Mandated Territories could be more clearly distinguished from areas under full British sovereignty. It was

RESOLVED: "That a letter be sent to Lord Burnham in confirmation of this conversation."

Mr. Hudson further drew the attention of the Committee to replies made in the House of Commons on February 16th by the Colonial Secretary to Mr. Petrick Lawrence and Commander Kenworthy on the matter of these maps, and on the question of the terms under which mandates were entrusted to the Empire.

RESOLVED: "That these replies be referred to the Mandates Committee for consideration and report".

32. DEPUTATION TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY. The Committee considered the composition of the deputation and the character of its interview with Sir Austen Chamberlain. It was recalled that the Foreign Secretary had suggested this deputation in order that he might state his views upon the resolutions concerning foreign policy adopted by the General Council (Minute 222 (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix) and (xiv). It was

RESOLVED (1) That Lord Grey of Fallodon, as President of the Union, be invited to lead the deputation and that all members of the Executive Committee be invited to take part in it.

(2) That the proposed number of the deputation be communicated at once to the Foreign Office and that inquiries be made as to the procedure to be adopted and whether or not the proceedings of the deputation were to be regarded as confidential".

33. LIMITATION OF NAVAL ARMAMENTS - PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S PROPOSAL. The Committee considered a memorandum addressed by President Coolidge to the Governments of Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, concerning a Conference of those Powers with the United States to effect a further limitation of naval armaments as distinct from the World Disarmament Conference for which preparations were being made by the League of Nations. The Committee noted that the proposal was not intended in any way to hamper or restrict the work of the General Conference but rather to assist it. The hope was expressed that President Coolidge's proposal would be warmly welcomed by this country on the understanding that its success would be bound up with the success of the World Disarmament Conference. It was



RESOLVED: To ask the Chairman

- (1) "To prepare a pamphlet containing the full text of President Coolidge's proposal and comments upon it."
- (2) "To interview the representatives of an American Press Agency in this country and to state to them the Committee's views on this proposal."

34. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee considered the following resolution submitted by the Blockley Branch, dated 10.2.27.

"That the Blockley Branch of the League of Nations Union while appreciating the action of the Government in expressing its readiness for the question of China to be brought before the League of Nations, strongly urges the League of Nations Union to advocate the holding of a special Council of the League of Nations to consider the matter."

It was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be acknowledged with thanks."

35. EXCLUSION OF AN ADVERTISEMENT FROM HEADWAY. It was

RESOLVED: "That an advertisement of books dealing with Birth Control, which had been submitted for inclusion in the next issue of HEADWAY, be refused."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, 3RD  
MARCH, 1927, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair),  
Professor Philip Baker, G.N.Barnes, Lady  
Violet Bonham-Carter, C.Delisle Burns,  
Vice-Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, Lady Gladstone,  
Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, R.S.Hudson, F.N.Keen,  
J. de V.Loder, Sir Walter Napier, F.G.Penman,  
Charles Roberts, Mrs. Walter Runciman, A.L.  
Shepherd, Miss Constance Smith, Raymond Urwin,  
Henry Vivian, H.D.Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox,  
Herbert Worsley, together with the Secretary.

36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Mr. L.J.Cadbury,  
Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Mr. A.W.Claremont, Mrs. Hughes-Griffiths,  
Mr. W.J. Salmon, Mr. L.M.Wynch.

37. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held  
on February 17th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

Admiral Drury-Lowe reported that after ascertaining the past  
record of Mr. L'Estrange Malone he had visited Sir Reginald MacLeod  
(Minute 30(a)) and explained to him the views of the Committee.  
Sir Reginald MacLeod had promised to continue his support for the  
Union. Admiral Drury-Lowe had also seen Sir Frederick White  
(Minute 30(f)) and had secured his promised to speak to Chambers  
of Commerce.

38. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period  
ending 28th February, 1927, showed a Bank Balance to date amounting  
to £212.2s.5d., with outstanding accounts (including £1433.19s.11d.  
unexpended grants) amounting to £2709.16s.2d. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Bank Balance at the corresponding date in  
the previous year should, in future, be shown on  
the Financial Statement submitted to this Committee."

Mr. Vivian suggested that a special letter should be sent to  
subscribers of sums between 3s.6d. and £1 asking them to become  
foundation members of the Union.

39. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on  
Minute 20, the Minutes of the Publicity Committee dated 5th  
February, 1927, were approved and adopted.

Minute 20. (a) Pamphlet on Slavery. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary of the Publicity  
Committee be instructed to confer with  
Mr. J.H.Harris on the preparation of  
this pamphlet and to give adequate  
emphasis in it to the British action  
in liberating slaves."

- (b) Pamphlet on the Statement on China. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to bring  
the Committee's statement on China  
up to date and that it should then  
be printed for the use of branches."



✓These Minutes included (14) Terms of Reference - Memorandum; (15) Publicity Methods; (16) Letter from Sir Jesse Boot; (17) Advertising in L.C.C. Trams; (18) Communications from Mr. Pennington; (19) Co-optation; (20) Suggested Publications.✓

- (b) OPIMUM COMMITTEE. Subject to the following amendments to Minutes 10c and 11(1), the Minutes of the Opium Committee dated February 15th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

✓These Minutes included (10) Reports of Interviews; (11) British Malaya; (12) Dutch Dependencies; (13) Further Information; (14) Letter to Foreign Policy Association; (15) Further Action; (16) Circulation of Documents; (17) Appointment of Secretary.✓

Minute 10c. Interview with Sir Neil Malcolm. The word "protectorate" was substituted for the word "colony" in the last paragraph.

Minute 11. British Malaya. The word "colonial" was erased from paragraph (1).

It was suggested that the information contained in these Minutes should be placed at the disposal of Members of the Parliamentary Committee, with a view to questions being asked in Parliament. Such questions might also be asked about the recent note from the American Government, to which the attention of the Committee was drawn, in which the Opium Conventions negotiated at Geneva in 1925 were spoken of as inoperative.

- (c) FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Finance Committee dated February 15th, 1927, were approved and adopted, and it was decided to draw the attention of the General Council to Colonel Fisher's difficulty mentioned in Minute 9.

✓These Minutes included (9) Financial Statement; (10) Economies; (11) Proposed Women's Campaign in Northamptonshire; (12) Gould Committee; (13) Decentralised Districts; (14) Records Section; (15) Publicity Section; (16) Minimum Wage Conference; (17) Canteen; (18) Cheques for Payment.✓

The Secretary stated that the Finance Committee had resolved to examine at its next meeting the question of using the sums already provided in the budget for the further decoration of the office premises, estimates of that work having now been received.

- (d) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 12, the Minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated February 16th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

✓These Minutes included (16) New Members; (17) Rev. W.L. Doughty's Sermon; (18) Proposed Questionnaire to Church Corporate Members; (19) Corporate Membership; (20) Working Arrangement Between Branches and Corporate Members; (21) Inclusion of the Prayer for the League of Nations in the Revised Prayer Book; (22) Draft Resolution on Disarmament; (23) Resolutions for Scottish Churches; (24) Situation in China; (25) President Coolidge's Statement; (26) Proposed Book on Christianity and the League of Nations; (27) Bibliography on the Religious aspect of International Questions; (28) Article in the "Universe".✓



Minute 14. Canon Ottley. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to send Canon Ottley a letter expressing the Committee's cordial appreciation of the devoted help he had given to the League of Nations Union in the past."

- (e) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 421, The Minutes of the Religions and Ethics Committee dated February 16th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (413) New Member; (414) Resignation from Committee; (415) Literature Sub-Committee; (416) Minutes of Home Sub-Committee; (417) Resignation from Home Sub-Committee; (418) Minutes of Literature Sub-Committee; (419) Report on Work in 1926; (420) New appeal; (421) Articles in Hibbert's Journal; (422) Approach to Swedenborgians; (423) Drawing-room meetings; (424) New Corporate Members.

Minute 421. Articles in Hibbert's Journal. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman's article be republished, with such amendments as he may think fit, and that Professor Mackenzie's article be published, subject to the approval of the Chairman; provided always that the necessary arrangement can be made with the proprietors of the Hibbert Journal."

- (f) EDUCATION COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Education Committee dated February 15th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (20) Consideration of Draft Memorandum THE SCHOOLS OF BRITAIN AND THE PEACE OF THE WORLD; (21) List of Meetings; (22) Steps taken by Local Education Authorities; (23) Austrian Proposal for Education Section of the League of Nations; (24) Films; (25) League of Nations Union tours to the United States.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the Union's film THE STAR OF HOPE had recently been shown in a number of schools in Belgium with the consent of the Education authorities.

- (g) MANDATES COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 3, the Minutes of the Mandates Committee dated February 24th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (2) Resignations and Co-optations; (3) Mandatory Sovereignty.

Minute 3. Mandatory Sovereignty. It was

RESOLVED: "That both the proposed memorandum on Sovereignty over Mandates and the statement of the League of Nations Union's policy proposed for publication on that subject, be submitted to the Executive Committee."

40. DEPUTATION TO FOREIGN SECRETARY. The Chairman reported that Sir Austen Chamberlain had received the Executive Committee on February 22nd, 1927, and had spent two hours with them in a frank examination of the questions of policy raised by the resolutions of the General Council on December 14th, 1926.

The Secretary of State had given special attention to the impediments (which he believed to exist) to the further extension



of the system of arbitration by this country's signature of the Optional Clause of the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice, and to the functions of the Mandates Commission. It was

RESOLVED: "That the verbatim report of the proceedings of the deputation be circulated to all members of the Committee!"

41. WHITE LEAD CONVENTION AND WASHINGTON HOURS CONVENTION. It was

RESOLVED: "To request the Prime Minister to receive a deputation from this Committee on the subject of the failure of this country so far to ratify these two Conventions."

42. LIMITATION OF NAVAL ARMAMENTS - MR. COOLIDGE'S PROPOSALS. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "To publish a pamphlet containing the full texts of the American proposals and the British, Japanese, Italian and French replies and an explanatory note approved by the Chairman"

(2) To authorise the following reply from the Christian Organisations Committee to a letter signed by the President of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America in regard to President Coolidge's proposals for the further limitation of naval armaments:—

'The Christian Organisations Committee of the League of Nations Union have received with cordial sympathy the letter of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America concerning the invitation, issued by the President of the United States, to take part in a conversation at Geneva on the further limitation of naval armaments.

We entirely agree with the President's declaration quoted in the last paragraph of your letter that "competitive armaments constitute one of the most dangerous contributing causes of international suspicion and discord". For this reason we believe in the urgent necessity for an early agreement to limit the naval building programmes pending the World Conference on the Reduction and Limitation of Armaments, in which we are glad to know the Government of the United States is taking part. Such an agreement would, we trust, lead not only to a limitation but to a further drastic reduction in existing naval armaments. It would not in any way prejudice but should rather make an important contribution to the proposed General Disarmament Treaty. We trust also that it will prove to be a step towards the introduction of a more Christian spirit in International relations and of that general co-operation for the prevention of war and for the peaceful settlement of all international disputes of which your Council expressed its warm approval in December, 1925.

We record our deep satisfaction that the British Government has so readily accepted the invitation of your President, and we assure you that it will be our continued and constant endeavour that the Churches of this country by their prayers and by their teaching shall create an instructed Christian conscience on this vital and urgent matter.

H. W. FOX  
Chairman  
Christian Organisations Committee.

MAXWELL GARNETT  
Secretary,  
League of Nations Union.



43. SITUATION IN CHINA. The attention of the Committee was drawn to a letter signed by prominent members of the Birmingham District Council which has appeared in the BIRMINGHAM POST asking that the action of the British Government in communicating its policy on China to the League of Nations "should be followed by the regular procedure for submission to inquiry and report by the Council under Article 18, 14 and 19 of the Covenant".

The Committee were unable to endorse this proposal, though it would certainly welcome discussion of the Chinese situation in the forthcoming meeting of the Council of the League.

44. REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION COMMITTEES AT BRUSSELS. Consideration of this Report was referred to the Management Committee on March 10th.
45. CO-OPERATION WITH BRITISH LEGION. Consideration of this question was referred to the Management Committee on March 10th.
46. SLAVERY CONVENTION. It was  
RESOLVED: "To accept the invitation from the Women's International League to send a representative to a Conference to be addressed by Mr. Grimshaw on March 7th".
47. SEPARATION OF PUBLICITY SECTION FROM EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT. The recommendation of the Publicity Committee dated January 28th, 1927 (Minute 4) was considered. It was pointed out that it would be of great utility to the new Publicity Committee, whose terms of reference had been approved by the Executive (Minute 39(a) above), to have one distinct section of the office devoted to its work. On the other hand the Committee noted that the General Council of the Union, by its adoption of the report of the Economics Sub-Committee on December 16th, 1925, had resolved to unite the Editorial and Publicity Sections under one officer. It was  
RESOLVED: (1) "To recommend to the General Council to sanction the separation of the Publicity Section from the Editorial Department.  
(2) "In the meantime to authorise Mr. Macdonell, as head of the Publicity Section, under the Secretary of the Union, to be directly at the service of the Publicity Committee."

48. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. Resolutions had been received from

Runcorn Branch, dated February 11th	(China)
Leyton Branch (undated)	(China)
Aberdare Branch (undated)	(China, President Coolidge's Proposals, etc.)

It was

RESOLVED: "That the above resolutions be acknowledged with thanks; and that the Branches concerned be informed that the Executive can not see its way to modify its policy on the situation in China".

49. SIR FREDERICK CLARKE. The Committee noted with great sorrow the death of Sir Frederick Clarke, a member of the Finance Committee of the Union. It was

RESOLVED: "That a letter of sympathy and condolence be sent to Lady Clarke."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH,  
1927, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair),  
G.N.Barnes, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, C.  
Delisle Burns, L.J.Cadbury, David Davies,  
Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe, Lady Gladstone,  
Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, R.S.Hudson, Leif  
Jones, J.de V.Loder, Sir Walter Napier,  
Miss Constance Smith, Raymond Unwin, H.D.  
Watson, Mrs.Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worslev,  
L.M.Wynch together with the Secretary.

50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, Major J.W.Hills, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Lady Selborne and Henry Vivian.
51. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on March 3rd, 1927, were approved as circulated.
52. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending March 14th, 1927, showed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £1,233.9s.0d., with outstanding accounts (including £1,511.14s.10d. unexpended grants) amounting to £2,972.0s.10d.
- The Committee noted that on 14th March, 1926, the Bank Balance was £2,746.8s.1d., with outstanding accounts amounting to £1,764.13s.7d.
53. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.
- (a) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 27, 31 and 33, the Minutes of the Management Committee dated March 10th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (24) Optional Clause; (25) Public Meetings; (26) Recognition of Branches; (27) Federation of League of Nations Societies; (28) China; (29) Branch Resolutions; (30) Mandates; (31) British Legion; (32) By-Elections; (33) Deputation to Prime Minister; (34) Clock for Council Room; (35) Office Premises; (36) Disarmament Campaign Committee.]

Minute 27. (a) Competence of the League of Nations. It was

RESOLVED: "Not to accept the recommendations of the Committee contained in its two resolutions."

(b) Withdrawal of Allied Troops from German Territory. It was

RESOLVED: "That a decision on this question be deferred pending a report from the Chairman of his forthcoming conversations in Paris."

Minute 31. British Legion. It was

RESOLVED: "That the representatives of the Union on the special Joint Committee be Major Hills, Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe, and Major Freshwater."

Minute 33. Deputation to Prime Minister. It was

RESOLVED: "That the recommendation of the Committee be not accepted but that the Prime Minister be asked to receive a deputation on the subject of the ratification of the Washington Hours Convention and



the White Lead Convention; the deputation also to urge that the Minister of Labour should lead the British Delegation to International Labour Conferences, and that one member at least of the Delegation should be a woman."

Mr. Watson was cordially thanked for his kindness in presenting a clock for the Council Room.

- (b) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated March 1st, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (31) Message to Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.]

- (c) DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 43, 53, 54, 55, and 58c, and the programme of the proposed Disarmament Conference (attached to the Minutes), the Minutes of the Disarmament Campaign Committee dated March 8th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (39) Assistant to Mrs. Strachey; (40) Articles on Disarmament; (41) Major General Sir John Davidson; (42) Mayoral Conference; (43) Disarmament Posters; (44) N.C.P.W. Disarmament Campaign; (45) Chambers of Commerce; (46) Disarmament Conference; (47) Debate on the Estimates in the House of Commons; (48) Funds for Campaign; (49) Adjournment; (51) Mayoral Conference; (52) Disarmament Conference; (55) Proposed Conference of Regional Representatives; (54) Record of Meetings held; (55) Education of Union Speakers; (56) Mr. C.B. Fry and Chambers of Commerce; (57) Reprinting of Professor Baker's Article on the Nature of the Next War; (58) Press Publicity and Disarmament; (59) Co-operative Union; (60) Communication from East of Scotland District Council.]

Minute 43. Disarmament Posters. It was

RESOLVED: "That decision on this question be deferred pending a report from the Publicity Committee."

Minute 53. Disarmament Resolution. The Resolution suggested by the Committee to be passed at as many Branch meetings as possible was approved in the following form:-

"This meeting assures the Prime Minister that the people of this country desire a lasting peace, and hope for tangible results from the Conference of the League of Nations on the Limitation of Armaments.

This Meeting therefore calls upon the Government to give a clear lead to the movement, and to reach an honourable understanding with other nations as to what immediate reductions we and they can make in armaments; it assures the Prime Minister that a measure of reduction, great or small, by international agreement will find an enthusiastic backing in Great Britain."

Minute 54. Record of Meetings held. It was

RESOLVED: "That the recommendations of the Committee be not accepted."

Minute 55(a). Education of Union Speakers. It was

RESOLVED: "That Professor Philip Baker be asked to write the proposed memorandum for the use of speakers."



Minute 58c. Press Publicity. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Committee's recommendation that a special officer of the Union be entrusted with this task for the Disarmament Campaign, be accepted subject to the proviso that the Finance Committee's consent would be required for any expense involved in the suggested appointment."

The Secretary stated that the Resolutions on Disarmament, proposed by the Committee would be sent to Regional Representatives and to all Branches. The Committee noted that a number of letters written on behalf of the Navy League and adverse to President Coolidge's proposal for the limitation of naval armaments, were appearing in the press, and communications were being sent in reply by the Secretary.

Mr. Harris proposed that the attention of the Union's speakers should be drawn to these facts.

Programme of Proposed Disarmament Conference. It was

RESOLVED: "that the draft programme be approved but that the Disarmament Campaign Committee be asked to invite Mr. Cramp, Mr. Tom Shaw or some other prominent Trades Unionist and Sir Robert Hadfield, Bt., F.R.S., to speak during the Conference."

(d) WELCOME COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Welcome Committee dated March 8th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (14) Secretary's Report; (15) Students' Tea Parties; (16) Visit of Doctor Zimmerman; (17) Forthcoming Events.]

In addition to the arrangements for hospitality mentioned in the above minutes, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Welcome Committee be asked -

- (i) To arrange a reception for the Governors of Crown Colonies and other dependencies attending the Conference meeting in London in the summer of 1927.
- (ii) To arrange an excursion to Oxford on Sunday, April 24th, for the members of the International Conference of Chairmen and Secretaries of Teachers' Organisations meeting in London at that time."

Mr. Penman stated that he believed that the British Council of the Rotary International would be willing to provide motor cars for this purpose. It was further

RESOLVED: "That Delegates from the party of American Journalists visiting England in July be invited to attend a meeting of this Executive Committee."

(e) FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Finance Committee dated March 16th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (20) Financial Statement; (21) Appeal; (22) Membership of the Committee; (23) Canteen; (24) Decoration of Offices; (25) Disarmament Campaign; (26) Cheques for Payment.]



54. WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE. The Committee considered two memoranda submitted by a Sub-Committee of the Industrial Advisory Committee, the first containing political, and the second industrial considerations, which it was suggested should be adopted by the Executive before the Conference met.

The Committee made certain comments upon both documents and it was

RESOLVED: "That the two memoranda be submitted to the Management Committee with a view to their adoption on March 24th after they have previously been considered and, if necessary, amended by the Industrial Advisory Committee."

55. FORCED LABOUR. REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE CALLED BY THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE, MARCH 7TH, 1927. The Committee accepted a report on this conference made by an officer of the staff. It noted that an official report of the Conference and of the action which was intended to follow it, would in due course be brought to the notice of the Committee.
56. INTERNATIONAL RELIEF UNION. A memorandum on Signor Ciralo's plan for an International Relief Union, its examination by a League Committee and the comments of many Governments upon it, was laid before the Committee. It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this memorandum be referred to the Management Committee and that Mr. Watson be asked to write a note which could be submitted to the Committee at the same time."

*John B. Hall*



UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 31st, 1927, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major J.W. Hills (in the Chair), Rt.Hon. G.N.Barnes, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, A.W.Claremont, Vice-Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, R.S.Hudson, Mrs.Peter Hughes-Griffiths, J. de V.Loder, Sir Walter Napier, F.G.Penman, Lord Queenborough, Lady Selborne, Miss Constance Smith, and H.D. Watson together with the Secretary.

57. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Lady Gladstone, L.J.Cadbury, Miss W.Maxse, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch and Sir Willoughby Dickinson.

58. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on March 17th, 1927, were approved as circulated.

59. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the Period ending March 28th, 1927, showed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £1,448.1s.4d., with outstanding accounts (including £1,496.6s.11d. unexpended grants) amounting to £2,469.8s.5d.

The Committee noted that on 28th March, 1926, the Bank Balance was £2,374.6s.5d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £1,964.13s.7d.

60. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions and amendments on Minutes 42, 43, and 44, the Minutes of the Committee dated March 24th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (40) Recognition of Branches; (41) Public Meetings; (42) Yugo-Slav-Albanian Incident; (43) Economic Conference; (44) International Relief Union; (45) Women's Council on Forced Labour; (46) Branch Resolutions; (47) Easter Holidays; (48) Professor Murray's Illness.]

Minute 42 - Yugo-Slav-Albanian Incident. Major Hills promised to ask the Foreign Secretary whether he thought there was any service for the cause of peace which the Union could render at this juncture.

Minute 43 - Economic Conference. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Committee's memoranda be sent not to all members, but to the British members of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organisation with the request that these documents should be brought to the notice of their colleagues."

Minute 44 - International Relief Union. The last sentence of the Minute was amended to read as follows:-

"...and to modify Article 34 in order that the abstention of Great Britain or any other large State might not prevent the International Relief Union from being started by such States as wanted to have it."



The Committee noted that Major Hills had promised to convey their opinion on this subject to the Foreign Secretary.

- (b) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated March 16th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (34) Draft Resolution on Disarmament; (35) Disarmament - The Need for Prayer; (36) Bibliography on the Religious Aspect of International Relations; (37) Foreign Missions and Mandates; (38) Applications for Corporate Members; (39) The Appointment of Deputies for Members who cannot attend the meetings of the Committee; (40) Dr. Alexander Irvine; (41) Anglo-Catholic Congress.]

- (c) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Subject to the following amendments and decisions upon Minutes 21, 22, 25, 26 and 27, the Minutes of the Committee dated March 17th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (18) Miss Helen Schilizzi; (19) Washington Hours Convention - Reputation to Prime Minister; (20) White Lead Convention; (21) Publications; (22) World Economic Conference; (23) Industrial Associates; (24) Minimum Wage Conference; (25) I.L.O. and Social Legislation Commission (Brussels); (26) Eleventh Plenary Congress of the International Federation; (27) Industrial Peace; (28) Royal Sanitary Institute - Thirty-Eighth Congress.]

Minute 21 - Publications. That the Committee's recommendation be amended and approved as follows:-

- (1) "That for the future proofs of new pamphlets, on the I.L.O. should be submitted to the Industrial Advisory Committee when practicable."
- (2) "That the initials "I.L.O." should not appear on the cover of pamphlets but that there should appear the full title "International Labour Organisation" with a clear indication of the connection between the Organisation and the League."

Minute 22 - World Economic Conference. It was noted that the Management Committee, by a decision of the Executive Committee (Minute 54 of March 17th, 1927) had already received these recommendations of the Industrial Advisory Committee and dealt with them.

Minute 25 - I.L.O. and Social Legislation Commission, Brussels. Resolution 3 was amended by the insertion of the words "or the Overseas Secretary" after the word "Committee".

Minute 26 - Eleventh Plenary Congress of the International Federation. Consideration of the draft resolutions was deferred till the meeting of the Committee on April 7th, and Lady Hall, Miss Constance Smith and Mr. Mills were asked to redraft them before that date.

Minute 27 - Industrial Peace. It was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Barnes be asked to be the Union's representative upon Mr. Hilton Young's Committee."

- (d) OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions upon Minute 14, the Minutes of the Committee dated March 23rd, 1927, were approved and adopted.



Minute 233 - Traffic in Women and Children. It was agreed to ask the Plenary Congress of the Federation of League of Nations Societies to request the League to authorise publication, without delay, of Part II of the Report of the Special Body of Experts on Traffic in Women and Children.

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[These Minutes included (11) Sir Willoughby Dickinson; (12) Sir Edward Maclagan; (13) Composition of Overseas Committee; (14) Federation Business; (15) Communication from the Paris Branch; (16) Mr. Hering's Activities on the Riviera; (17) Overseas Report; (18) Fraulein Vogeler.]

Minute 14 - Federation Business. Consideration of this Minute was deferred till the meeting of the Committee on April 7th, with the exception of Section (c) "Composition of the British Delegation", upon this it was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Mills' name be added to the list of those from whom the delegation should be chosen, and that the selection of twenty persons from this list to represent the Union be left to Major Hills and Mr. David Davies."

(e) WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. Subject to the following reservation on Minute 233, the Minutes of that Council dated March 23rd, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (224) Visits to Branches; (227) Open-Air Meetings' Campaign; (228) Reports of Representatives; (229) General Council; (231) Reduction and Limitation of Armaments; (232) Delegation to I.L.O. Conference; (233) Traffic in Women and Children.]

Minute 233 - Traffic in Women and Children. The Committee did not think it necessary to ask His Majesty's Government to press for publication of Part II of the Report of the Special Body of Experts on the Traffic in Women and Children. It was, however, proposed to ask the Plenary Congress of the Federation of League of Nations Societies to request the Council of the League to authorise publication without delay.

It was further

RESOLVED: "That the cordial thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Chairman, Secretary and members of the Women's Advisory Council for the work which they have accomplished."

(f) EDUCATION COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated 25th March, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (28) Co-optation of Captain L.H. Green; (29) List of Meetings; (30) Steps taken by Local Education Authorities; (31) National Educational Conference of Administrative Authorities; (32) Draft Memorandum on the Schools of Britain and the Peace of the World; (33) League of Nations and the Schools; (34) Branches in Public Schools; (35) International Education Conference at Prague; (37) Empire Day in the Schools; (38) Communication from the Belgian League of Nations Society; (39) Resolutions for Eleventh Plenary Congress; (40) New Education International Congress; (41) Films. (36) European Federation of Teachers' Associations.]

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Objection was raised to the fact that the memorandum on THE SCHOOLS OF BRITAIN AND THE PEACE OF THE WORLD (Minutes 31 and 32) had not previously been submitted to the Committee. But the attention of the Committee was drawn to the fact that by their approval on March 3rd, 1927, of Minute 20 of the Education Committee dated February 18th, 1927, they had authorised the Education Committee to proceed with the preparation of this memorandum and to secure its acceptance by the principal Teachers' Associations in order that it might be presented to the President of the Board of Education prior to the Conference of Public Education Authorities which the President had decided to convene on June 8th, 1927, in pursuance of the Experts' Recommendations adopted by the Seventh Assembly of the League (A.26).

Mr. Barnes, Lady Hall and Miss Constance Smith held that the mention of the International Labour Organisation in the memorandum was inadequate; the Secretary having stated that Sir Percy Jackson, Chairman of the West Riding Education Committee, would in all probability make a speech to the Conference, recommending it to approve and act on the memorandum, it was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Delisle Burns be asked to suggest references which Sir Percy Jackson should be invited to make to the International Labour Organisation in his speech to the Conference."

- (g) PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 29, the Minutes of the Committee dated March 15th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (22) Pamphlet on Slavery - Pamphlet on the Statement on China; (23) Arising out of Minutes; (24) Literature for use in Villages; (25) Letter from Mr. Bartlett; (26) Letter from Mrs. Roberts in the SPECTATOR; (27) Resignation of Mrs. E.M. Wood; (28) Separation of Publicity Section from Editorial Department; (29) Resolutions of Disarmament Campaign Committee; (30) London Regional Calendar; (31) Miss Spaul's Book; (32) Suggested Publication.]

Minute 29 - Resolutions of Disarmament Campaign Committee.  
It was

RESOLVED: "That in future the Disarmament Campaign Committee be authorised to proceed with its own arrangements for publicity subject only to the control of the Executive Committee."

1. RESPONSIBILITY OF UNION SPEAKERS. Lord Queenborough drew the attention of the Committee to a report in THE CHATHAM NEWS of a speech made by Mr. Oon, a member of the Chinese Students' Union, at a meeting held under the auspices of the Chatham Branch of the League of Nations Union in that town on March 17th. The speaker vigorously criticised the British in China and the attitude of the British Government.

The Committee regretted that it had not been made clear that the Union had no responsibility whatever for the views expressed by Mr. Oon and it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That a communication be sent to the Editor of THE CHATHAM NEWS asking him to correct the impression that the Union was responsible for the views expressed at the meeting and enclosing the Executive Committee's statement on the



Chinese situation; and that, in the first instance, the Chatham Branch be asked to send this communication."

- (2) To include in the Suggestions to Branches on the Organisation of Meetings, a request that when Branches obtain speakers without the assistance of the Head Office or the Regional Representative, they should, so far as possible, consult the Head Office as to the Speaker's qualifications, and where such consultation had not been possible, to make it clear that the Union, as a whole, is not to be held responsible for the policy advocated by the speaker."

62. APPOINTMENT OF DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY OFFICER. It was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Aldous, acting under the direction of Mr. Macdonell, should for the present devote his whole time to publicity work for the Disarmament Campaign Committee, and that, while so engaged, he should receive an honorarium at the rate of £50 a year in addition to his salary; and that a learner be appointed <sup>at a wage of £1 a week</sup> to assist Mr. Macdonell with the work at present undertaken by Mr. Aldous."

63. FACTORY CONDITIONS IN CHINA. The Committee considered a memorandum on Factory conditions in China, prepared by Miss Constance Smith, It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That Miss Constance Smith be cordially thanked for the memorandum."

- (2) "That the memorandum be published as a pamphlet with such amendment as Miss Constance Smith might desire and with a short preface contributed by Major Hills."

64. DISARMAMENT. In view of the progress made in the Preparatory Committee for the World Disarmament Conference, it was

RESOLVED: "To ask Branches to pass the following resolution at all meetings on the Reduction of Armaments, in place of the resolution approved by the Committee (Minute 53) on March 17th:-

'That this meeting assures the Prime Minister that the people of this country desire a lasting peace, and hope for tangible results from the Conference of the League of Nations on the Limitation and Reduction of Armaments.

This meeting therefore welcome the initiative taken by His Majesty's Government in putting forward a draft disarmament treaty at Geneva, and urges the Government to use every effort to reach an honourable understanding with other nations as to what immediate reductions we and they can make in armaments; it assures the Prime Minister that measures for progressive reductions by international agreement, will find an enthusiastic backing in Great Britain."

65. BERLIN CONGRESS. Consideration of the draft resolutions to be submitted to the Eleventh Plenary Congress of the Federation of League of Nations Societies, was deferred till the next meeting of the Committee on April 7th.



66. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee noted the following resolutions:

(a) Guildsborough and Hollowell Branch (March 15th 1927):

"The Guildsborough and Hollowell Branch of the League of Nations Union urges His Majesty's Government to send delegates to the Disarmament Conference who will press for an immediate and adequate scheme for the reduction of naval, military and air armaments."

(b) Calne Branch (March 21st, 1927):

"That the Calne Branch of the League of Nations Union urge the publication of the second part of the Report of the League Commission on the Traffic in Women and Children with a view to the more effective suppression of the traffic."

It was

RESOLVED: "That the above Resolutions be acknowledged with thanks and both Branches informed that this Committee is in agreement with the objects of their resolutions."

(c) Whalley Range Branch (undated):-

"That the Whalley Range Branch of the League of Nations Union considers it undesirable to take any action against the establishment of Officers Training Corps in any particular school in the district, but desires to place on record that the establishment of Officers Training Corps in schools is contrary to the spirit of the League of Nations Union and urges the Headquarters of the Union to take steps to counteract the movement."

It was

RESOLVED: "That the above resolution be acknowledged with thanks, but that the Whalley Range Branch be informed that this Committee did not endorse the view that the establishment of Officers Training Corps in schools is contrary to the spirit of the League of Nations Union and is therefore unable to act in the way suggested."

67. GRANT OF LEAVE TO DAME ADELAIDE LIVINGSTONE. The Secretary reported that Dame Adelaide Livingstone was still unwell and had been obliged to apply for extension of leave till the beginning of June. It was

RESOLVED: "To follow the usual practice of the Union and to extend Dame Adelaide's leave with full pay up to the limit of six months (ending on 28th June, 1927) and to terminate her engagement on that date unless a doctor, appointed by the Union, was then able to report that her health was completely restored and that she was able to continue her duties in the Union's service; and that Dame Adelaide Livingstone be so informed."

68. TRANSFERENCE OF REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES. The Secretary reported that, with the Chairman's approval, he proposed to make certain changes in the disposition of the Union's Regional Representatives. He proposed to discuss these changes with the Regional Representatives at their next Conference. The Committee approved of this course.



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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH,  
1927, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major J.W. Hills (in the Chair), Norman Angell, Rt.Hon.G.N.Barnes, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, L.J.Cadbury, Vice-Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, J.H.Harris, Lady Hall, Mrs. W.T.Layton, Sir Walter Napier, W.J. Salmon, Miss Constance Smith, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, H.D. Watson together with the Secretary.

69. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Mr.C.Delisle Burns, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Mr.R.S.Hudson, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Mr. Herbert Worsley and Mr. L.M. Wynch.
70. MINUTES. Subject to the following, the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on March 31st, 1927, were approved as circulated:-
- (a) Minute 60(e) Traffic in Women and Children, being re-drafted by the Chairman.
- (b) Minute 61(2) Responsibility of Union Speakers, action being deferred until the matter has been before the Management Committee.
- (c) Resolution 62 Disarmament Campaign Publicity Officer, being amended by substituting "for expenses at the rate" for the words "at a wage".
71. ALBANIA. The Chairman reported that he had not been able to see the Foreign Secretary in regard to the suggestion that the Union might be of service, but that he proposed to write to him.
72. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. It was  
RESOLVED: "That Branches be requested when sending a resolution passed at a public meeting to Headquarters in future, to give the number of people present at the meeting."
73. NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AUTHORITIES. The Secretary reported that as he had to see the President of the Board of Education again in the following week, he had not yet written to Mr. Delisle Burns to ask him to suggest references which Sir Percy Jackson should be invited to make to the International Labour Organisation in his speech to the Conference.
74. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending April 4th, 1927, showed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £1,942.14s.4d. with outstanding accounts (including £1,946.6s.11d. unexpended grants) amounting to £3,414.10s.2d.

The Committee noted that on April 4th, 1926, the Bank Balance was £4,049.3s.10d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £1,964.13s.7d.

The Secretary promised to consult with Mr. J.H.Harris in regard to a suggestion that promises of gifts under deed should be for a period of seven years or "to lapse at death".



75. BERLIN CONGRESS.

(a) Delegation. The Chairman reported that he had consulted the Secretary with regard to the delegation to Berlin, and invitations were being issued.

(b) Draft Resolutions submitted for the Congress. The Committee considered the draft resolutions submitted by the Executive Committee of the Federation, the Standing Committee of the Federation, or by the Federated Societies, as well as amendments and alternative or additional resolutions proposed by Committees of the Union, and

RESOLVED: "To proceed as follows:-"

I. Internal Questions.Modification of Statutes (Articles 11 and 12)

"To approve and support the printed resolution, subject to the word "elect" being substituted for the word "nominate" in the penultimate paragraph."

The Plenary Congress and the League's Assembly.

"To propose the following resolution:-"

'That the Executive Committee of the Federation be asked to endeavour to arrange for the resolutions of the Plenary Congress to be presented to the President of the League's Eighth Assembly, and to be printed in the Assembly's Journal during the first week of the Assembly's meeting."

II. Education and Propaganda.A.1. The Teaching of Peace. Recommendations of the Sub-Committee of Experts.

"To substitute the following for the printed resolution:-"

## THE ELEVENTH PLENARY CONGRESS

WELCOMES the recommendations of the League's experts on the instruction of children and young people in the existence and aims of the League of Nations;

URGES each of the federated Societies to do all in its power to secure the meeting in its country of a National Conference of administrative authorities, teachers and voluntary associations for the League of Nations, as recommended by the experts;

TRUSTS that these National Conferences will be followed, in due course, by a World Conference;

EXPRESSES the hope that there may be officially communicated to the teachers in all countries a copy of the Covenant and of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation, together with an account of the League (such as is given in the Reference Book prepared by the League or has been appended to the new



edition of the Suggestions for Teachers, issued by the Board of Education in London), a brief commentary (such as has been communicated to the teachers of the Saar Valley or is being submitted to the British National Conference by the teachers' associations of Great Britain and by the League of Nations Union) and a concise bibliography; and

DRAWs attention to the importance of continuity in these conferences which could be assured by national education committees able, in certain countries, to collaborate with the National Committees on Intellectual Co-operation.

A.2. National Liaison Committees.

"To approve and support the printed resolution."

A.3. The International Labour Organisation in the Schools.

"To substitute the following for the printed resolution:-

THE ELEVENTH PLENARY CONGRESS

REQUESTS national societies to use their influence with their national Education authorities to include instruction in the principles and work of the International Labour Organisation in the regular curricula of all educational establishments under their control, and in particular to embody in their circulars recommendations 6 and 8 of the Committee of Experts on League instruction in schools (A.26 XII.26).

A.4. Creation of a Special Education Section within the League of Nations.

"To approve and support the printed resolution."

B. Proposal of the Hungarian Society.

Erection of a Monument in Geneva in Memory of the Dead of the Great War.

"Not to support the printed resolution."

III. National Minorities.

"To approve the principles contained in the draft procedure "De Lege Ferenda", but to leave it to the delegation at the Eleventh Plenary Congress to take such a line of action in regard to it as they may, in the circumstances, consider desirable."

IV. International Labour Organisation, Economic and Social Questions.

A.1. Ratification of International Labour Conventions.

"To approve and support the printed resolution."

A.2. International Management Institute.

"To approve and support the printed resolution."



A.3. International Economic Conference.

"To approve and support the printed resolution, subject to its being amended to read as follows:-

THE ELEVENTH PLENARY CONGRESS

URGES upon the Societies the necessity of intensive education by lectures and the press as to the objects and possibilities of the International Economic Conference and recommends, as the basis of this education the authoritative article on the Conference first printed in the March number of THE ROUND TABLE and since reprinted by the League of Nations Union."

A.4. The International Labour Organisation in the Schools.

"To prefer the resolution under II.A.3. above."

A.4(a) Washington Hours Convention.

"To propose the following resolution:-

THE ELEVENTH PLENARY CONGRESS

CONGRATULATES the Belgian Government upon its unconditional ratification of the Washington Hours Convention;

NOTES with satisfaction the approval given by the French Senate to the Bill for ratification;

TRUSTS that the German Government will proceed rapidly with the Labour Protection Bill and that this will lead to ratification by Germany;

NOTES that a Cabinet Committee of the British Government has been appointed to consider ratification by Great Britain;

HOPES that this will take place at an early date;

TRUSTS that simultaneous ratification by the chief industrial powers will be the immediate result.

A.4(b) Delegations to the International Labour Conference.

"To propose the following resolution:-

THE ELEVENTH PLENARY CONGRESS

INVITES other members of the Federation to use their best endeavours to induce all States Members of the International Labour Organisation to fulfil their obligations under Article 389 of the Treaty of Versailles and so to maintain the representative character of the International Labour Conference,

(i) by appointing complete delegations to the International Labour Conferences consisting of two Government delegates, one Employers' and one Workers' delegate;



(ii) by placing no obstacle in the way of Employers' or Workers' delegates being accompanied by the full number of technical advisers to whose assistance they are entitled.

A.4(c) National Societies and the International Labour Organisation.

"To propose the following resolution:-

THE ELEVENTH PLENARY CONGRESS

DRAWS attention to the composition and activities of the Industrial Advisory Committee of the British League of Nations Union as outlined in the accompanying memorandum (see "x") and recommends other members to adopt such measures as they consider suitable to secure increased support from Organisations both of Employers and Employees in order that the work of the International Labour Organisation may be better understood and appreciated."

A.4(d) Native Labour.

"To propose the following resolution:-

THE ELEVENTH PLENARY CONGRESS

AGAIN DRAWS attention to the Enquiry into conditions of Native Labour undertaken by the International Labour Office and urges national societies themselves to study the problem, in order that public opinion in all countries may be prepared to support the adoption of International Conventions on this subject.

A.4(e) Public Libraries and International Labour Organisation Publications.

"To propose the following resolution:-

THE ELEVENTH PLENARY CONGRESS

REQUESTS national societies to bring to the notice of the competent authorities the importance of making available in public libraries and in other places of a similar nature the publications of the International Labour Organisation as a valuable and necessary measure of adult education."

B.5. Treatment of Prisoners.

"To approve and support the printed resolution".

B.6. Protection of Animals.

"Not to support the printed resolution."

B.7. Passports.

"To approve and support the printed resolution."

B.8. Road Traffic.

"Not to support the printed resolution."



B.3(a) Protection of Women and Children.

"To propose the following resolution:-

## THE ELEVENTH PLENARY CONGRESS

CONGRATULATES Dr. Snow and the Special Body of Experts on Traffic in Women and Children on their courageous report to the League of Nations, in which the evils of this traffic are exposed, and urges the League to authorise publication of the second part of the Report without delay.

V. Judicial and Political Questions.1. Decentralisation of the League of Nations.

"To approve and support the printed resolution."

2. Competence of the League of Nations.

"To abstain from voting on this resolution unless any danger appears of the resolution being lost, in which case to support the resolution."

3. Composition of the Council of the League of Nations.

"Not to support the printed resolution."

4. Mediation and Conciliation.

"To substitute the following for the printed resolution:-

Arbitration and Security

## THE ELEVENTH PLENARY CONGRESS

CONSIDERING that Articles XII and XV of the Covenant still leave a loophole for war,

REAFFIRMS the decision of the Tenth Plenary Congress that "the next Assembly of the League of Nations should take immediate steps to close this gap by making aggressive war an international crime";

NOTING that, in addition to the work of the Preparatory Disarmament Commission, the Council also has under consideration the promotion of general international security against aggressive war by the further definition of the obligations of Article XVI and the organisation of sanctions under this Article; and the elaboration of steps to make Article XI more fully effective;

WELCOMES the numerous Arbitration Treaties already concluded between States as an indication of the growing desire for the peaceful settlement of international disputes; and

URGES that, for the future

All justiciable disputes, which cannot be settled by normal diplomacy, shall be submitted either to the Permanent Court of International Justice or to an Arbitral Tribunal; provided, however, that such disputes may in the first instance be submitted to a Permanent Conciliation Commission if one has been created by an Arbitration Treaty between the parties, or, if not, to a Temporary Conciliation



Commission to be selected by the Council from a permanent panel, and to consist of persons who, by their nationality, their personal character and their experience, appear to the Council to furnish the highest guarantees of competence and impartiality; provided always that, if the parties have not reached an agreement within a month of the termination of the labours of the Conciliation Commission, the question shall, at the request of either party, be referred to the Permanent Court or to an Arbitral Tribunal whose decision shall be final and shall be carried out in full good faith; and

All non-justiciable disputes, which cannot be settled by normal diplomacy, shall be submitted, with a view to amicable settlement, to a Permanent Conciliation Commission, if one has been created by an Arbitration Treaty between the parties, or, if not, to a Temporary Conciliation Commission as laid down above; provided that, if the two parties have not reached an agreement within a month of the termination of the labours of the Conciliation Commission, the question shall, at the request of either party, be brought before the Council of the League of Nations which shall deal with it in accordance with Article 15 of the Covenant; provided always that, if the Council fails to reach a report which is agreed upon by all its members, other than representatives of any of the parties to the dispute, it shall submit the dispute for final settlement to a Temporary Conciliation Commission, as laid down above, whose decision shall be final and shall be carried out in full good faith by the parties.

4 (a) Limitation and Reduction of Armaments.

"To propose the following resolution:

THE ELEVENTH PLENARY CONGRESS

RECOGNISING (1) the obligations concerning Reduction and Limitation of Armaments in the Covenant, the Treaties of Peace and the Locarno Treaties; and (2) the importance of the final Disarmament Treaty being universally applied;

EXPRESSES the hope that every effort will be made to reconcile points of divergence so that a draft treaty in the form unanimously approved by the Preparatory Disarmament Commission may be presented by the Council to the Governments of all the States of the world and so that any agreement reached by discussion of the American proposal may be fitted into the framework of this general draft treaty;

ATTACHES great importance to the establishment of a system of international investigation and supervision of the faithful observance of armament limitation, and hopes that this will be provided for in the draft treaty; and

URGES each of the Federated Societies to concentrate its efforts during the coming year on the education of public opinion within its own country concerning the Reduction and Limitation of Armaments so that the Governments participating in the World Conference may be fully conscious of the backing of world public opinion in their endeavours to make the first World Conference a success.



76. FRENCH TROOPS ON THE RHINE. The Secretary reported that he had received a letter from M. Zimmern who had seen M. Aulard in regard to a resolution advocating the withdrawal of the French Troops from the occupied territory.

RESOLVED: "That the Delegation be asked to consult with M. Aulard when they arrived in Berlin."

77. MINORITIES COMMITTEE. The Committee received and approved the Minutes of the Minorities Committee held on March 29th, 1927.

These Minutes included (4) Sir Walter Napier's Report on Meeting of Federation at Brussels, February 23rd; (5) Procedure 'de lege ferenda'; (6) Co-optation.

78. WASHINGTON HOURS CONVENTION. The Secretary reported a letter from the Prime Minister regretting that he could not see his way to receive a deputation from the League of Nations Union on the subject of the Washington Hours Convention, but suggesting that he would gladly arrange for the Minister of Labour to receive it on his behalf.

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to write to the Prime Minister repeating Professor Murray's suggestion that the Cabinet Committee concerned with this question should be invited to receive a deputation from the Union."

79. CHINA. The Chairman reported a letter he had received from Professor Murray suggesting that he (Major Hills) should write to the Foreign Minister and propose that the amount and character of reparation to be paid by the Chinese authorities for the Nanking outrages should be submitted to the League of Nations. The Committee.

RESOLVED: "to approve of this suggestion".

80. AMERICA - ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE WHITE STAR LINE. The Secretary reported that it was proposed to arrange a party to sail for the United States on August 24th and that Miss Tynan should be in charge of this party.

RESOLVED: "to approve of this proposal."

81. FREE NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS. The Secretary drew attention to free advertisements for the League of Nations Union which appeared in the Carnoustie Gazette for Friday, March 18th.

82. DR. NORWOOD. It was reported that Dr. Norwood had now completed his campaign for the League of Nations Union, although, owing to ill-health, deputies had been found for his last four meetings. During the campaign he had been responsible for 15,000 members joining the Union. The Committee

RESOLVED: (1) "To express to Dr. Norwood the Union's most grateful thanks.

(2) To invite him to accept life membership of the Union.

(3) That Dr. Norwood be asked to accept from the Union a gift (not of money) as a mark of the appreciation of his signal service to the cause of peace, and that enquiries be made to discover what gift would be most acceptable to Dr. Norwood."



83. EARL OF HOME.

RESOLVED: "To nominate the Earl of Home at the next meeting of the General Council for a Vice-Presidency of the League of Nations Union."

84. RESOLUTIONS. The Committee noted the following resolutions:-(a) Keith Branch (dated 23rd March 1927)

"This meeting observes with concern that a crisis has arisen between Yugo-Slavia and Albania

With a view to preserving the peace of Europe and preventing the casualties that must necessarily follow from war, this meeting calls upon the League of Nations to take every possible step now to prevent the development of the crisis to the point of hostilities."

It was

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary should send a letter on the lines of the Management Committee Resolution (No.42) of March 24th."

(b) Petersfield and District Branch (undated)

"That this meeting would urge upon the central executive of the Union, the importance of an early decision as to the adoption of some international language in which after a date to be fixed, all proceedings of the League of Nations shall be conducted so as to avoid the inconvenience and delays caused by the necessity of translating the speeches delivered, as also the danger of their being misunderstood. And further that all nations members of the League should be urged to take such measures as may be possible for seeing that such international language is taught in their schools."

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary of the Petersfield and District Branch be informed of the recent decision of the General Council of the League of Nations Union in regard to an international language."

85. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on April 28th, 1927."

*Gilbert Murray*



The work of the Industrial Department of the British League of Nations Union is supervised by an Industrial Advisory Committee whose President is the Right Hon. the Viscount Burnham, G.C.M.G., C.H., who was three times President of the International Labour Conference. This Committee is composed of six members of the Executive Committee, six representative Employers, six Trade Unionists (three of whom are nominated by the General Council of the Trades Union Congress) and two nominees of the Co-operative Union. The Committee chiefly concerns itself with making known the aims and work of the International Labour Organisation established by Part XIII of the Peace Treaty, and is responsible for winning support for the League and the I.L.O. among Employers' and Workers' Organisations. It has recently appointed a special Sub-Committee to direct its educational work among Labour Organisations and on the Sub-Committee are members of the Trades Union Congress, Co-operative Union, Women's Co-operative Guild, the Labour Party and the Independent Labour Party. The Chairman of the Sub-Committee is Mr. Rhys Davies, M.P., who was Under-Secretary for the Home Office in Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's Government.

#### INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTIONS.

The Industrial Advisory Committee, as its name suggests, advises the Executive Committee in all matters connected with the ratification of Conventions adopted by the I.L.O. In particular it has urged the Government to ratify both the Washington Hours Convention and the White Lead Convention and in regard to the former is still conducting an active campaign.

#### VISITS TO INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCES.

As part of its programme of education on behalf of the I.L.O. the League of Nations Union has organised a party of representative Employers and Workers with other persons interested in international labour legislation to attend the International Labour Conference at Geneva in 1925 and 1926. The party heard the debates at the Plenary Conference and in the Commissions, and attended lectures by members of the Staff of the International Labour Office and visited the headquarters of the League of Nations and the I.L.O. Another party is going to Geneva for the Conference in May 1927.

#### CONFERENCES.

In order to focus public attention on the subjects to be discussed at the International Labour Conference the Committee has organised voluntary Conferences (usually held at the London School of Economics). The last and most successful of these Conferences was held in February 1927 on "Systems of Fixing Minimum Wages in Industry and Methods of Conciliation and Arbitration in Industrial Disputes". Speakers representing all shades of opinion in industry took part and invitations to send delegates were accepted by Employers' Organisations, Trades Unions, and Political Organisations. In addition many economists and persons interested in social reform applied for tickets with the result that there was an average attendance of 350 at each session of the Conference. Greater publicity was given by the Press to the proceedings than to any other single effort organised by the League of Nations Union. As in various years a report of the Conference is being published.

#### PANEL OF SPEAKERS.

A panel of speakers with special knowledge of the I.L.O. has been formed and public meetings, luncheon hour meetings



of business men in Rotary Clubs and of factory workers, etc., have been addressed. Many members of the Industrial Advisory Committee are on this Speakers' Panel and include such well-known names as Rt. Hon. G.N. Barnes, C.H., Lord Henry Bentinck, M.P., Viscount Burnham, G.C.M.G., C.H., Lady Hall, Arthur Hayday, M.P., Major J.W. Hills, M.P., Miss Constance Smith, O.B.E., Alderman Ben Turner, J.P., E.O. Poulton, J.P.

During 1926 the Union's Staff I.L.O. Lecturer addressed 161 meetings. These meetings are varied in character and include branches of the League of Nations Union, Co-operative Women's Guild, Labour Party, Women's Labour Party, Independent Labour Party, Trade Unions, Conservative Working Men's Association; Trades Councils and the Adult School Union have also provided useful platforms. In addition our speaker has taken part in several Conferences and week-end schools.

Further, opportunity is taken to provide speakers on the I.L.O. at Conferences and Demonstrations arranged by other organisations such as the annual gatherings of Conservative, Liberal and Labour Parties, Trades Union Congress, etc.

#### INTELLIGENCE.

About a year ago, to meet a growing demand for information about the industrial side of the League a special Section devoted entirely to I.L.O. Intelligence was formed. In this Section all the publications of the International Labour Office are filed and any subject or detail with which the Organisation has dealt since it was first constituted can be immediately traced by means of a card index. Special information is obtained from Geneva by this Section and the Officer in charge is therefore particularly well placed for answering enquiries. Enquiries come from (a) the various Sections at the Head Office of the Union; (b) branch secretaries and speakers; (c) the general public. Many of the pamphlets and articles dealing with the work of the International Labour Organisation and Office are prepared in the I.L.O. Intelligence Section and memoranda are issued on particular problems. Study Courses on the constitution and work of the I.L.O. for use in Colleges, the Adult School Union, etc., are also prepared in this Section.

#### PUBLICATIONS.

The Union publishes pamphlets and leaflets specifically concerned with the work of the I.L.O. Many of the Union's general publications also make reference to its work.

The following is a list of existing publications definitely concerned with the work of the I.L.O.

Part XIII of the Treaty of Versailles - The Labour Section (Text)  
The Labour Covenant - Part XIII of the Treaty - Explained  
(Commentary).

The Necessity for International Labour Organisation.

The First Four Years' Work of the I.L.O.

Labour and the League of Nations (Articles by J. Ramsay MacDonald, Margaret Bondfield and Arthur Eugh).

The Seventh International Labour Conference and the I.L.O. in 1925.

What is the International Labour Organisation?

Carrying out the Labour Covenant.

The I.L.O. Record in 1926.

Why British Employers should support the International Labour Organisation.

Japan and the International Labour Organisation - by Iwao Ayusawa.

The Washington Hours Convention.

A lantern lecture dealing entirely with the work and activities of the I.L.O.

Two films which contain references to the I.L.O.



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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY,  
APRIL 28TH, 1927 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT:— Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), L.J. Cadbury, Lady Gladstone, J.H.Harris, R.S.Hudson, J. de V.Loder, Sir Walter Napier, F.G.Penman, W.J.Salmon, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch together with the Secretary.

- 86 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Rt.Hon.G.N. Barnes, C.Delisle Burns, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Miss M.Maxse, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Lady Selborne and Mrs. Wilson-Fox.
- 87 MINUTES. Subject to the following amendments to Minute 76 II.B. IV A.3., and IV B.6., the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated April 7th, 1927, were approved and adopted:—

II.E. Erection of a Monument in Geneva in Memory of the Dead of the Great War. That the instruction to the delegation be amended by the addition of the words "but not to take the initiative in opposing it."

IV.A.3. International Economic Conference. To delete in the amended Resolution the words after "education" in the fifth line, and to substitute for them "the League of Nations Union's pamphlet No.214 entitled THE WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE."

IV.B.6. Protection of Animals. To instruct the delegation not to oppose the printed resolution.

It was further suggested that the wording of the Resolution to be moved on Arbitration and Security at Berlin (No.75 V.4.) might be somewhat condensed without any alteration in the substance.

- 88 FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending April 26th, 1927, showed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £4,371.13s.0d. with outstanding accounts (including £1877.1s.2d. unexpended grants) amounting to £3,139.11s.4d.

The Committee noted that on April 25th, 1926, the Bank Balance was £C,013.6s.7d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £2,676.18s.5d.

89 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) WELCOME COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated April 5th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (23) Forthcoming Events - Imperial Education Conference; I.U.L.N.F. Congress; Colonial Office Conference; International Teachers' Associations.]

(c) Colonial Office Congress. The Committee noted that the reception for the Members of this Conference had been cancelled on the advice of the Colonial Office, but were pleased to hear from Mr. Harris that the Governors and others attending the Conference would be invited to confer with the Joint Committee of the Union and the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society upon the question of native labour.



(d) International Teachers' Associations. The Secretary reported that the dinner had been a success. He hoped that as a result of it the foreign teachers' associations would, on their return, take similar action to that which had been taken by the teachers' associations of Great Britain to carry out the main recommendation of the League's experts" that all children and young people should, before completing their formal education, learn something of the aims and work of the League of Nations, the terms of its Covenant and the recent growth of international co-operation."

- (b) DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee dated April 6th, 1927 were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (63) Mayoral Conference; (64) Disarmament Posters; (65) N.C.P.W.; (66) Chambers of Commerce; (67) Disarmament Conference; (68) Resolution on Limitation and Reduction of Armaments; (69) Record of Meetings held; (70) Education of Union Speakers; (71) Press Publicity and Disarmament; (72) Communication from Mrs. Stroehey; (73) Proposed Manifesto on Disarmament; (74) Outline of Study Circle on Limitation of Armaments; (75) Communication from Mr. D. Heathcote; (76) Leaflet for Distribution at Open Air Meetings, etc; (77) Disarmament Film.]

- (c) LIBRARY COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee dated April 7th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (10) (a) Duplication of League and I.L.O. Documents in the Library, (b) Membership of Library Committee; (11) resignation of Chairman; (12) Equipment of Library; (13) Report of Book-Selection Sub-Committee; (14) Binding of Periodicals; (15) Election of representative on Council of General Library; (16) Circularising Executive about Library; (17) Additional Books for Readers on Schools; (18) Chairman of Library Committee.]

- (d) CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated April 8th, 1927, were considered and their Recommendations accepted, with the following amendment to that contained in Minute 76:-

Minute 76. Foreign Speakers. That the words "Specially Germans" be deleted."

[These Minutes included (72) (a) Headway and News Sheet, (b) Summer School Fees, (c) Political Organisation of the Union, (d) Conferences in London, (e) Public Meetings; (73) Renewal Subscriptions; (74) "Disarmament"; (75) Receipt Books; (76) Foreign Speakers; (77) Relations between Corporate Members and Branches; (78) Youth Section; (79) Wearing of Union Badge; (80) General Council Meetings; (81) Film.]



It was further

RESOLVED: "To ask the General Council to approve and adopt the Consultative Committee's Recommendations in Minutes 77, 78 and 79."

- (e) FINANCE COMMITTEE. Subject to the following amendment to Minute 33, the Minutes of the Committee dated April 27th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (29) Financial Statement; (30) Accounts for 1926; (31) Membership of the Committee; (32) Decentralised Districts; (33) Dr. Norwood; (34) Gifts under Deed; (35) Council's Vote; (36) London Federation, Festival of Youth; (37) Passing of Cheques for Payment.]

Minute 33, Dr. Norwood. It was

RESOLVED: "To accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee that a grant of £50 be made for a gift to Dr. Norwood; that he be informed that the Committee had not originally intended to offer him a gift of money as they were not able to offer compensation commensurate with the services he had rendered to the Union, but that they would be glad if he would accept this sum to be spent in whatever way he might wish."

- 90 SITUATION IN CHINA. The Chairman reported that Major Hills had seen the Foreign Secretary with regard to the Committee's suggestion that the assessment of the Gerneges to be asked for the harm inflicted upon foreigners at Nanking should be submitted to the League of Nations. Sir Austen Chamberlain had said that the time for a decision had not yet arrived but that he would bear the matter in mind. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to submit a resolution to the Committee at its next meeting in which the reference to the League of the question of responsibility for the Nanking outrages, as well as of the fixing of reparations, should be proposed."

- 91 GIFTS UNDER DEED. The Committee took note of the proposal of the Chancellor of the Exchequer "to prevent avoidance of tax in connection with subscriptions to charities", and of the form which the Government's resolution to give effect to this proposal, would probably take. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Chairman and Secretary be empowered to negotiate with the National Council for Social Service, the Charity Organisation Society, the Hospitals' Association and certain other national charities, with the object of forming a joint deputation to the Chancellor of the Exchequer."

- (2) "That if this deputation could be formed, the Earl of Reading, Vice-President, Mr. McKenne, Trustee, and Major Hills, Vice-Chairman of the Union, be asked to join it as the Union's representatives."



92 RECENT TREATIES AND THE COVENANT. The Committee thanked Sir Walter Napier for the valuable memorandum he had prepared on this subject, and

RESOLVED: "To refer Sir Walter Napier's memorandum to the Revision of the Covenant Committee for consideration and report."

93 INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF TRAFFIC IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN. The Secretary reported that a communication had been received from the International Bureau for the Suppression of this traffic, inviting the Union to appoint three delegates to the Congress, which was to be held in London from June 28th to July 1st, 1927. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "To accept this invitation."

(2) "To leave the appointment of the Union's delegates in the hands of the Chairman."

94 CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT. The Committee considered the first draft of the Annual report for the year 1926, and certain modifications were suggested. It was

RESOLVED: "That the draft as modified be submitted to the Committee for final approval again at its meeting on May 5th."

Mr. Worsley suggested that the Annual Report, when printed, or the summary of it, should be circulated to all Members of Parliament and to all daily newspapers.

95 A FIXED EASTER. The Committee deferred till its next meeting consideration of a letter from the Joint Committee of the Four Secondary Associations.

96 BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee considered the following Resolutions:--

(a) China

(i) Sheffield Branch (dated April 4th):-

"This meeting while welcoming the Foreign Secretary's assurance that the British Government's policy towards China is still one of reason and conciliation, earnestly hopes that negotiations for a settlement with the Cantonese Government on the lines of the Memorandum of December last will be continued.

Believing that recent deplorable incidents show that the peace of the world is menaced, it urges that matters in dispute should be referred to the League of Nations."

(ii) Norwich Branch (dated April 6th):-

"This Committee of the Norwich Branch of the League of Nations Union, respectfully request Headquarters to explore the possibilities of calling on the Council to raise the situation in China as a League issue."



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(b) Arbitration and Disarmament.

Aberdare and District Council, Welsh National Council, passed Resolutions on April 6th, repeating in identical terms Resolutions No.222 (4) and (5) on these subjects of the General Council, December 14th, 1926.

It was

RESOLVED: "That the above resolutions be acknowledged with thanks."

J.M.



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY,  
MAY 5th, 1927, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), L.J. Cadbury, C. Delisle Burns, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Lady Gladstone, J.H. Harris, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Leif Jones, Sir Walter Napier, F.G. Penman, Charles Roberts, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, L.M. Wynch together with the Secretary.

97. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Rt. Hon. G.N. Barnes, Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. W.T. Layton, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Lady Selborne, Miss Constance Smith, H.D. Watson.
98. MINUTES. Subject to the following amendment to Minute 89(d), the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on April 28th, 1927, were approved as circulated:-

Minute 89(d) Consultative Committee. The Minutes of the Committee dated April 8th, 1927, were considered and their recommendations accepted with the omission of the words "specially Germans" from Minute 76, and subject to any observations which the Christian Organisations Committee might desire to submit on Minute 77.

It was further

RESOLVED: "To ask the General Council to approve and adopt the Consultative Committee's recommendations on Minutes 78 and 79."

99. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending 2nd May, 1927, showed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £3,009.17s.3d. with outstanding accounts (including £2,059.11s.2d. unexpended grants) amounting to £3,103.9s.8d.

The Committee noted that on May 2nd, 1926, the Bank Balance was £4,590.18s.1d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £2,800.10s.6d.

100. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions upon Minutes 23 and 24, the Minutes of the Committee dated April 26th, 1927, were approved and adopted:

These Minutes included (21) Composition of Committee; (22) Communication from Paris Branch; (23) Berlin Congress; (24) Report of Federation's Economic Sub-Committee; (25) Overseas' Report.

Minute 23(a) Delegation for Berlin Congress. It was

RESOLVED: "That as Mr. G.N. Barnes was not able to join the delegation, the Chairman and Secretary be asked to arrange for a member of the Labour Party to take his place."

Minute 24. Report of the Federation's Economic Sub-Committee. Mr. Delisle Burns explained the principles upon which the Committee had worked and certain aspects of its work. It was

RESOLVED: "that the Report be circulated to the Management Committee for its meeting on May 12th, and that the Committee



be empowered to give the necessary instructions on this subject to the Union's delegates to Berlin."

- (b) EDUCATION COMMITTEE. Subject to the following amendment and decision on Minutes 48 and 49, the Minutes of the Committee dated April 29th, 1927, were approved and adopted:

/These Minutes included (44) Mr. Delisle's Burns' amendments; (45) Co-optation of Education Representatives to Council 1927-28; (46) List of meetings; (47) Steps taken by Local Education Authorities; (48) Conference of Central and Local Education Authorities; (49) The Teaching of the Principles of the International Labour Organisation; (50) Report of Young Peoples' Organisations Committee; (51) Summer Schools; (52) London County Council and League Teaching; (53) International Federation of Teachers' Associations.7

Minute 48. Conference of Education Authorities. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Recommendations of the Committee be accepted with the exception of the last paragraph and that the arrangements to be made with the Executive Committee of the Association of Education Committees with regard to the memorandum THE SCHOOLS OF BRITAIN AND THE PEACE OF THE WORLD, be left to the discretion of the Chairman and Secretary."

Minute 49. The Teaching of the Principles of the International Labour Organisation. It was

RESOLVED: "That the proposal of the Committee be accepted unless objection were raised by the Industrial Advisory Committee at its meeting on the afternoon of May 5th, 1927."

- (c) DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. Subject to the following amendment on Minute 80, the Minutes of the Committee dated May 3rd, 1927, were approved and adopted.

/These Minutes included (80) Disarmament Posters; (81) Disarmament and the Conservative Party; (82) Proposed Manifesto on Disarmament; (83) Union's Disarmament Conference; (84) Slogan Competition; (85) Co-opted Members to the General Council; (86) The Rev. John Clennell.7

Minute 80. Disarmament Posters. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Recommendations of the Committee relating to postcards and to the publication of a poster showing a picture of the Cenotaph be not accepted, and that the poster bearing the words PREPARE FOR WAR AND YOU'LL GET IT" should only be used with the utmost discretion and not be displayed on public hoardings."

- (d) FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the special meeting of the Committee dated May 4th, 1927, were read, and were approved and adopted.

/These Minutes included (38) The late Viscount Cowdray; (39) Dr. Norwood.7



- (e) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE The Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to the following recommendation of the Christian Organisations Committee (May 4th, 1927) upon "The Working Arrangement between Branches and Corporate Members". It was

RESOLVED: "That the General Council be asked to accept the recommendations contained in Minute 77 of the Consultative Committee in the following form:—

- (1) A strong central Branch with weak Branches or subordinate bodies attached to it is much to be preferred to a number of reasonably strong Branches or sub-Branches grouped round a weak centre.
- (2) Since the membership of the Union is likely to increase in the future very largely through the activities of Corporate Members, the presence of representatives of Corporate Members on the Branch Committee would be of assistance both to the Branches and to the Corporate Members; every Branch is urged to act on the following resolution adopted by the General Council on December 14th, 1926:—

"The General Council of the League of Nations Union invites Branches to encourage Corporate Members attached to them to send representatives to their meetings, and calls the attention of Branches to the value of including representatives of Corporate Members in the Branch Committees."

- (3) That each Corporate Member's representative on the Committee of the Branch be required to present to the Committee an annual report of the work of the Corporate Member".
- (4) In view of the fact that a Corporate Member (or its representative) can as a rule most conveniently collect the subscriptions of individual members of the Union who also belong to the Corporate Member, and since the Corporate Member has other exceptional opportunities for work on the Union's behalf, each Branch is invited to make arrangements with any Corporate Member attached to it for the purpose of meeting any expenditure which the Corporate Member thus incurs with the Branches approval.



(f) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision upon Minute 16, the Minutes of the Committee dated May 4th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

/These Minutes included (12) Records' Section; (13) Publicity and Editorial Staff; (14) Miss Spaul; (15) Mr. Judd; (16) Regional Representatives; (17) Library; (18) Mr. Eppstein and Mr. Mills. 7

Minute 16. Regional Representatives. It was

RESOLVED: "That the transference of Mr. Stainton from the North Western Region to the West Midlands Region be authorised to take effect at Michaelmas 1927, but that the other proposed transference of these officers be considered at a later date."

It was

RESOLVED: "To ask Mr. J. H. Harris to become a Temporary member of the Staff Appointments Committee for the purpose of considering the appointment or appointments to be made on the Publicity Staff."

101. THE LATE LORD COWDRAY. It was

RESOLVED: "That this Committee places on record its great sorrow of the death of Lord Cowdray and authorises the Secretary to send to Lady Cowdray a message of deep sympathy on its behalf."

102. MISS JANET STEPHENS. The Committee learned with great regret of the motor accident in which Miss Janet Stephens, Secretary of the Essex Federal Council, had been seriously injured. The Secretary was asked to write a message of sympathy to Mrs. Stephens.

103. ANNUAL REPORT. It was

RESOLVED: "That the modified draft of the Annual Report, 1926, be referred to the Management Committee for approval on May 12th, 1927."

104. RELIEF OF REFUGEES. Mr. Harris drew the attention of the Committee to the reasons for fearing that in insisting that the Governing Body of the International Labour Organisation should accept full financial responsibility for the Refugee Service of the League, it was the intention of the British Government to suggest the reduction and possibly the winding up of that service. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be asked to express to the Minister of Labour the Committee's appreciation of the desire of His Majesty's Government that the Governing Body should take full responsibility for the Refugee Section of the League of Nations but at the same time to impress him with the value of this work and the necessity of its continuance!"

105. GIFTS UNDER DEED. The Secretary reported that Mr. McKenna, in a conversation on May 7th, had said that a strong case could be made out at least on the hospitals' behalf and that therefore the Union would be well advised to co-operate with the hospitals in sending a deputation to the Chancellor of the Exchequer in order to demonstrate the very grave consequences to these charities which would result were the Government Resolution of April 28th, relative to the avoidance of Income Tax (Schedule "A") put into operation. The Committee was pleased to note that were such a deputation formed, Mr. McKenna would gladly join it on the Union's behalf.



106. SITUATION IN CHINA.

- (a) Nanking Reparations. The Committee had before it the following resolution drafted by the Chairman:-

"Considering that questions 'as to the extent and nature of the Reparation to be made for any breach of international obligation' are specially mentioned in Article 13 of the Covenant as suitable for arbitration or judicial settlement;

And, considering that throughout the recent trouble in China, His Majesty's Government has expressed its desire and intention to use the League machinery wherever suitable, and always to act scrupulously in the spirit of the Covenant;

The Executive of the League of Nations Union trusts that in pursuing its demand for reparation for the outrages committed at Nanking, His Majesty's Government will always be ready to agree to arbitration and enquiry, either by the International Court or by some other disinterested tribunal, and will endeavour to obtain for that policy the co-operation of the other Governments concerned."

The Committee were of opinion that the question of securing reparation for damage inflicted on British and other nationals at Nanking, together with other specific proposals brought before it, raised the whole question whether the League of Nations should not be able to intervene in a serious conflict in which were engaged on the one side sovereign powers and on the other the nationals of a state having no responsible Government. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "To refer the draft Resolution to the Management Committee."

- (2) "That the Revision of the Covenant Committee be asked to consider whether, in order that the League of Nations may more effectively fulfil its main purpose, it will not be desirable so to modify or add to Articles 11, 12, 13 and 15 in the Covenant as to enable the League to be used in order to prevent or arrest hostilities involving the lives and property of foreign nationals within a country where civil war or anarchy prevails, or to protect and vindicate their natural and acquired rights in these circumstances."

- (b) International Police Force. The Committee acknowledged a memorandum prepared by Mr. L.M. Wynch and

RESOLVED: (1) "That the memorandum be referred to the Revision of the Covenant Committee for consideration and report;

- (2) "That the memorandum be also referred to the Management Committee."

- (c) Future Status of Shanghai. It was reported that Mr. Rankine Finlayson, Chairman of the Far East Committee of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, had asked for the advice and criticism of the Union upon the proposal contained in a memorandum, that Shanghai should be constituted a Free City under the auspices of the League; the Committee agreed that the comments of the Intelligence Department upon this proposal should be sent to Mr. Finlayson as soon as possible and

RESOLVED: (1) "That Mr. Finlayson's memorandum be referred to the Revision of the Covenant Committee for consideration and report;



(2) "That the memorandum be referred also to the Management Committee."

107. THE COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE. The Secretary reported that Mr. Zimmern wished to draw the attention of the Committee to the unfortunate proposal incorporated, at the request of the British Foreign Secretary, in the agenda of the next meeting of the Council, that the number of its meetings should in future be reduced to three each year. There was reason to fear that this proposal, if carried, would seriously limit the efficiency of the League. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Vice-Chairman be asked to represent to Sir Austen Chamberlain the disadvantages of this proposal."

The Chairman gave notice that he would place before the next meeting of the Committee the important issues raised by the Italian Bill, which, if passed into law, would pledge all Italian delegates, officials or international bodies to act strictly under the direction of the Italian Government.

108. OUTLAWRY OF WAR MOVEMENT. Consideration of interviews that had taken place between the Chairman and the Secretary, Mr. Levinson, was deferred till the meeting of the Management Committee on May 12th.
109. BOY SCOUTS' MOVEMENT IN ITALY. A communication from Sir Francis Fletcher Vane was referred to the Management Committee on May 12th, 1927.
110. A FIXED EASTER. Consideration of a communication from the Secretary of the Four Secondary Associations, was referred to the Management Committee on May 12th, 1927.
111. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. A resolution from the Halifax Branch dated April 26th (China) was brought to the notice of the Committee. It was

RESOLVED: "That this Resolution be acknowledged with thanks."



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1., ON THURSDAY, MAY 19TH,  
1927, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Norman Angell, G.N. Barnes, Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, C. Delisle Burns, Vice-Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, Lady Gladstone, J.H. Harris, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Major J.W. Hills, R.S. Hudson, J. de V. Loder, Sir Walter Napier, F.G. Penman, Lord Queenborough, W.J. Salmon, Lady Selborne, Miss Constance Smith, Henry Vivian, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch, together with the Secretary.

112. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Sir Arthur Shirley Ebn, L.J. Cadbury, J.R. Griffin, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths and Raymond Unwin.
113. MINUTES Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 100 and 106, the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on May 5th, 1927, were approved as circulated:

Minute 100(a). Delegation to Berlin Congress. It was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. A.L. Shepherd be invited to become a member of the delegation."

The Chairman reported that Mr. Campbell, a member of the Industrial Advisory Committee, had agreed to join the delegation and that he had invited Mr. Rennie Smith, from whom an answer had not yet been received. The Committee approved of the Chairman's action on condition that Mr. Rennie Smith should become a member of the Union and should accept the directions laid down by the Committee for the guidance of the delegation.

Minute 106. Situation in China. Since the Annual Congress of the Co-operative Union, at Whitsuntide, would probably have before it a resolution on China, it was

RESOLVED: (a) "To supply Mr. Salmon with a memorandum on China."

(b) "To forward copies of this memorandum and of the Committee's statement on the Chinese situation to the Secretary of the Co-operative Union."

X Minute 104. Relief of Refugees. The Vice-Chairman reported that he had inquired of the Ministry of Labour if there were any truth in the suggestion that the British Government desired to reduce and possibly to wind up the Refugee Service of the International Labour Organisation: the Minister had replied that the Government had no such intention.

114. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending 16th May, 1927, shewed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £2,255.4s.9d. with outstanding accounts (including £2,425.5s.2d. unexpended grants) amounting to £3,261.18s.8d.

The Committee noted that on 16th May, 1926, the Bank Balance was £4,649.7s.5d., with outstanding accounts amounting to £2,800.10s.6d.



115. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES. 88

- (a) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Subject to the following amendment to Minute 60 and decision upon Minute 62, the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated May 12th, 1927, were approved and adopted:

These Minutes included (51) Branch Resolutions; (52) Report of Public Meetings; (53) Recognition of Branches; (54) A Fixed Easter; (55) Gifts under Deed; (56) Annual Report; (57) Berlin Congress; (58) Situation in China; (59) Outlawry of War Movement; (60) Boy Scouts Movement; (61) Branch Resolutions; (62) Proposed Reduction in Number of Council Meetings; (63) Council Meeting; (64) Whitsun Holidays.

Minute 60(b). Boy Scouts Movement in England. To add the words "if forthcoming".

Minute 62. Council of the League: Proposed Reduction in number of meetings. A suggestion was made that it would be preferable to have no reduction in the number of meetings, even if the British Foreign Secretary himself could only attend three out of the four.

RESOLVED: (a) "That the Vice-Chairman be asked to interview the Foreign Secretary on this subject to express the Committee's appreciation of the time he had hitherto devoted personally to attendance at the Council and to ask what had been his motive for proposing that there should in future be only three meetings of the Council annually."

(b) "That the Union's delegation to Berlin be instructed to support any Resolution which might be brought forward expressing the regret of the Federation at the proposed reduction of Council Meetings."

- (b) PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Subject to the following amendments and decision on Minutes 36, 37 and 40, the Minutes of the Committee dated May 3rd, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (35) 4 page Leaflets, Suggestions of Oxford Federation; (36) A pamphlet on I.L.O. and Forced Labour; (37) Offer of Mr. Isaac Edwards; (38) Pamphlets by Miss E. Bradfield; (39) Publicity for THE SCHOOLS OF BRITAIN AND THE PEACE OF THE WORLD; (40) Resignation of Mr. Macdonell; (41) League Songs.

Minute 36. Pamphlet on the I.L.O. and Forced Labour. It was

RESOLVED: "That the pamphlet be not published at the present moment."

Minute 37. Offer of Mr. Isaac Edwards. To delete the words "if necessary" at the end of the Resolution.

Minute 40. Resignation of Mr. Macdonell. It was

RESOLVED: "That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Macdonell for the services which he has rendered to the Union and an expression of their regret at his resignation."



- (c) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated May 4th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (45) Chairmanship of the Committee; (46) New Member of Committee; (47) Mr. T. Norris; (48) Bibliography on Religious Aspect of International Relations; (49) League of Nations Sunday; (50) Co-operation with Sunday School Union; (51) The Churches' Action on the moral issue of Disarmament; (52) Working arrangement between Branches and Corporate Members; (53) Applications for Corporate Membership; (54) Co-optations to General Council; (55) Resolution of Baptist Assembly.]

- (d) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 18, the Minutes of the Committee dated May 4th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (18) Articles in Hibberts' Journal; (19) Minutes of Home Sub-Committee; (20) Minutes of Literature Sub-Committee; (21) Resignations; (22) New Member; (23) New Corporate Members; (24) Co-optations to General Council; (25) Dr. Alexander Irvine; (26) Drawing Room Meetings.]

Minute 18. Articles in Hibbert's Journal. It was

RESOLVED: "That the articles by the Chairman and by Professor Mackenzie should not be republished by the Union."

- (e) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions upon Minutes 37(c) and 41, the Minutes of the Committee dated May 5th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (32) Mr. Samuel Gleave; (33) Minimum Wage Conference; (34) Industrial Peace; (35) Washington Hours Convention; (36) Continuity of Conferences; (37) General Council, Harrogate; (38) I.L.O. in Schools; (39) Tenth International Labour Conference; (40) Secretaryship to Committee; (41) Staff Appointments Committee.]

Minute 37. General Council, Harrogate.

(c) I.L.O. Session. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked if possible to arrange either a session or a definite period during one of the sessions of the Council which could be devoted to discussion of the draft resolutions submitted by the Industrial Advisory Committee."

Minute 41. Staff Appointments Committee. That the recommendation be not approved.

- (f) PENAL REFORM COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated May 6th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (21) Decisions of Executive; (22) Committee of Federation Feb. 21st-24th; (23) Plenary Congress of Federation; (24) Action in other countries; (25) International Prison Commission and the League; (26) Article in HEADWAY; (27) International Labour Organisation.]

- (g) LIBRARY COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 21 the Minutes of the Committee dated May 10th, 1927, were approved and adopted.



[These Minutes included (21) Lighting of Library; (22) Fourth Conference of Association of Special Libraries, September, 1927; (23) Book List;]

Minute 21. Lighting of Library. It was

RESOLVED: "That this recommendation be referred to the Finance Committee."

- (h) DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 91, the Minutes of the Committee dated May 17th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (89) Disarmament Posters; (90) Proposed Manifesto on Disarmament; (91) Union's Disarmament Conference; (92) Slogan Competition; (93) Disarmament Campaign Staff; (94) Mr. Morris; (95) Forthcoming Eye-Elections; (96) Lord Mayor's Luncheon and Mayoral Conference; (97) Petitions.]

Minute 91. Union's Disarmament Conference. It was

RESOLVED: "That should Mr. J. Buchan not accept the invitation to speak on May 23rd, the matter be left in the hands of the Chairman."

- (i) FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Secretary brought to the notice of the Committee the four following recommendations of the Finance Committee dated May 18th, 1927. Consideration of the Minutes of the Committee was deferred to the next meeting.

Minute 45. London Federation. It was

RESOLVED: "That the London Federation be asked to consult the Committee before entering into any binding agreement with respect to office premises."

Minute 46. Decentralised Districts. It was

RESOLVED: (a) "To advise the Liverpool and Merseyside District Council to discontinue the present arrangement by which, as a Decentralised District, it has assumed responsibility for certain work normally done at Headquarters, e.g. registration of members and the distribution of HEADWAY and literature."

(b) "To offer to take over the Liverpool Office and, in view of the impending move of Mr. Stainton to Birmingham, to consider favourably the employment of Mr. Minto as Travelling Secretary for the North-Western Region, should Mr. Minto and the Liverpool and Merseyside District Council so desire."

Minute 47. Composition of the Committee. It was

RESOLVED: "To invite Lieut. Colonel C.K. Howard Bury, D.S.O., M.P., to become a member of the Committee."

Minute 48. Mr. Corner. It was

RESOLVED: "To thank Mr. Corner, to decline his offer, and explain to him the reason for so doing."

These recommendations were approved.



116. BERLIN CONGRESS AGENDA.

- (a) "ARBITRATION AND SECURITY". An alternative resolution which the delegation could propose as recommended in Minute 57(a) of the Management Committee of May 12th, 1927, had been drafted by the Chairman and Sir Walter Napier. It was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution be approved as amended and attached to these Minutes."

- (b) Meeting of the Delegation. Subject to the following amendments upon Minute 5, the Minutes of the meeting of the delegates to the Eleventh Plenary Congress, held on May 18th, 1927, were approved and adopted:

Minute 5. Draft Resolutions and Amendments.

III. National Minorities.

1. International Treaties and the Protection of Minorities.

That this resolution be opposed.

2. Protection of Minorities and the Covenant of the League.

That it be left to the delegates to take what action they think proper on this resolution.

V. Juridical and Political Questions.

4. Treaties of Neutrality and of Arbitration in the Balkans.

That the resolution be amended as proposed by the delegation, and also by the insertion of the words "within the framework of the League" after the words "conclude with each other".

5. Subventions to Societies of pacifist tendency.  
That part (a) of the resolution be amended by the substitution of the word "desirable" for the word "necessary".

- (c) French Troops on the Rhine. With reference to the Resolution of the Committee (No. 76) of April 7th, 1927:

"That the Delegation be asked to consult with M. Aulard when they arrived in Berlin."

a letter was read from M. Aulard in which he stated that his Society was not prepared to agree to the moving of a resolution such as had been communicated to him by Mr. Junghann, after consultation with the Union. He proposed that in thanking the German League of Nations Society for their welcome a member of the French Delegation should, at the first business meeting of the Congress, express the hope that all outstanding questions between Germany and the Allies should be settled in the spirit of the League. Special reference would not be made in this speech to the subject of territorial integrity. M. Aulard said that he had written in the same sense to Mr. Junghann.

The Committee were of opinion that should the proposed speech be made on behalf of the French delegation it should, as desired by M. Aulard, be supported by a member of the British delegation, who might mention territorial integrity as a notable example of outstanding questions which call for settlement in the spirit of the League."



117. GENERAL COUNCIL, HARROGATE, JUNE 22nd. 90(a) Nominations for the year 1927-8.(1) For Officers. It was

RESOLVED: "To nominate for election as Vice-Presidents:

The Earl of Home,  
Sir Henry Lunn, Kt., M.D., J.P.,  
Rt. Hon. T.R. Ferens."

(2) For Co-opted Members of the Council. It was

RESOLVED: "To nominate the following persons for co-optation to the Council under Bye-Law 6(iv):

(a) Religion: Rev. M.E. Aubrey, Rev. H.W. Fox, Rev. W. Musson Kelly, Rev. Henry Smith, Rev. J.F. Stern.(b) Trades and Industry: Dr. Ethel Bentham, J.P., Mr. R.C. Campbell, Sir Robert Donald, Mr. F.H. Elliott, Mr. H.H. Elvin, Mr. Samuel Gleave, Capt. L.E. Green, Mr. J.R. Leslie, Councillor T.M. McGiff, Captain J. Russell Pickering, Mr. A.G. Walkden.(c) Women's Organisations: Mrs. Lawry, Lady Lucas, Mrs. Class Drummond.(d) Services: Admiral of the Fleet the Rt. Hon. Earl Jellicoe, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O.(3) For the Executive Committee. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to nominate 25 persons for election to the Executive Committee".

(b) Resolutions. The Committee had before it draft resolutions on EDUCATION, CHINA and THE REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Resolutions upon these three subjects should be brought forward, the drafting of them to be left in the hands of the Chairman."

118. POSITION OF ITALIAN DELEGATES AND OFFICIALS ON INTERNATIONAL BODIES. The Chairman reported that an Italian Law had been passed as a result of which Italians employed on any international body were regarded as servants of the Italian State. They could only hold their positions after obtaining permission from the Italian Government which might at any moment be withdrawn. This legislation was in evident conflict with the internal statute of the League and the International Labour Organisation. The Foreign Secretary, whom he had consulted, was of opinion that no action could be taken in the matter. It was agreed that the delegates to the Berlin Congress should be supplied with particulars.
19. INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTIONS. PROPOSED DEPUTATION TO THE MINISTER OF LABOUR. Consideration of this matter was referred to the Management Committee on May 26th, 1927.
20. INDUSTRIAL PEACE COMMITTEE. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES. Consideration of this matter was referred to the Management Committee on May 26th.
21. EXHIBITION OF WAR FILMS. Consideration of this matter was referred to the Management Committee on May 26th, 1927.
22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. In view of the absence of a number of members of the Committee at the Berlin Congress, it was decided that the Committee should not meet on June 2nd, but that the Management Committee should meet on May 26th.

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PLENARY CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF  
NATIONS SOCIETIES, BERLIN, MAY 26TH, 1927.

"ARBITRATION AND SECURITY"

URGES that, for the future

ALL JUSTICIABLE DISPUTES between members of the League  
which are not settled by normal diplomacy shall, on the  
demand of either party, be submitted to the Permanent  
Court of International Justice or to an Arbitral Tribunal,  
provided always that such disputes may, if both  
parties agree, be submitted in the first instance  
to a Committee of Conciliation or to the mediation  
of the Council and

ALL NON-JUSTICIABLE DISPUTES shall, at the request of either  
party, be brought before the Council of the League of  
Nations, which shall deal with them in accordance with  
Article XV of the Covenant, and, if no settlement is  
thereby reached, shall submit them to an Arbitral Tribunal  
which shall (unless the parties otherwise agree) be  
appointed by the Council

provided always that such disputes may, if both  
parties agree, be settled by normal diplomacy or  
by reference to a Committee of Conciliation for  
amicable settlement.

Decisions of the Permanent Court and of the Arbitral Tribunal  
and unanimous reports of the Council shall be final.



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, CROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, JUNE 16TH, 1927, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Norman Angell, Professor Philip Baker, G.N. Barnes, C. Delisle Burns, Vice-Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, Lady Gladstone, Lady Hall, J.E. Harris, R.S. Hudson, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, F.N. Kean, Miss M. Marse, Sir Walter Napier, F.G. Penman, Miss Constance Smith, Henry Vivian, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Lynch together with the Secretary.

123. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Sir Arthur Shirley Henn, L.J. Cadbury, Sir Arthur Haworth and Lady Selborne.

124. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on May 19th, 1927, were approved as circulated.

125. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending 16th June, 1927, shewed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £2,222.15s.6d., with outstanding accounts (including £2,426.2s.11d. unexpended grants) amounting to £3,951.14s.0d.

The Committee noted that on 16th May, 1926, the Bank Balance was £3,351.7s.6d., with outstanding accounts amounting to £3,005.11s.0d.

126. SPECIAL APPEAL. Mr. Penman suggested that the Special Appeal issued in April should be followed up with further letters in the case of those who had not responded to the appeal. It was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Penman's suggestion be referred to the Finance Committee."

127. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated May 26th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (67) Recognition of Branches; (68) Report of Public Meetings; (69) Navy League; (70) Organisation of Meetings; (71) General Council, Harrogate, June 22nd; (72) International Labour Conventions; (73) Industrial Peace Committee; (74) Exhibition of War Films; (75) Festival of Youth; (76) Organisation; (77) Honolulu Conference.

Minute 60 - Boy Scouts Movement.

(1) In Italy. The Secretary reported that he had had an interview with Sir Robert Baden-Powell and Mr. Hubert Martin on May 10th. He had learned that many of the allegations contained in Sir Francis Fletcher Vane's report upon the treatment of scouts in Italy, were well-founded though certain of the details he gave were incorrect.

The Secretary had suggested that though the Italian Government's treatment of Scouts would probably be considered to be outside the competence of the League of Nations, the Education Committee of the Federation of League of Nations Societies might be invited by the Union to give attention to it, just as the Minorities Committee had examined the situation in the South Tyrol, a matter also not strictly within the League's competence. This suggestion appeared to be acceptable to Sir Robert Baden-Powell and Mr. Hubert Martin.



(ii) In England. The Committee was informed that the Vice-Chairman (who was not present) had also seen the Chief Scout concerning the attitude of the Imperial Scout Headquarters to the Union. The Secretary had found the Chief Scout convinced that no boys could be interested in the action taken by Governments for the promotion of peace. He had somewhat dissipated this opinion by quoting his own experience and by showing the degree to which teaching on the League was given in schools with official encouragement. Sir Robert Eaden-Powell had agreed to consider the suggestion that the boy scouts, like the girl guides, might receive an efficiency badge for international knowledge, including knowledge of the League of Nations.

- (b) FINANCE COMMITTEE. Subject to the amendment of Minute 46, the Minutes of the Committee dated May 18th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

/These Minutes included (42) Financial Statement; (43) Gifts under Deed; (44) Dr. Norwood; (45) London Federation, Office Accommodation; (46) Decentralised Districts; (47) Composition of Committee; (48) Mr. Corner; (49) Passing of Cheques for Payment./

Minute 46 - Decentralised Districts. (b). It was

RESOLVED: "That this paragraph be amended by the omission of all the words following 'Liverpool Office'."

- (c) WELCOME COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision upon Minute 28, the extract of the Minutes of the Committee dated May 26th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

/These Minutes included (26) Association for International Understanding; (28) Dorchester House Scheme./

Minute 28 - Dorchester House Scheme. The Committee was of opinion that the League of Nations Union should not undertake any responsibility whatever for the realisation of the financial proposals put forward by the Welcome Committee, and that the name of the Union should not be involved in any scheme adopted by a Committee or Company formed to acquire Dorchester House for the purpose of an international club. If such a club were established by a body or person financially independent of the Union and were found to be solvent, the Committee would be prepared to consider assisting it and making use of it. It was

RESOLVED: "That the proposals regarding Dorchester House be referred to the Finance Committee by the Chairman with an indication of the opinion of the Executive Committee."

- (d) EDUCATION COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated May 27th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

/These Minutes included (56) List of Meetings; (57) Steps taken by Local Education Authorities; (58) Declaration on the Schools of Britain and the Peace of the World; (59) Teachers' Conference and Summer Schools; (60) Report on Organisation and Work of Youth Sections; (61) Report on Enrolment of Children; (62) Revision of the Film THE WORLD WAR AND AFTER; (63) Conference of Educational Associations./

The Committee agreed that the author of the memorandum on the ORGANISATION AND WORK OF THE NORTH HACKNEY YOUTH SECTION should be given an opportunity of revising it before publication.



- (e) DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. Subject to the following Decision upon Minute 101, the Minutes of the Committee dated May 31st, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (100) Report on Conference; (101) Manifesto; (102) Leaflet; (103) Posters; (104) Speakers; (105) Title of Campaign; (106) Future Work.

Minute 101 - Manifesto. It was

RESOLVED: "That so soon as the Manifesto was ready to send to the Prime Minister, Lord Grey should be asked to write a letter to THE TIMES referring to the Manifesto, and that the Chairman be invited to consult with Lord Grey regarding this letter."

- (f) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated June 9th and 14th, 1927, were approved and adopted, the Secretary being authorised to delay putting 24(1) into operation if desirable and to report any such action to the Committee at its next meeting.

These Minutes included (20) Dame Adelaide Livingstons; (21) Records Section; (22) Publicity Secretary; (24) Publicity and Public Meetings; (25) Half-yearly revision of salaries and wages.

128. AGENDA OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL, HARROGATE, JUNE 22nd. The Committee approved the final agenda. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be empowered to draft a resolution upon the limitation of naval armaments of which notice was given in the Agenda, No. (D) 23, and that members of the Committee be invited to submit suggestions for this resolution to the Chairman."

129. DEPUTATION TO THE MINISTER OF LABOUR. It was reported that the Minister of Labour had agreed to receive a deputation from the Union on Monday, June 20th. The Minister had been informed that the deputation wished to press for the ratification of the Washington Hours Convention and to request the Government to review the situation concerning white lead poisoning at an early date, because of the Union's dissatisfaction with the failure of this country to ratify the White Lead Convention, and with the existing regulations. The Vice-Chairman would lead the deputation and twenty-two members of the Executive and Industrial Advisory Committees had already promised to take part in it.

Miss Constance Smith was cordially thanked for compiling up to date notes for the deputation on the White Lead Convention and the Lead Paint (Protection Against Poisoning) Act, 1926.

130. DEPUTATION TO MR. MCNEILL, MAY 23RD. It was reported that a deputation consisting of the following persons had been received by Mr. McNeill, the Financial Secretary, on May 23rd:- Sir Arthur Stanley and Lord Hambledon (representing British Hospitals); Sir William Beveridge and Dr. Baillie (representing Universities); Sir J.E.K. Studd, Mr. Reginald McKenna and Major J.W. Hills, M.P. (representing other Educational Charities); Lord Kenyon (representing Welsh Charities); Brigadier-General Noble F. Jenkins and Sir Robert Williams (representing Religious Charities); Mr. R.C. Norme and Captain L.F. Ellis (representing the National Council of Social Service).

The deputation had pointed out the grave injury to charities which would result from the enforcement of Resolution 15 passed by the House of Commons on April 28th, 1927, and urged that the deeds made in favour of charities, upon which it had hitherto been



possible to recover income tax, were genuine contracts. Mr. McNeill had promised that the Chancellor would give full consideration to the latter point which, if established, would alter the situation in his opinion and was certainly contrary to the assumption of the Government when framing the resolution. It was

RESOLVED: "That a memorandum be prepared upon this subject for circulation to members of the Parliamentary Committee."

#### 131. RELATIONS WITH COLOURED RACES.

(a) Forced Labour. Mr. Harris reported that a successful conference had taken place between the Joint Committee of the Union and the anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society, with Colonial Governors and Mr. Ormsby-Gore on June 1st, under the Chairmanship of Lord Buxton. The greatest assistance had been given by the Governors in the drafting of a memorandum to be sent by the Joint Committee to the Director of the International Labour Organisation. Most of their criticisms and amendments had been incorporated in the document, which now had considerable authority behind it. The Colonial Governors had been cordially thanked for their attendance at the Conference.

(b) Relations between White and Coloured Races. A communication was read from the Leeds Federation suggesting that it would be valuable for the Union to have a Standing Committee dealing not only with Mandates but with all questions at issue between the white and coloured races. The suggestion was favourably received. It was

RESOLVED: (1) That a memorandum setting forth the subjects which might come within the scope of such a Committee be prepared.

(2) That the Management Committee be asked to consider the constitution of the proposed standing committee upon the relations between white and coloured races.

132. CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES AT BERLIN. The Committee considered a report of the Congress. They noted with particular gratification the efficient work which it had accomplished, the cordial welcome it had received from the German Government and people, and the way in which any unfortunate incident connected with the contentious question of the evacuation of the Rhineland had been avoided. It was

RESOLVED: (1) That a message of thanks be sent on behalf of this Committee to the Deutsche Liga für Völkerbund and to the Burgomaster of Hamburg for their gracious hospitality.

(2) That the thanks of this Committee be conveyed to the British delegation to the Congress.

133. PUBLICITY FOR BERLIN CONGRESS. The Committee was of opinion that inadequate publicity in England had been given to the Congress. It was decided to give further attention to this matter when the Minutes of the Publicity Committee were next considered.

Mr. Norman Angell suggested that if, in future, serious misrepresentations of facts concerning the League or the Union were found in the daily press, the attention of the editors of certain weekly reviews should be drawn to this fact.

134. NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE TEACHING IN SCHOOLS. It was reported that the Conference of representatives of local Education Authorities in Great Britain and Northern Ireland had taken place under the Chairmanship of the President of the Board of Education, at the Caxton Hall, on June 8th. A resolution had been passed in the following terms:-



"That this Conference welcomes the steps which are being taken to give the children and the youth of this country a knowledge of the development of international relations and of the work and aims of the League of Nations, and requests the Board of Education, the Scottish Education Department, and the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland to circulate to Local Education Authorities a report of the proceedings of the Conference in order that they may consider the matter further in consultation with the teaching profession."

It had been decided to circulate this resolution together with the Declaration of the teaching profession and of the League of Nations Union on THE SCHOOLS OF BRITAIN AND THE PEACE OF THE WORLD, and Professor Murray's notes upon the Experts' Recommendations (A.26) to all Education Authorities. A most satisfactory resolution had also been passed at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Local Education Authorities which followed the official Conference, as the result of which a national Committee representative of the majority of the authorities and of teachers' organisations would be set up, to advise upon the best way of including instruction upon the League of Nations in the work of all schools.

The Committee was gratified to learn that a very good pre had been obtained for the Declaration both in the London and provincial papers.

135. WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE. Communications from Mr. W.T. Layton were read to the Committee in which he drew attention to the fact that the Belgian, Austrian and German Governments had already declared their approval of the report of the Economic Conference and had expressed their desire to put the Conference's Resolutions into effect. No statement had yet been made by the British Government. It was

RESOLVED: (1) That a resolution be moved at the meeting of the General Council at Harrogate, urging that an opportunity should be given to Parliament to debate the findings of the World Economic Conference and asking the British Government to give effect to the recommendations of the Conference.

(2) That Mrs. Layton be asked to prepare a pamphlet upon the Conference.

(3) That the summary of the work of the Conference issued by the Information Section of the League of Nations should be multiplied and supplied to all members of the Executive Committee and to all who should make inquiries of the office.

136. NAVY LEAGUE. A communication was read from the Rev. the Hon. E. Lyttelton, suggesting that an agreement might be reached between the Navy League and the League of Nations Union as to the naval strength which should necessarily be retained by this country, and that a press campaign for the limitation and reduction of armaments should be conducted on the basis of such an agreement. For this purpose he suggested a Conference between representatives of the Navy League and the Union. It was

RESOLVED: "That Dr. Lyttelton be thanked for his suggestion, but informed that the suggested conference was likely to be unprofitable."



137. NEW MEMBER OF FINANCE COMMITTEE. It was reported that Lord Queenborough had proposed the name of Captain Fanshawe as a member of the Finance Committee. It was 37

RESOLVED: "That Lord Queenborough be thanked and his proposal be accepted, but that effect be not given to it until the chairman should have conferred with him."

138. SPEECH BY DR. NORWOOD AT TUNBRIDGE WELLS. The following resolution of the Women's Advisory Committee of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations was laid before the Committee:-

"That this Committee having once more received complaints from two different sources of the Anti-British Propaganda promulgated at a meeting at Tunbridge Wells on March 31st addressed by Dr. Norwood, desires that the League of Nations Union should inquire into the matter, as such statements do harm to the League of Nations and are prejudicial to the Nation as a whole, and this Committee strongly deprecates the employment of speakers holding such views."

It was reported that an account of Dr. Norwood's speech at Tunbridge Wells on March 31st which formed the subject of this complaint, had been supplied to the Head Office and transmitted to the Vice-Chairman for his comment. A letter was read from the Vice-Chairman in which he strongly denied that serious exception need be taken by the Committee to the statements attributed to Dr. Norwood. It was, however, agreed that while Dr. Norwood had very largely increased the Union's membership by his campaign his manner was liable to offend a certain number of potential supporters. It was (42)

RESOLVED: "To thank the Women's Advisory Committee of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations for their communication but, seeing that Dr. Norwood's special engagement had terminated, to take no further action."

139. INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ACTUARIES, LONDON. The Chairman reported that this Congress was about to be held for the first time since the war, and the following resolution was passed:-

"The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union, learning with satisfaction that the Eighth International Congress of Actuaries is being held this month in London, and noting that the Congress is meeting for the first time since the conclusion of the Great War and the foundation of the League of Nations, desires on behalf of the 600,000 members of the League of Nations Union to offer cordial greetings to the Actuaries of many countries, and expresses the earnest hope that the deliberations of so important an international gathering will tend still further to promote that spirit of co-operation between nations for which the League of Nations essentially stands."

The Chairman was asked, in transmitting this resolution to the Actuaries' Congress, to draw special attention to the valuable work of the World Economic Conference.

140. BRANCH RESOLUTION. The following resolution was received from the Brentford Branch:-

"That we, the Executive Committee of the Brentford Branch of the League of Nations Union, do urge the National Executive to bring pressure to bear on the League of Nations at Geneva, that they keep a firm hand on the situation in China with a view to preventing War between China and other Powers."

RESOLVED: "That this Resolution be acknowledged with thanks." G.M.



UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, JUNE 30TH, 1927, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Norman Angell, Rt. Hon. G. N. Barnes, C. Delisle Burns, Colonel David Carnegie, Vice-Admiral S. R. Drury-Lowe, Lady Gladstone, Lady Hall, J. H. Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Leif Jones, Sir Walter Napier, F. G. Penman, W. T. Pritchard, H. F. Shaw, Miss Constance Smith, H. D. Watson, Herbert Worsley, L. M. Wynch together with the Secretary.

NOTE: Only 30 members of the Executive elected by the General Council on June 23rd, 1927, were summoned to this meeting.

141. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Captain Appleby, L. J. Cadbury and Sir Willoughby Dickinson.
142. MINUTES. Subject to the following amendment on Minute 138, the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on June 16th, were approved as circulated.

Minute 138 - Speech by Dr. Norwood. That the last sentence of the third paragraph (beginning "It was, however, agreed...") be deleted.

Minute 130 - Deputation to Mr. McNeill. The Secretary reported that a memorandum, containing a summary of the proceedings of the deputation, had been considered by the League of Nations Parliamentary Committee on June 23rd, when the Members present had agreed that they would endeavour to induce the Government to withdraw or amend Clause 19 of the Finance Bill. A further communication had been sent on behalf of the Charities concerned to all Members of Parliament, and the clause was to be considered in the House of Commons that day (June 30th).

143. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending June 27th, 1927, showed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £2,289.10s.5d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £3,509.2s.5d.

The Committee noted that on 27th June, 1926, the Bank Balance was £2,964.18s.4d., with outstanding accounts amounting to £2,857.3s.11d.

144. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- (a) PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions upon Minutes 50 and 54, the Minutes of the Committee dated June 15th, 1927, were approved and adopted:-

These Minutes included (45) Messrs. Benn; Mr. Isaac Edwards' Pamphlet; (46) Publicity for Annual Report; (47) Publicity for the Teachers' Declaration; (48) Publicity for the Meetings of the Federation; (49) Overseas Publicity; (50) Sir Edward Grigg; (51) Letter from Mr. Burge; (52) Four-page Leaflets; (53) London Federation Calendar; (54) "Journal de Geneve".

Minute 50 - Sir Edward Grigg. A report of an interview between Sir Edward Grigg and Captain Thomas was communicated to the Committee. The Committee noted that the Governor of Kenya would give his support to a League of Nations Society provided that it were established on a non-official basis, but realised that there were no



\* The Committee expressed the wish that the Vice-Chairman, Lady Gladstone, or Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe should see Commander Edwards, thank him for the trouble he had taken and explain to him the Committee's opinion upon the Dorchester House Scheme.

immediate prospects of starting such a Society. It was further agreed that it would be impolitic for this first African Society (outside the Union of South Africa) for the League of Nations to exclude Africans from its membership as recommended by Sir Edward Grigg. 97

RESOLVED: "That the question of the formation of colonial League of Nations Societies, to which people of coloured races would belong, be referred to the Inter-Racial Committee when constituted."

Minute 54 - "Journal de Geneve". The Committee was desirous of obtaining an adequate circulation for the Journal in Great Britain in order to ensure the continued inclusion of League of Nations news daily in that paper. It was therefore

RESOLVED: (1) That the Royal Institute of International Affairs be invited to ask the members of the Institute to subscribe to the "Journal de Geneve".

(2) That a suggestion be made to Professor Bovey that a weekly edition of the Journal would be more likely to obtain subscribers in this country.

Sir Walter Napier suggested that a Christmas or New Year's Card should be published by the League of Nations Union for 1928.

(b) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated June 15th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (59) Membership of Committee; (60) Churches' Action on Moral issue of Disarmament; (61) Working Arrangement between Branches and Corporate Members; (65) Resolutions of Denominational Assemblies; (66) Preamble to Covenant - Art Edition; (67) Application for Corporate Membership; (68) Sunday School Lessons; (69) Church Congress Advertisement.

(c) FINANCE COMMITTEE. Subject to the Secretary being empowered to delay action at his discretion on Resolution 54(1)(b), the Minutes of the Committee dated June 20th, 1927, were approved and adopted. \* (See Min. 157)

These Minutes included (52) Gifts under Deed; (53) Tync District; (54) Liverpool and Merseyside District; (55) Worcestershire Federal Council; (56) Staff; (57) Economics; (58) International Club; (59) Library; (60) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

(d) OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated June 21st, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (28) Interview with Sir Malcolm Robertson; (29) Report of the Berlin Congress; (30) Meeting of the Federation's Representative Council at Sofia; (31) Communication from Paris Branch; (32) Overseas Report; (33) Flemish Nationals; (34) Letter from Mr. Morrison; (35) Letter from Dr. Kunz.

(e) EDUCATION COMMITTEE. Subject to the Finance Committee approving of any expenditure involved in the recommendations of the Film Sub-Committee, the Minutes of the Education Committee dated June 24th, 1927, were approved and adopted.



These Minutes included (66) Steps taken by Local Education Authorities; (67) List of Meetings; (68) League of Nations and the Schools; (69) Declaration concerning Schools of Britain and the Peace of the World; (70) Summer Schools; (71) Preparations for Armistice Day; (72) E.B.C. Questionnaire; (73) The First School of Nations; (74) Communication from Empire Day Model Association; (75) Junior Branch Membership Cards; (76) Board of Education suggestions for Teachers; (77) Report of Film Committee. 150

Minute 68 - League of Nations and the Schools. The Chairman mentioned that he was about to leave for Geneva for meetings of the International Commission for Intellectual Co-operation and that he believed that his colleagues would be greatly encouraged by what he would be able to tell them of the action taken by the British Education Authorities, the League of Nations Union and the teaching profession.

Minute 69 - Declaration: "Schools of Britain and the Peace of the World." It was reported that the Board of Education had declared their intention of circulating the Declaration to all Local Education Authorities in England and Wales on July 4th.

145. POCKET COVENANTS. The Committee expressed great satisfaction at the new pocket edition of the Covenant of the League of Nations. It was

RESOLVED: (1) That copies of this edition of the Covenant be presented to all members of English-speaking delegations to the Assembly of the League of Nations.

(2) That a pocket edition of Part XIII of the Treaty of Versailles be also prepared and that copies of it be supplied to members of all English-speaking delegations to International Labour Conferences.

146. SCHOOL CHILDREN AT BOMBING DISPLAY. The Committee noted with great regret the invitations addressed to Local Education Authorities by those responsible for the air display at Hendon on July 2nd, in which free places were offered to school children to see among other spectacles the bombing of a model Eastern village. The Committee were of opinion that a public protest should be made by the Union and that in doing so it should make a clear distinction between the holding of military parades in general (concerning which it was not opportune to express an opinion) and representations of natives being blown to pieces for a public entertainment. The latter procedure was bad in itself; a misrepresentation of British colonial rule and liable to have a deplorable effect upon opinion in the colonies. It was

RESOLVED: (1) That the Chairman, or a person selected by him, should write a letter in this sense to THE TIMES.

(2) That the London Federation should immediately be asked to invite London Branches to persuade Local Education Authorities in their areas to decline the invitation given to them and to urge Members of Parliament for London constituencies to remonstrate with the competent Government Department.

(3) That letters be sent to the Editors of daily papers in which a false and misleading account of the objection to this bombing display, as voiced in the House of Commons, had appeared.



147. CO-OPTATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. It was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the following persons be invited to serve on the Executive Committee for 1927-28:-

Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, M.P.	J. de V. Loder, M.P.
A.W. Claremont	Miss M. Maxse
A. Duff Cooper, M.P.	Charles Roberts
David Davies, M.P.	Mrs. Walter Runciman
Miss Ruth Fry	W.J. Salmon
E.W. Morton George, J.P.	The Countess of Selborne
R.S. Hudson, M.P.	A.L. Shepherd, M.P.
Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths	The Hon. Mrs. Wilson-Fox.

(b) "That the following be also invited to serve if they feel able to give the necessary time:-

The Marquess of Hartington, M.P.  
Sir Charles Hobhouse, Bt.  
F.N. Keen.

(c) "That Colonel Crosfield (President of the British Legion) be invited to join the Committee unless he should prefer that Mr. Griffin (Secretary of the British Legion) be invited in his place."

148. GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING AT HARROGATE. The Committee deferred <sup>to</sup> till the next meeting, consideration of the Resolutions passed by the General Council.149. DEPUTATION TO MINISTER OF LABOUR. The Committee considered a short report (prepared by the Secretariat of the Union) of the proceedings of a deputation which took place on June 20th, 1927, and noted with regret that the Minister had been unable to give any indication of the date on which the Washington Hours Convention would be ratified. The report was accepted subject to the third paragraph on page 2 being amended to read as follows:-

"Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland said he thought that the subjects for discussion were sometimes of a technical nature, but he would consider favourably in the future the inclusion of a woman in the British delegation whenever questions affecting women were under consideration."

RESOLVED: (a) "That this report be referred to the Industrial Advisory Committee for consideration."

(b) "That for purposes of record an account of the deputation be agreed upon with the Ministry of Labour."

150. FORMATION OF AN INTER-RACIAL COMMITTEE. The Committee confirmed its previous decision to leave to the Management Committee the task of recommending the composition of a new Inter-Racial Committee and its terms of reference. It was suggested that it might be wise instead of forming a new Committee to enlarge the scope and add to the membership of the existing Mandates Committee. It was

RESOLVED: "That Lord Weston be consulted as to the persons best suited to advise the Union upon all questions at issue between the white and coloured races, and that if a separate Committee be constituted, he be invited to be Chairman of it."

151. LEAGUE DOCUMENTS IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM. It was thought desirable that a complete set of League of Nations documents should be available in the British Museum for reference purposes. It was



RESOLVED: (a) "That the Chairman be asked to communicate the wishes of the Committee to the Trustees of the British Museum." 102

(b) "That the Secretariat of the League of Nations should be informed of the Committee's desires."

152. WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE. The Committee was of opinion that a Conference for the purpose of making known the recommendations of the World Economic Conference should be held in the autumn. It was suggested that it might be held at the London School of Economics.

RESOLVED: (a) "That the Industrial Advisory Committee be asked to consider this suggestion at their meeting on June 30th."

(b) "That Mr. Leyton, Mr. Hobson and Mr. Hirst be consulted as to the organisation of the Conference."

153. NAVY LEAGUE LETTER. It was

RESOLVED: "That Professor Baker be asked to draft a reply to the letter from the Navy League which appeared in THE TIMES of June 30th, and that Lord Grey be asked to sign it."

154. EYE-ELECTIONS. The Committee deferred till its next meeting consideration of the reports upon Eye-Elections at Westbury and Brixton.

155. RESOLUTION OF SCALEY BRANCH. The following resolution of the Scalby Branch was read to the Committee -

"That this meeting of the Scalby Branch of the League of Nations Union, conscious of the obligations which this country, in common with others, has undertaken to limit and reduce armaments; believing that competition in armaments is a menace to peace and involves a crushing burden of taxation; welcomes the lead given by H.M. Government to the present Conference for the reduction of the naval armaments of the three great and friendly nations who share the leadership in sea power; and urges H.M. Government to do their utmost to bring this Conference to a successful issue and to embody its conclusion in a general convention for the limitation and simultaneous all-round reduction in armaments of all kinds in accordance with Article 8 of the Covenant of the League of Nations."

It was

RESOLVED: "That the above resolution be acknowledged with thanks and forwarded to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, JULY 7TH, 1927,  
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major J.W.Hills (in the Chair), Norman Angell,  
C.Delisle Burns, Colonel David Carnegie, Vice-  
Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, Lady Gladstone, Lady Hall,  
J.H.Harris, Mrs.W.T.Layton, Miss M.Maxse, Sir Walter  
Napier, W.T.Pritchard, W.J.Salmon, Lady Selborne,  
H.F.Shaw, Miss Constance Smith, Raymond Unwin, Henry  
Vivian, H.D.Watson, Herbert Worsley together with  
the Secretary.

156. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Mr.L.J.Cadbury,  
Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Mr.R.S.Hudson, Mr. F.G.Penman, Mrs.Wilson-  
Fox.
157. MINUTES. Subject to the following amendments to Minutes 144(c),  
146 and 155, and the following decisions on Minutes 147 and 152,  
the Minutes of the meeting held on June 30th, 1927, were approved  
as circulated.

Minute 144(c) - Finance Committee. The following words be  
added at the end of the Minute:-

"The Committee expressed the wish that the Vice-Chairman,  
Lady Gladstone, or Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe should see  
Commander Edwards, thank him for the trouble he had  
taken and explain to him the Committee's opinion upon  
the Dorchester House Scheme."

Minute 146 - School Children at Bombing Display. The Vice-  
Chairman having read a letter from Dr.Kimmins, Chairman of the  
Education Committee, it was, after discussion,

RESOLVED:(1)That the action contemplated by the Committee  
on June 30th be not taken.

(2)That the Vice-Chairman be asked to speak to  
Major Ormsby-Gore and to ascertain whether the  
Colonial Office had been consulted by the Air  
Ministry before the inclusion of the bombing  
of an Eastern village in the Hendon Air Pageant  
on July 2nd; and if not whether the Colonial  
Office thought that such a spectacle fairly  
represented British Colonial rule and could have  
no bad effect upon foreign and colonial opinion.

(3)That unless Major Ormsby-Gore will make such  
representations as the Vice-Chairman thinks  
necessary to Sir Samuel Hoare, the Vice-Chairman  
should then see Sir Samuel Hoare and thereafter  
a formal letter in confirmation of the Vice-  
Chairman's representations should be sent to  
the Air Ministry.

(4)That the question of local Education Authorities  
encouraging school children to attend military  
displays be referred to the Education Committee  
for consideration and report.

Minute 150 - Formation of an Inter-Racial Committee. Mr.Harris  
informed the Committee that Lord Weston was about to go to  
Geneva, where it was hoped that he would discuss with Professor  
Murray, the formation of the proposed Committee or the adapta-  
tion of the Mandates Committee.



Minute 147 - Co-optations to the Executive Committee. The Committee were glad to note that the following had accepted their invitation to serve on the Executive Committee for 1927-28:-

A.W. Claremont	F.N. Keen
A. Duff Cooper	Miss M. Maxse
Miss Ruth Fry	W.J. Salmon
R.S. Hudson, M.P.	The Countess of Selborne
Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths	The Hon. Mrs. Wilson-Fox.

The Committee noted that no reply had been received from the following:-

David Davies, M.P.	Charles Roberts
E.W. Morton George	Mrs. Walter Runciman
Sir Charles Hobhouse	A.L. Shepherd, M.P.
J. de V. Loder, M.P.	

The Committee regretted that the Marquess of Hartington, M.P. and Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, M.P. had felt obliged to decline their invitation, but hoped that the latter would be prepared to stand for re-election on his return from South Africa. It was

RESOLVED: (a) That Captain L.H. Green and Commander Kenworthy, M.P. be invited to serve on the Executive Committee.

(b) That the Vice-Chairman be asked to invite Sir Alan Anderson to join the Committee should any further vacancy occur.

Minute 155 - Resolution of the Scalby Branch. The Committee reversed its decision on June 30th and

RESOLVED: "Not to send the Resolution of this Branch separately to the Foreign Secretary."

158. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. It was

RESOLVED: (1) That whenever Branch Resolutions are submitted to the Executive or Management Committee an indication be given of the number of persons who have voted for or against the Resolution at the Branch meeting.

(2) That Branches be encouraged to send Resolutions affecting the League and foreign policy to their local Members of Parliament but not direct to the Government.

159. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending July 4th, 1927, shewed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £2,024.15s.8d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £4,014.4s.6d.

The Committee noted that on 4th July, 1926, the Bank Balance was £3,071.3s.0d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £2,857.3s.11d.

160. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) REVISION OF THE COVENANT COMMITTEE. Subject to the following amendment to and decision upon Minute 19(a), the Minutes of the Committee dated June 15th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

/These Minutes included (19) Situation in China; (20) Outlawry of War; (21) Election of Non-Permanent Members of the Council of the League; (22) Recent Treaties and the Covenant. 7



Minute 19a - Situation in China.

- (a) The Committee decided to refer to Lord Phillimore Mr. Unwin's request that the words "not under the effective control of the government of that state", be added, and
- (b) That a further sentence be added to the record of the discussion.
- (b) WELCOME COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions upon Minutes 34 and 35, the Minutes of the Committee dated June 28th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (32) Secretary's Report; (34) Executive Minute re International Club; (35) Forthcoming Events.

Minute 34 - International Club. Since the Vice-Chairman had already seen Commander Edwards and proposed to see him again shortly, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Committee's recommendation that the Finance Committee should invite Commander Edwards to attend their next meeting, be not accepted."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That the League of Nations Union should take no further action towards the establishment of an International Club, that the International Club Sub-Committee be dissolved and its members thanked for their labours."

*(See Min. 109. July 2, 1927)*

Minute 35(b) - Visit of American Journalists.

- (a) The Minute was amended by the substitution of the date July 30th for July 23rd.
- (b) It was agreed that in spite of the difficulties encountered by the Welcome Committee, it would be most desirable to acquaint the American Journalists during their stay in England with the work of the League of Nations Union. It was, therefore
- RESOLVED: "That Lady Gladstone be asked to arrange with Colonel Evelyn Wrench for one of the speakers at the dinner, given by the English-Speaking Union to these visitors, to refer to the purpose and work of the League of Nations Union; or to arrange for the party to pay a visit to Oxford on July 30th while the Union's Summer School is in progress."
- (c) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions upon Minutes 45, 49, 50, 53(c), 54(d), 55 and the following amendment to 52, the Minutes of the Committee dated June 30th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (45) Regional Conferences; (46) Staff Appointments Committee; (47) Washington Hours Convention; (48) International Labour Conference - Tenth Session; (49) Annual Conference; (50) World Economic Conference; (51) General Council, Harrogate; (52) Declaration: SCHOOLS OF BRITAIN AND THE PEACE OF THE WORLD; (53) Berlin Congress; (54) Labour Organisation Sub-Committee. (55) Publications.



Minute 45 - Regional Conferences. It was

RESOLVED: "That no action shall be taken until the Secretary shall have conferred with the Regional Representatives upon this suggestion."

The Committee noted that the Conference on July 8th, had been organised by the London Regional Federation and not by the Head Office or the Industrial Advisory Committee, and that neither the organisations invited nor the speakers were as representative of various political Parties and industrial groups as could be desired.

Minute 49 - Annual Conference. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next Conference should be held in October or November 1927 and not in the early part of 1928, and that THE WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE should be the subject for this gathering, the recommendation that a separate Congress be held on Migration not being accepted."

Minute 50 - World Economic Conference. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That Sir Arthur Balfour and Mrs. Layton be invited to become members of the Subcommittee appointed to organise the Conference on this subject.

(2) "That no financial obligation be incurred for the organisation of this Conference without the consent of the Finance Committee."

Minute 53(c) - Publicity for Berlin Congress. That this Minute be referred to the Publicity Committee for consideration and report.

Minute 54(b) (iv) - Industrial Advisory Committees in the provinces. It was

RESOLVED: "That no action shall be taken until the Secretary shall have conferred with the Regional Representatives upon this suggestion."

Minute 55 - Publications. It was

RESOLVED: "To transmit to the Ruskin Press the suggestion that the Preamble to Part XIII of the Treaty of Versailles be printed in a similar form to the illuminated Preamble to the Covenant."

Minute 52 - THE SCHOOLS OF BRITAIN AND THE PEACE OF THE WORLD. It was

RESOLVED: (1) That the recommendation of the Committee be not accepted.

*See mins. 169*

(2) That the addendum on the International Labour Organisation be printed separately from the Declaration concerning THE SCHOOLS OF BRITAIN AND THE PEACE OF THE WORLD, but in a leaflet of the same size, and that it be circulated together with the Declaration.



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- (d) ECONOMIC CONFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the first meeting of the Sub-Committee dated July 5th, 1927, were approved and adopted. Certain alterations in the draft programme were suggested. It was understood that the Sub-Committee would report direct to the Executive Committee.
- (e) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated June 30th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (28) Dame Adelaide Livingstone; (29) Assistant to the Secretary; (30) Mr. Mills; (31) Miss Mair; (32) Time Books.

161. GIFTS UNDER DEED. The Committee noted with satisfaction that the Chancellor of the Exchequer had withdrawn Clause 19 of the Finance Bill 1927, by which it was intended to deprive charities of a source of income which produced £10,800 a year for the Union.
162. GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING AT HARROGATE. The Committee considered the Resolutions passed by the General Council of the Union at its Annual Meeting, June 22nd-24th, 1927, as attached to these Minutes. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following Resolution of the Council on Unemployment Caused by the Reduction of Armaments be referred to the Limitation of Armaments Committee for consideration and report:-

"The General Council asks the Executive Committee to investigate the social and economic disturbance which inevitably follows upon a transition from war conditions to those of permanent peace, and to propose remedies." "

It was further

RESOLVED: "That the Resolutions of the General Council affecting the League of Nations or foreign policy be communicated in writing to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs."

163. FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES. It was

RESOLVED: (a) To communicate in writing the Resolutions passed by the Plenary Congress at Berlin to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, together with the Resolutions passed at Harrogate.

(b) To authorise the British Delegation at the meeting of the Representative Council at Sofia in October 1927, to propose Count Bernstorff for election as President of the Federation for the coming year.

(c) To add to the Agenda of the Representative Council the following subject:-

"Consideration of Final Report of the Committee of Experts of the International Committee on Intellectual Co-operation."

164. FESTIVAL OF YOUTH. It was

RESOLVED: "That the cordial congratulations of this Committee be conveyed to the London Federation upon the success of the Festival of Youth at the Crystal Palace on June 18th, and, in particular, to Mr. Erik Barnett, the Organising Director."



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165. BYE-ELECTIONS.

(a) Westbury. The Committee considered the report of the Bye-Election at Westbury on June 16th, 1927. The Committee noted that all three candidates had attended a successful meeting at Trowbridge, and had signed the Disarmament Manifesto. Further information upon the reference made to the League in the Candidates' Election Addresses was to be obtained.

(b) Erixton. The Committee considered a report of the Bye-Election held at Erixton on June 27th, 1927. The Conservative and Liberal Candidates had both given satisfactory replies to questions asked by the Central Lambeth Branch about British foreign policy regarding the League and the reduction of armaments. The Labour Candidate had agreed with the views expressed in the letter of the Lambeth Branch but had not, like the other two Candidates, mentioned the League in his Election Address.

166. TICKETS FOR LEAGUE ASSEMBLY. A communication was read from the Secretariat of the League of Nations intimating the willingness of the Secretariat to make arrangements for members of the Executive Committee of the Union to obtain seats at meetings of the Assembly. It was

RESOLVED: "That all members of the Executive Committee be invited to state in writing whether they intend to be present at all or part of the meetings of the Eighth Assembly and whether they wish seats to be procured for them."

*J. M. Bell*

21.7.27.



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## RESOLUTIONS

PASSED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF  
THE GENERAL COUNCIL AT HARROGATE, JUNE 22ND - 24TH,  
1927.A. POSTAL BALLOT:

"That the General Council be recommended to approve of a Postal Ballot being conducted as described in Minute 219 of the Council for the purpose of choosing the names of thirty members of the Union to be proposed to the Council for election to the Executive Committee in 1928."

B. ADVERTISEMENTS IN "HEADWAY":

"That every advertisement submitted for inclusion in HEADWAY be considered on its merits, and that, as far as possible, every advertisement be accepted which the Executive Committee itself does not decide to exclude."

C. RELATIONS WITH PEACE SOCIETIES:

"Realizing the general community of the aims of the League of Nations Union with those of many other bodies working for peace and international friendship, the Council welcomes the co-operation of such bodies and is glad that Branches should join in common activities with them, provided always that in each case the Branch should be satisfied that the outcome of that activity increases public support for the League of Nations."

D. COUNCIL AGENDA:

"The General Council regrets that there has not been time adequately to discuss many items on the Agenda at recent Council Meetings, and asks the Executive to consider how this can be obviated."

E. UNION POLICY:

"That this Council requests the Executive Committee to make a report to the June Council year by year setting out what progress has been made up to date towards achieving the detailed objects in the declared policy of the Union."

F. CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP:

- (a) "The General Council, desiring further information concerning the value of the Corporate Membership scheme, invites the Executive Committee to ask Branches what individual membership of the Union has been obtained through this scheme and to report to the next General Council Meeting."

(b) Relations between Corporate Members and Branches:

- "The General Council is of opinion:-
- (1) That a strong Central Branch with Branches or subordinate bodies attached to it is much to be preferred to a number of strong Branches or sub-Branches grouped round a weak centre; and



- (2) That the presence of representatives of Corporate Members on the Branch Committee would be of assistance both to the Branches and to the Corporate Members. The Council therefore urges every branch to act on the following resolution adopted by the General Council on December 14th, 1926:-

'The General Council of the League of Nations Union invites Branches to encourage Corporate Members attached to them to send representatives to their meetings, and calls the attention of Branches to the value of including representatives of Corporate Members in the Branch Committees.'

- (3) The Council further suggests that each Corporate Member's representative on the Committee of the Branch be invited to present to the Committee an annual report of the work of the Corporate Members; and
- (4) In view of the fact that a Corporate Member (or its representative) can as a rule most conveniently collect the subscriptions of individual members of the Union who also belong to the Corporate Member, and since the Corporate Member has other exceptional opportunities for work on the Union's behalf, invites each Branch to make arrangements with any Corporate Member attached to it for the purpose of meeting any expenditure which the Corporate Member thus incurs with the Branch's approval."

#### PROVISION OF SPEAKERS:

"The General Council, conscious of the fact that Branches have passed beyond the stage where they can rest satisfied with general addresses on the League, and aware of the growing need of finding trained speakers to deal effectively with particular aspects of its work, requests the Executive Committee to formulate plans for the provision of a greater number of full-time staff speakers to support the activities of Branch Secretaries, District Organisers and Regional Representatives."

#### H. YOUTH SECTIONS OF BRANCHES:

"The General Council urges Branches to set up Youth Sections for young members and advises them not to impose a rigid age limit for membership of Youth Sections, though persons over the age of twenty-five should not be recommended to join them."

#### I. WEARING OF UNION BADGE:

"The General Council urges all members of the Union to wear the brooch badge issued by the Union especially during Armistice Week."

#### J. EDUCATION:

"The General Council of the League of Nations Union congratulates the President of the Board of Education upon convening the first National Conference of education authorities to consider the question of providing instruction for the children and young people of this country in the aims and objects of the League of Nations.

The General Council further welcomes the Declaration from the whole teaching profession as represented by the principal associations of school masters and mistresses on



the need for this teaching, on how it may best be fitted into the school curriculum, and on how it may help to achieve some of the chief purposes of education.

The Council commends this Declaration to the careful consideration of local education authorities and of all teachers in Great Britain.

K. CHINA:

"The General Council of the League of Nations Union trusts that His Majesty's Government will continue to adhere to the moderate and far-seeing policy in China embodied in the memorandum of December, 1926, and instructs the Executive Committee to consider how best the League's principles for the peaceful settlement of disputes, expressed in Articles 11, 12, 13 and 15 of the Covenant, may be applied in practice to disputes between a State Member of the League and the Nationals of another State uncontrolled by any effective Government."

L. SETTLEMENT OF ARMENIANS:

"The General Council of the League of Nations Union reaffirms its conviction that the States Members of the League of Nations, and especially Great Britain, are under a moral obligation to the Armenian people to promote their welfare in all possible ways and to press forward the question of their National Home, and urges His Majesty's Government to take action to this end, and in particular to give practical support to the scheme for the settlement of Armenian Cultivators on the land of Syria."

M. INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS:

The General Council of the League of Nations Union resolves

1. That Industrial Organisations be invited to become connected with the Union under one or other of the following conditions:-
  - (a) That, in accordance with the Union's Bye-Law 6(v), any industrial organisation covering the whole country, whether an association of employers or a Trade Union or the Co-operative Union, Co-operative Wholesale Society or the Co-operative Wholesale Society of Scotland, may become affiliated to the Union on signifying in writing its general agreement with the objects of the Union and on promising to pay a minimum annual subscription of five guineas, which would entitle the organisation to appoint one representative on the General Council of the Union and to receive such publications as are sent to Foundation Members; and
  - (b) That any industrial organisation (whether an association of employers, a Trades Union or a Co-operative Society) may be accepted as an Industrial Associate of the Union on signifying in writing its general agreement with the objects of the Union and on promising to pay a minimum annual subscription of £1, which will entitle it to receive such publications as are sent to Foundation Members.
2. That the Executive Committee be authorised to accept the industrial organisations named in Resolution 1(a), above, as Affiliated Bodies under the conditions stated in the resolution.



3. That firms and branches of trades unions and local Co-operative Societies should be invited to become Corporate Members of the Union at the ordinary fee of £1 per annum.
4. That Branches be invited to encourage Corporate Members and Industrial Associates attached to them, to send representatives to their meetings."

N. PUBLIC OPINION AND THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION:

"The General Council of the League of Nations Union calls attention to the need of increasing the efforts to inform the public of the work of the International Labour Organisation, both in order to secure ratification of International Labour Conventions and in order to win increased support for the League of Nations as a whole through that part of it which has to deal with questions of immediate interest to the majority of the individual citizens of this country."

O. NATIVE LABOUR:

"The General Council of the League of Nations Union welcomes the inception of an inquiry by the I.L.O. into Conditions of Native Labour, and trusts that the British Government will use its best endeavours to secure the inclusion of this subject in the agenda of an early session of the International Labour Conference."

P. WASHINGTON HOURS CONVENTION:

"The General Council of the League of Nations Union expresses its earnest hope that the British Government will, without further delay, announce its decision to implement the unanimous agreement reached by the London Hours of Work Conference of 1926, and to follow the example of Belgium in ratifying the Washington Hours of Work Convention."

Q. I.L.O. AND INTELLECTUAL WORKERS:

"The General Council of the League of Nations Union notes with great satisfaction the decision of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office to set up an Advisory Committee to consider the conditions of work of intellectual workers."

R. INQUIRY INTO CONDITIONS OF WORK IN THE COAL INDUSTRY.

"The General Council of the League of Nations Union regrets that the failure of the majority of Governments to supply the requisite information has delayed the publication by the International Labour Office of a report on conditions of work in the Coal Industry in the various countries and trusts that every effort will be made to remedy this situation."

S. REDUCTION AND LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS.

"The General Council of the League of Nations Union notes with satisfaction such progress as was made towards the general Reduction and Limitation of Armaments by the Preparatory Commission of the League of Nations; recognises that such difficulties of detail as have arisen can only be overcome by a strong and clear expression of well-informed public opinion in all countries, and, above all, in this country;



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undertakes that the Union will continue to do all in its power to enlighten public opinion on the problems of disarmament, and more generally to dissipate that ignorance and misunderstanding which constitute the chief obstacles to international co-operation; and

trusts that His Majesty's Government, conscious of public support, will take such steps as are required to reconcile points of divergence, so that a draft treaty of Disarmament may be unanimously adopted, and that any agreement reached at the Three-Power Naval Conference at Geneva may be fitted into the framework of such treaty."

T. UNEMPLOYMENT CAUSED BY REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS.

"The General Council asks the Executive Committee to investigate the social and economic disturbance which inevitably follows upon a transition from war conditions to those of permanent peace, and to propose remedies."

U. LIMITATION OF NAVAL ARMAMENTS.

"Considering that the whole cause of World Disarmament will be endangered by any failure of the Three Power Naval Conference now meeting at Geneva, the Council urges His Majesty's Government to make every effort to reach a satisfactory agreement with the two great and friendly nations who now share with us the leadership in sea power.

The Council trusts that whatever plan is finally adopted will include a drastic and universal reduction in size of all classes of warship and of armament and notes with satisfaction that the British Delegation has begun by making proposals in this direction.

V. WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.

"In view of the financial and economic dangers now threatening the civilised nations, and the urgent need of general and concerted action for meeting them; and further considering that the World Economic Conference of nearly 200 experts appointed by 50 Governments have, except for the Delegations from Moscow and Angora, agreed unanimously on the courses of policy required, the General Council of the League of Nations Union strongly urges His Majesty's Government to co-operate energetically with such other Governments as are willing in putting the recommendations of the Conference into effect.

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## LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION.

## UNAPPROVED

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15,  
GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1., ON THURSDAY, JULY 21ST, 1927  
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major J.W. Hills (in the Chair), Captain W. Appleby,  
Professor Philip Baker, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter,  
C. Delisle Burns, Colonel David Carnegie, Vice-Admiral  
S.R. Drury-Lowe, Captain L.H. Green, Lady Hall, J.H.  
Harris, R.S. Hudson, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Leif  
Jones, Mrs. W.T. Layton, Sir Walter Napier, W.T. Pritchard,  
W.J. Salmon, the Countess of Selborne, H.F. Shaw, A.L.  
Shepherd, Miss Constance Smith, Raymond Unwin, Henry  
Vivian, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley,  
L.M. Wynch together with the Secretary.

167. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Mr. L.J. Cadbury,  
Miss Ruth Fry, the Viscountess Gladstone, Mr. J.R. Griffin, Sir  
Arthur Haworth, Lieut-Commander Kenworthy, Miss Maxse, Mr. Charles  
Roberts and Mrs. Runciman.
168. CO-OPTATIONS. The Committee were glad to know that the following  
had accepted their invitation to serve on the Executive Committee  
for 1927-28:-

David Davies, M.P.	Charles Roberts
E.W. Morton George	Mrs. Walter Runciman
Rt. Hon. Sir Charles Hobhouse	A.L. Shepherd, M.P.
Captain L.H. Green	Lieut-Commander Kenworthy, M.P.

169. MINUTES. Subject to the following amendment to Minutes 160(b) 34  
and decisions upon Minutes 160(b)35(b) and (c) 45 and 54, the  
Minutes of the meeting held on July 7th were approved and adopted.

Minute 160(b) 34 - International Club. The Committee  
decided to reverse its decision of July 7th and

RESOLVED: "That the International Club Sub-Committee be  
not dissolved but be invited to continue its  
examination of schemes for the establishment  
of an International Club in the light of the  
experience gained by the English-Speaking Union."

Minute 160(b)35(b) - Visit of American Journalists. It was  
reported that a body of American journalists visiting England  
had tentatively accepted an invitation to visit Oxford on  
July 30th where they would be received by the Warden of New  
College. It was

RESOLVED: "That the party should be provided with lunch  
on the train at the expense of the Union in  
the event of their acceptance."

Minute 160(c) 45 - Regional Conferences. The Secretary re-  
ported that after discussing with the Union's Travelling  
Secretaries the organisation of Regional Conferences on the  
International Labour Organisation, he recommended that the  
Union's Branches or groups of Branches in several of the  
larger cities be invited to convene Conferences on the I.L.O.  
during the autumn or winter.

RESOLVED: "To refer this suggestion to the Organisation  
Committee for consideration and report."



Minute 160(c) 54 - Industrial Advisory Committees in the Provinces. The Secretary reported that after discussing with the Union's Travelling Secretaries the question of establishing permanent Industrial Advisory Committees in the provinces, he recommended the establishment of permanent Industrial Advisory Committees of every District Council which employed a paid full-time Secretary, the constitution of the Committees to be similar to that of the Industrial Advisory Committee of the Union's Executive. He further recommended that in other large towns persons representative of organised labour should be added to the Branch or District Committee if such persons were not already included upon it. It was

RESOLVED: "To refer this suggestion to the Organisation Committee for consideration and report on the understanding that any recommendation for adding representatives of organised labour to any Committee of the Union should be accompanied by a recommendation to add persons representative of organised employers."

Minute 157(146) - School Children and Bombing Display. The Vice-Chairman reported that he had seen both Major Ormsby-Gore and Sir Samuel Hoare. Both ministers denied that the incident to which objection had been taken in the Air Pageant at Hendon had any military significance.

Minute 160(c) 52 - THE SCHOOLS OF BRITAIN AND THE PEACE OF THE WORLD. It was agreed that this minute should be amended by the addition of a paragraph to be drafted by the Vice-Chairman and Captain Green.

170. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending July 18th, 1927, showed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £1,304.15s.6d., with outstanding accounts amounting to £4,014.4s.6d.

The Committee noted that on 18th July, 1926, the Bank Balance was £3,071.3s.0d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £2,857.3s.11d.

171. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the meeting dated July 14th, 1927, were approved and adopted, subject to the inclusion of Mr. Worsley's name among those present.

These Minutes included (79) Recognition of Branches; (80) Public Meetings; (81) How to Organise a Meeting; (82) Naval Conference at Geneva; (83) Disarmament Resolution for Branch Meetings; (84) Propaganda; (85) Membership of Finance Committee; (86) Traffic in Women and Children; (87) Branch Resolution; (88) Albert Hall Meeting; (89) Lady Beecham's Reception; (90) Resignation of Miss Davies.

Minute 82(b) - Naval Conference at Geneva. The Vice-Chairman reported that Lord Grey had declined to write a letter to THE TIMES as he had twice spoken in public in support of the policy contained in the committee's statement.

Minute 83 - Disarmament Resolution for Branch Meetings. The Committee accepted the resolution as drafted by Major Hills, Admiral Drury-Lowe and Mr. Worsley, attached to these Minutes: it was understood that the text of the resolution differed considerably from that originally submitted to branches and that the number of persons who voted for either resolution would eventually be communicated to the Prime Minister.

(b) PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the meeting dated July 5th were approved and adopted.



These Minutes included (59) Letter from Mr. Burge; (60) Posters; (61) Mr. Hodges' Manifesto; (62) Mr. Ainsworth; suggested handbill; (63) Miss Freeman - Disarmament Leaflet; (64) "The Advertising World"; (65) Car Mascot; (66) Picture entitled "Whither"; (67) Unemployment and armaments; (68) Wayside Pulpits; (69) Miss Spaul; (70) Lantern Slides; (71) Christmas Card; (72) News from Geneva; (73) League of Nations Lyric; (74) Time of Meetings.

- (c) REVISION OF THE COVENANT COMMITTEE. Subject to the following amendment and decision on Minute 26 the Minutes of the Committee dated July 15th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (26) Outlawry of War; (27) Peaceful settlement of International Disputes; (28) Election of non-permanent members of the Council of the League of Nations; (29) Recent Treaties and the Covenant.

Minute 26(b) - Outlawry of War. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the recommendation of the Committee be amended by the substitution of the following words for the resolution and for the title of the draft treaty contained in the minute -

'That representatives of the League of Nations Union, were they to discuss with Professor Shotwell or members of the League of Nations Non-Partisan Association a possible agreement into which Great Britain could enter with the United States of America, should be authorised to take the following draft as a basis of discussion - *the draft* *(to be considered absolutely confidential. (Minute 180))*

X DRAFT TREATY FOR THE RENUNCIATION OF WAR AS AN INSTRUMENT OF POLICY (which could be signed by a state member of the League of Nations consistent with its obligations under the Covenant, with a non-member-state).

The undersigned, duly authorised to that effect, agree as follows:-

Article 1. The signatory States assert that a war of aggression constitutes an international crime.

Article 2. The signatory States mutually undertake that they will in no case attack or invade each other or resort to war against each other.

This stipulation shall not, however, apply in the case of

- (a) The exercise of the right of legitimate defence, that is to say resistance to a violation of the undertaking contained in the previous paragraph; provided that the attacked party shall at once offer to submit the dispute to peaceful settlement or to comply with an arbitral or judicial decision.
- (b) Action in pursuance of Article 16 of the Covenant of the League of Nations.
- (c) Action as the result of a decision taken by the Assembly or by the Council of the League of Nations.



Article 3. Each of the signatory States undertakes that, in the event of a breach of a treaty or covenant for the compulsory peaceful settlement of international disputes, other than this treaty, it will not aid or abet, or permit its nationals to aid or abet, the treaty-breaking power.

Article 4. The signatory States undertake to co-operate sincerely in devising means for the peaceful settlement of all disputes that may arise between them.

Article 5. In view of the greater degree of security provided by this treaty, the signatory States further undertake to give their sincere co-operation to the limitation and progressive reduction of armaments and to seek the realisation thereof in a general agreement."

(See Min. 120) (2) "~~That the Draft Treaty be considered strictly confidential.~~"

(d) WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. The Minutes of the Council dated July 13th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (237) Reduction of Armaments; (240) League Education in the Schools; (241) Economic Conference; (243) Northamptonshire Open Air Meetings' Campaign; (245) Communication from East Anglian District Council; (246) Membership of Women's Advisory Council.

(e) ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE ON THE WORK OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE. The Minutes of the meetings of the Committee dated July 14th, 1927, and July 19th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (10) Co-optations; (11) British Section, International Chamber of Commerce - Co-operation; (12) Proposed Migration Conference; (15) Auspices; (16) Co-optations; (17) Date of Conference; (18) Place of Meeting; (19) Programme; (20) Organisation.

(f) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The Chairman acquainted the Committee with the recommendations of the Industrial Advisory Committee made at its special meeting and at its ordinary meeting on July 13th, 1927. The Minutes of the special meeting were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (58) Annual Conference; (59) World Economic Conference; (60) Proposed Joint Conference with British Section of the International Chamber of Commerce; (61) Relation of Industrial Advisory Committee to Executive; (62) Place of Meeting; (63) Major Hills and Dr. Garnett.

It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the previous decision of the Committee be reversed and that two Conferences be organised by the Union with the assistance of the Industrial Advisory Committee, the first on the work of the World Economic Conference before the end of 1927 and the second upon Migration and Accident Prevention not before March 1928."

(2) "That Professor Baker and Mr. Pritchard be invited to serve on the sub-committee for organising the Conference on the World Economic Conference."

The Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Industrial Advisory Committee dated July 18th, 1927, were approved and adopted with the exception of minutes 68, 69 and 70, consideration of which was adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.



These Minutes included (64) amendment to Minute 51; (65) Matters arising out of minutes; (66) Washington Hours Convention; (67) World Economic Conference. 118

- (g) FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Secretary made an oral report of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on July 20th, 1927, and asked approval for the recommendations of the Committee contained in Minutes 67, 68, 73 and 77.

Minute 67 - London Federation. The Committee noted that the Federation proposed to remove its office from 15 Grosvenor Crescent to 43 Russell Square. It was

RESOLVED: "To ask the Federation to provide for close contact with the Head Office, preferably by means of a weekly visit from Mr. Innes, who should attend the Regional Representatives' Conferences which are held throughout the year at intervals of about six to eight weeks."

Minute 68 - Derbyshire Federal Council. It was

RESOLVED: "That the scheme of the Federal Council ~~for a Grand Amistice Bazaar~~ be approved; and that the Council be informed that the present financial state of the Union only permits of the loan of £50 being made this year, and to authorise the sending of a cheque for that sum forthwith." (Nov. 180)

Minute 73 - Mr. F.A. Hoare. It was

RESOLVED: "That a grant of £20 be made towards Mr. Hoare's expenses as representative of the League of Nations Union at the forthcoming Conference of the World Federation of Education Associations at Toronto."

Minute 77 - Conference of the International University League of Nations Federation. It was

RESOLVED: "That a grant of £20 be made to the Welcome Committee towards the entertainment of delegates to this Conference during their stay in London."

- (h) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. Subject to the following amendment on Minute 42, the Minutes of the Committee dated July 12th and July 18th, 1927, were approved and adopted. Meetings of 7a 8 14th

These Minutes included (34) Assistant to Secretary; (35) Mr. Mills; (36) Miss Lair; (37) Time Books; (38) Mr. Whelen; (39) Mrs. Roberts; (40) Mrs. Laidlaw Gilmour; (42) Assistant to Secretary; (43) Time Books; (44) Dame Adelaide Livingstone; (45) Miss Slack; (46) Miss Olwen Davies; (47) Successor to Mr. Stainton. C. H. X

Minute 42 - Assistant to the Secretary.

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Power be appointed Assistant to the Secretary for one year, subject to the usual conditions, at a salary of £350 a year, on the understanding that at the conclusion of twelve months satisfactory service his salary be raised to £400 a year."

172. ALBERT HALL MEETING. The Secretary read to the committee a recommendation of the Christian Organisations Committee in favour of a meeting of a religious character to be held in the Albert Hall in November. COPEC and the World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the Churches were willing to co-operate; though not able to give financial assistance. The object of the meeting



should be "To call the Churches and nation to acknowledge the moral obligation of disarmament and to urge His Majesty's Government to lead the way in the reduction and limitation of armaments." If the meeting were held, an endeavour would be made to obtain the participation of all Christian denominations and it was hoped that the Archbishop of Canterbury would preside. The Vice-Chairman questioned the practical utility of this meeting, and advocated the holding of a mass meeting of a general non-religious character in the Albert Hall instead if Mr. Lloyd George and Mrs. Snowden would consent to speak at it. After some discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That two mass meetings on the reduction of armaments be organised in the autumn and winter (1927-28), one of a religious character in the Albert Hall as recommended by the Christian Organisations Committee, the other of a political character.

(2) That the Vice-Chairman be asked to enquire whether Mr. Lloyd George and Mrs. Snowden would consent to speak for the Union and on what date."

It was agreed that should these two speakers agree to address the proposed meeting the Union should reserve the right to secure a suitable chairman.

173. CONFERENCE AT PRAGUE. The Secretary acquainted the Committee with a proposal that a public conference should be convened in Prague by the Federation of League of Nations Societies in the spring of 1928 to consider the recommendations of the World Economic Conference. A proposal would be made in the representative Council of the Federation at its meeting at Sofia that the Federation should take responsibility for this Conference and it was suggested that Sir George Paish should accompany the British delegation to Sofia in order to press for the acceptance of this proposal. Sir George Paish stated that he would be willing to accompany the British delegation.
174. COMMUNICATION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION. Consideration of a communication relating to the membership of the Migration Sub-Committee and the possible affiliation of the Federation of the International Centre of co-ordination of Peace Forces was adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.
175. TRAFFIC IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN. The Committee took note of a resolution passed by the Annual Conference of the Brotherhood Movement strongly endorsing the action of the Expert Committee of the League of Nations in exposing the evils of the traffic and pledging support of the movement to the League. It was
- RESOLVED: "That this resolution be acknowledged with thanks."
76. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee took note of the following resolutions:-

Bradford District, July 8th, 1927:-

(To the American Ambassador):-

"That the Executive Committee of the Bradford District Council, League of Nations Union, realising that the successful termination of the Three-Power Conference now in session at Geneva will exercise a lasting influence in furthering proposals for progressive world-disarmament, and that the failure of the three Powers to achieve the purpose of the Conference would adversely affect the realisation of a profound hope of burdened and anxious humanity, with assured confidence in the goodwill of the American people, respectfully appeals to President Coolidge to spare no effort in assisting to bring the Conference to a satisfactory conclusion."



(To the Prime Minister):-

"That the Executive Committee of the Bradford District Council, League of Nations Union, realising that the successful termination of the Three Power Conference now in session at Geneva will exercise a lasting influence in furthering proposals for progressive world-disarmament, and that the failure of the Three Powers to achieve the purpose of the Conference would adversely affect the realisation of a profound hope of burdened and anxious humanity respectfully urges the British Government to spare no effort in assisting to bring the Conference to a satisfactory conclusion."

It was

RESOLVED: "That the above resolutions be acknowledged with thanks."

177. CLOSING THE OFFICE. It was

RESOLVED: "That the office be closed from 5.30 p.m. on Friday, July 19th, to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 2nd."

178. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on July 28th, 1927."



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22.7.27CAMPAIGN FOR AN ALL-ROUND LIMITATION AND  
REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT.

This meeting records its conviction that unrestricted and competitive armaments are in themselves a menace to international peace, and that the wasteful expenditure involved thereby to nations already crippled by the last War destroys trade, impedes social progress and disturbs the internal peace of all peoples concerned.

Believing that the peace of the world depends on the acceptance and application of the principles of Arbitration, Security and Disarmament, this meeting urges His Majesty's Government, as a first step, to labour unceasingly for the success of the present Naval Conference and of the subsequent Disarmament Conference, in order that, consistently with national safety, a reduction in the heavy burden of armaments may be secured by international agreement.

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It is agreed that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Member of Parliament for this Constituency.



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR GREEN, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, JULY 26TH, 1927, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Rt. Hon. G. N. Barnes (in the Chair), Norman Angell, Professor Philip Baker, L. J. Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Miss Ruth Fry, Captain L. H. Green, Lady Hall, J. H. Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, R. S. Hudson, Leif Jones, Lt. Com. J. M. Kenworthy, Miss Maxse, Sir Walter Napier, F. G. Penman, W. T. Fritchard, Lord Queenborough, W. J. Salmon, Miss Constance Smith, Henry Vivian, H. D. Watson, Herbert Worsley together with the Secretary.

179. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, J. R. Griffin, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Major J. W. Hills, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, and L. M. Wynch.
180. MINUTES. Subject to the following amendments to Minutes 169 (160(b)35(b)) and 171(c) and (g) 68, and to the following decision upon Minute 173, the Minutes of the meeting held on July 21st, 1927, were approved as circulated.

Minute 169(160(b)35(b)) - Visit of American Journalists. It was reported that the party of American Journalists visiting England had definitely accepted the Union's invitation to visit Oxford on July 30th; the party would number thirty-nine. It was

RESOLVED: "That the party be provided with lunch and tea at the expense of the Union."

Minute 171(c) - Revision of the Covenant Committee. It was

RESOLVED: "That Resolution 2 be omitted and the words 'and the draft treaty be considered strictly confidential' added to the end of the second paragraph of Resolution 1."

Minute 171(g)68 - Derbyshire Federal Council. It was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'for a Grand Armistice Bazaar' be omitted."

Minute 173 - Federation's Meeting at Sofia. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Union should not invite Sir George Faish to accompany the Union delegation to Sofia and that it be left to the Union's delegates to put forward the case submitted to the Union by Sir George Faish."

181. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending 25th July 1927, showed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £1,521.5s.4d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £3,887.17s.3d.

The Committee noted that on 25th July, 1926, the Bank Balance was £4,022.16s.6d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £3,029.14s.4d.

182. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) THE BRITISH LEGION AND THE L.N.U. JOINT COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated July 4th, 1927, were approved and adopted.



These Minutes included (1) Suggestions for improving co-operation between the Legion and the Union; (2) Speakers; (3) Essays; (4) Report.

- (b) MINORITIES COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated July 14th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (8) Report of Special Committee of Plenary Congress of Federation; (9) Staatenlosigkeit.

- (c) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 68, the Minutes of the Committee dated July 18th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (68) Presentation to new I.L.O. Buildings; (69) British Section International Association for Social Progress; (70) Date of next meeting.

Minute 68 - Presentation to new I.L.O. Building. That action be deferred until the next meeting of the Executive Committee in October.

- (d) LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated July 19th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (2) Naval Limitation Conference; (3) Disarmament and the Displacement of Labour.

- (e) FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated July 20th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (63) Tyne District; (64) Liverpool and Merseyside District; (65) Financial Statement; (66) Lease of 15, Grosvenor Crescent; (67) London Federation; (68) Derbyshire Federal Council; (69) Signing and Endorsing of Cheques; (70) Part XIII of the Treaty of Versailles; (71) Appeal; (72) Canteen; (73) Mr. F. A. Hoare; (74) Nottinghamshire Federal Council; (75) Staff; (76) Mr. Whelen; (77) Reception to Delegates of the I.U.L.N.F. Conference; (78) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

- (f) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated July 20th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (30) Articles in Hibbert's Journal; (31) New Member; (32) Dr. Estlin Carpentier; (33) New Corporate Members; (34) New Appeal; (35) Fellowship of Faiths; (36) International New Thought Alliance; (37) Swedenborgians; (38) Drawing-room Meetings; (39) Universal Religious Peace Congress; (40) Leaflet by Mr. Fox.

- (g) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 80 and amendment and decision on Minute 82, the Minutes of the Committee dated July 20th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (73) Working Arrangement between Branches and Corporate Members; (74) Church of England Men's Society; (75) Applications for Corporate Membership; (76) Albert Hall Meeting; (77) Armistice Literature; (78) Armistice Celebrations and the Disarmament Campaign; (79) Christian Endeavour and the German League of Nations Society; (80) Proposal to issue a pamphlet on Missions and the work of I.L.O.; (81) Church Congress Guide Advertisement; (82) Church of England Campaign; (83) Denominational Resolutions; (84) Resolution of West Midland Baptist Association.



Minute 80 - Proposal to Issue a Pamphlet on Missions and the Work of the I.L.O. It was

RESOLVED: "That when a pamphlet showing how the work of the I.L.O. is helping the work of missionaries is produced, the Executive Committee be consulted again before the pamphlet is printed off."

Minute 82 - Membership Campaign. The Secretary reported that Canon C.M. Raven was unfortunately unable to undertake a three months' campaign resembling that of Dr. Norwood's on behalf of the Union. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the title of Minute 82 "Church of England Campaign" be changed to "Membership Campaign Resembling Dr. Norwood's."

(b) "That the Secretary should discuss this matter with the Archbishop of Canterbury and subject to the Archbishop's approval should write to the Rev. E.K. Talbot otherwise the matter should be deferred."

(h) PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision upon Minute 79, The Minutes of the Committee dated July 20th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (78) Arising out of Minutes; (79) Pamphlet on Forced Labour; (80) Four-page leaflet; (81) Mr. Hodges' Manifesto; (82) The Spectator; (83) Articles from Mrs. Jones; (84) Poster from Miss Jackson.

Minute 79 - Pamphlet on Forced Labour. It was

RESOLVED: "That the pamphlet on Forced Labour, which was being prepared by Mr. Burge, be submitted for inspection to Lady Hall, Miss Constance Smith and Mr. R.S. Hudson before publication in the Union's pamphlet series."

183. WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEE. The Committee considered an oral report made by Lady Hall and gave its approval to the Sub-Committee's arrangements for the Union's Conference on the World Economic Conference to be held in the Guildhall on 13th, 14th, and 15th December. It was

RESOLVED: "That the thanks of the Executive Committee be conveyed to Sir George Paish for the valuable assistance he had rendered in assisting to obtain the Guildhall for this meeting."

184. AUTUMN MEETING ON DISARMAMENT. In view of the fact (a) that the Vice-Chairman thought it advisable to hold a meeting in the Albert Hall in the early part of November and (b) that the London Regional Federation were holding a Disarmament meeting in the Central Hall, Westminster, on Armistice Night, at which Professor Gilbert Murray, Miss Maude Royden and the Bishop of London were to be on the platform, it was

RESOLVED: "That a Disarmament meeting be held in London, possibly at the Queen's Hall in October, and that this meeting be arranged by the Secretary of the Union in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman."



It was understood that Mrs. Snowden had intimated her willingness to speak at such a gathering, and that no reply had yet been received from Mr. Lloyd George. It was further

RESOLVED: "That a Conservative speaker also be asked to address the meeting and that a meeting be held, whether Mr. Lloyd George consented to speak or not."

185. ALBERT HALL MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Union should assist the Churches in organising a mass meeting of a religious character on the reduction and limitation of armaments, to be held in the Albert Hall in January 1928, but that the Union should not be advertised as organising the meeting."

186. GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next General Council Meeting be held in Caxton Hall, London, on December 16th."

187. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION.

(a) Membership of Migration Sub-Committee. The Secretary reported that Captain Small was anxious to invite Lord Buckmaster, Mr. H.G. Wells, Mr. Maynard Keynes and Mr. Julien Huxley, who would be in Geneva for the World Population Conference, to serve on the Migration Sub-Committee of the Federation Economic Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED: "To inform Captain Small that it would be contrary to the wishes of the Committee for such invitations to be issued."

(b) The Secretary reported that among others the following item appeared on the Agenda of the Sofia Committee of the Representative Council of the Federation:-

(1) Suggested Affiliation of the Federation to International Centre of Co-ordination of Peace Forces. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's Delegates to Sofia be instructed to oppose this suggestion."

(2) Suggested Affiliation of other international organisations to the Federation. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's Delegates to Sofia be instructed to support this proposal and to move that the Statutes of the Federation be amended with this object."

(c) I.L.O. and Social Legislation Committee. It was reported that the Federation's I.L.O. and Social Legislation Committee would almost certainly be meeting in Geneva immediately after the meeting of the Economic Sub-Committee at the end of September. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Union should offer to pay the expenses of Dr. Delisle Burns to attend the meeting of the Economic Sub-Committee at Geneva, and that Dr. Delisle Burns be asked to stay on in order to represent the Union at the meeting of the Federation's I.L.O. and Social Legislation Committee."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That Miss Constance Smith's offer to go to Geneva on behalf of the Union at her own expense to attend the Federation's I.L.O. and Social Legislation Committee, be gratefully accepted."



188. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The following resolutions have been received from:-

(a) Acton Branch (undated)

"That this Committee asserts its conviction that the time having come when the nations should provide for the settlement of all international disputes by peaceful means and base their security not on strength in war but on international understanding, co-operation and justice, it is incumbent on Great Britain to lead the way to a general limitation and progressive reduction of armaments, since without an early measure of disarmament, the League of Nations will be seriously weakened by its failure to perform the task it has undertaken."

(b) Dunmow Branch (dated July 20th)

"That this meeting representative of all classes, creeds and political parties, affirms its adherence to the principles and aims of the League of Nations and pledges itself to support the League of Nations Union in its efforts to inform and strengthen public opinion on the subject, that the Government to whatever party it may belong, may give full weight to the recommendations of the League Assembly, and to the obligations laid upon this country by the Covenant of the League and assures the Government of its support in the efforts it is making, and will make, at Geneva to bring about a genuine reduction and limitation of armaments."

RESOLVED: "That the above resolutions be acknowledged with thanks."

89. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE B.U.L.N.S. AND I.U.L.N.F. The Secretary reported that the annual meeting of the B.U.L.N.S. had been successfully held in Edinburgh and that the Congress of the I.U.L.N.F. was now in progress, the first half having been held in London and the second being at present in session at Oxford. It was

RESOLVED: "That Lord and Lady Fermoor be thanked for their generous hospitality extended to the visiting parties of the I.U.L.N.F."

90. DR. NANSEN'S ERIVAN SCHEME FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF ARMENIAN REFUGEES. It was reported that the Government were unwilling to consider the granting of funds for this scheme and it was suggested that the Government be urged to instruct the British delegates to the forthcoming assembly to bring forward some definite proposals for the final settlement of Armenian refugees. On the motion of Professor Philip Baker it was

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee should forward the following resolution to His Majesty's Government:-

"That the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union deeply impressed with the prolonged sufferings of the Armenian people and with the pacific undertakings of this country made in 1918 and since repeated in regard to the establishment of a National Home and with regard to the well-being of this people; urges His Majesty's Government to instruct the British Delegates to the Eighth Assembly -

- (a) To support the proposals already approved by the Assembly for the Settlement of Armenian refugees; and
- (b) To this end to make, in co-operation with other Powers, a practical offer of financial assistance".



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191. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES. The following were accepted as  
Corporate Associates:-

Digs well W.I.  
Mundesley W.I.

Wye W.I.  
Cirencester W.I.

192. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Executive Committee  
be held on October 6th 1927."

193. HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR AUSTRALIA. The Secretary reported that  
Mr. Power had called upon Sir Granville Rylie, the High Com-  
missioner for Australia, to interest him in the League of Nations  
Union. Sir Granville expressed his cordial good wishes to  
the Union, and said that he would be representing Australia in  
the Eighth Assembly. He was glad to know of the information  
he might obtain from the Union and expressed a desire to become  
a member.



MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER  
8TH, 1927, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Norman Angell, Professor Philip Baker, Rt.Hon.G.N.Barnes, Colonel David Carnegie, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Sir Arthur Haworth, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, J. de V.Loder, Sir Walter Napier, W.T.Pritchard, W.J.Salmon, Miss Constance Smith, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch together with the Secretary.

Lord Cecil attended at a late stage of the proceedings.

194. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, L.J.Cadbury, Vice-admiral Drury-Lowe, A.Duff Cooper, Captain L.E.Green, Lady Hall, Major J.W.Hills, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Commander Kenworthy, Miss M.Maxse, Mr. Charles Roberts, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Mrs.Wilson-Fox.
195. LORD CECIL'S RESIGNATION FROM THE CABINET. The Chairman explained that he had summoned the extraordinary meeting in order that they should consider what policy should be adopted in regard to Disarmament consequent upon Lord Cecil's resignation from the Cabinet. The Committee was informed of the following communications:-

(a) A resolution of the Bristol and District Council:-

"The Bristol and District Council (League of Nations Union) comprising 44 branches, 10,000 members, appreciates the patience, perseverance and faithfulness of Lord Cecil in pursuing the ideals of the League, regrets circumstances compel him to resign from the Cabinet, and assures him of its fullest and heartiest support in his effort to arouse public opinion as to the necessity of disarmament."

(b) A communication from the Secretary of the Walthamstow District Committee.

(c) A communication from Mr. D.A. Feat ("Arbitrate First" League) advocating the holding of public meetings to be held in the large towns at which Lord Cecil, Lord Grey, Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, etc., would speak on the same platform.

(d) A letter to the Chairman from Mr. Duff Cooper urging that the Union should be very careful in regard to any pronouncement it might make on the subject and urging that any resolution adopted should minimise rather than magnify the effect of what has happened.

The Committee

RESOLVED:(1) That (a) be acknowledged with thanks; that (b) and (c) be referred to the Disarmament Campaign Committee; that the Chairman be asked to reply to Mr. Duff Cooper."

The Committee further

RESOLVED:(2) The Executive Committee of the League of Nations/ Union declares its unabated confidence in its President, Viscount Cecil, and its agreement with his contention that "a general reduction and limitation of armaments is essential to the peace of the world.



and on that peace depends not only the existence of the British Empire, but even that of European civilisation itself";

It repeats its conviction that Disarmament can only be fully attained through an extension of the principle of arbitration and the pooling of Security under the League;

And undertakes wholeheartedly to support Lord Cecil in his efforts to convince public opinion of the paramount necessity of this policy."

- (3) That this Resolution be sent to (a) Branches,  
(b) Press.

The Chairman also reported that Lord Cecil had written a personal message to the Branches and it was

RESOLVED: (4) "That after amendment this message be circulated to (a) Branches, (b) the Press."

196. DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN. The Committee

RESOLVED: "That a Disarmament Campaign be launched for the coming Autumn and Winter and that for this purpose

- (a) Lord Cecil be co-opted a member of the Disarmament Campaign Committee;  
(b) That a special meeting of the General Council be summoned for October 21st at which the Campaign be inaugurated."

The Committee further

RESOLVED: "That an early meeting of the Disarmament Campaign Committee be summoned in order to make preliminary arrangements and to consider amongst other things

- (i) Appointment of Secretary  
(ii) A memorandum by Norman Angell (Advice to Speakers).  
(iii) Employment of distinguished speakers.  
(iv) Collection of a fund to cover cost of campaign.  
(v) Drafting of a "Service" Manifesto on the subject of the Limitation of Armaments."

197. QUEEN'S HALL MEETING. The Chairman reported that Mr. Lloyd George and Mrs. Philip Snowden had promised to speak at a meeting to be held at the Queen's Hall on October 24th. It was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the Queen's Hall be definitely booked for this date and the usual arrangements be made for the organisation of the meeting."

- (b) "That Mr. Duff Cooper be also invited to speak."

198. ECONOMIC CONFERENCE. In the absence of Lady Hall, Miss Constance Smith reported upon a meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Organising Committee for the Conference on the Work of the World Economic Conference. Miss Smith further reported a communication to the effect that the Conference be summoned by the members of the British Delegation to the Conference, assisted by the League of Nations Parliamentary Committee, the British Section of the International Chambers of Commerce and the League of Nations Union. As, however, the League of Nations Union had already secured a number of speakers, the Sub-Committee did not approve of this suggestion and recommended accordingly to the Executive Committee.



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RESOLVED: "That the Sub-Committee's recommendation be approved and that the Conference be organised under the auspices of the League of Nations Union."

199. LEASE. The Committee

RESOLVED: "Subject to the approval of the Union's honorary solicitor, to authorise the attachment of the Union's seal to the new agreement as to reduction of rent payable in regard to 15, Grosvenor Crescent."

S.M.



UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER  
6TH, 1927, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Captain Appleby, Professor Philip Baker, Vice-Admiral S.R. Deury-Lowe, Lord Cecil, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, F.N. Keen, Mrs. W.T. Leyton, W.E. Pritchard, Charles Roberts, Lady Selborne, H.F. Shaw, Raymond Urwin, E.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynn together with the Secretary.

200. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of L.J. Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, A.W. Claremont, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Lady Gladstone, Sir Arthur Eaworth, Major J.W. Hills, Captain L.H. Green, Lieut-Commander J.M. Kenworthy, Miss M. Maxse, and Henry Vivian.

201. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on Minute 182(c) 68, of July 28th, the Minutes of the meeting held on July 28th and of the extraordinary meeting held on September 8th, 1927, were approved as circulated.

Minute 182(c) 68 - Presentation to new I.L.O. Building.  
It was

RESOLVED: "That action should be deferred until Lord Burnham had been consulted."

202. QUEEN'S HALL MEETING. It was reported that a refusal of the Philharmonic Hall for the evening of October 24th at a fee of £25 had been secured until Monday, October 10th. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Philharmonic Hall should not be booked for an overflow meeting on the occasion of the Disarmament Meeting to be held at the Queen's Hall on October 24th."

203. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending October 31st, 1927, showed a Bank Overdraft to date amounting to £4,858.6s.5d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £3,102.2s.2d.

The Secretary reported, however, that on October 6th, the Bank Overdraft had been reduced to less than £4,000.

204. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions upon Minutes 1, 3, 4 and 7, and amendments to Minutes 5 and 9, the Minutes of the Committee dated 30th September, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (1) Appointment of Secretary; (2) Co-optations; (3) Policy; (4) Draft Resolution for Meetings; (5) Notes for Speakers; (6) Campaign Expenses; (7) Services Manifesto; (8) Lord Cecil's Engagements; (9) Other Speakers; (10) Women's Organisations Committee; (11) Other matters.

Minute 1 - Appointment of Secretary. After discussion  
It was

RESOLVED: "That the appointment of Secretary to the Committee and any consequential staff changes be referred to the Organisation Committee, together with Professor Baker, Mrs. Oliver Strachey and Lady Hall, the Committee to meet at 11 a.m. on Saturday.



A communication, dated 4th October, concerning this appointment, from the Staff Standing Committee, was read. 137

Minute 3 - Policy. It was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the resolution be deleted from The Minutes."

(b) "That the paper called Annexe "A" circulated with the Minutes, be regarded as strictly confidential."

Minute 4 - Draft Resolution for meetings. Lord Cecil read to the Committee the following Resolutions which he proposed to move at the Special Meeting of the General Council on October 21st:-

#### THE GENERAL COUNCIL

Believes that the general reduction and limitation of armaments by international agreement before it is too late is essential to the maintenance of permanent peace, the fulfilment of our international obligations, and the achievement of national economy.

It therefore urges on the Government

- (1) To give its full support to the efforts of the League's Preparatory Commission and the new Commission on Arbitration and Security proposed by the Eighth Assembly;
- (2) To promote arbitration for the peaceful settlement of international disputes by every means in its power, and with this object
  - (a) to sign the Optional Clause with such reservations as are suited to the special position of this country;
  - (b) to announce its willingness to negotiate more extensive arbitration agreements with any civilised nation, on a model to be established by the League of Nations;
- (3) To study how far the demand of other nations for increased security as a condition of disarmament can be met
  - (a) by clarifying and defining the provisions of Article 16 of the Covenant;
  - (b) by extending the provisions of Article 16 so as to cover all cases of actual aggression suffered by European nations who have accepted disarmament;
- (4) To continue to support and enhance the prestige of the League so that it may increasingly be recognised as the normal authority for dealing with serious international difficulties.

Lord Cecil proposed that these resolutions should be circulated to Branches with a covering letter to the effect that Branch delegates to the Special Meeting of the General Council should come prepared to discuss these Resolutions. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That these Resolutions be circulated to Branches."



(b) "That these Resolutions be immediately circulated to the Executive Committee."

Lord Cecil further stated that he would willingly consider any amendments which might be suggested.

Minute 5 - Notes for Speakers. It was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'drafted by Mr. Eppstein' be omitted from the Resolution."

Minute 7 - Services Manifesto. Admiral Drury-Lowe reported to the Committee that, after investigation, he had come to the conclusion that it would be inadvisable for the Union to draft a Services Manifesto.

RESOLVED: "That Admiral Drury-Lowe be asked to ascertain the names of any naval officers who would be willing to assist in the Disarmament Campaign this winter."

Minute 9 - Other Speakers. It was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'or any other front rank speaker' should be omitted."

(b) PENAL REFORM SUB-COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated July 28th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (30) Resolution passed by Berlin Congress of Federation; (31) Communication from Canadian L.N.U.; (32) Communication from Belgium to Howard League; (33) Action at Eighth Assembly; (34) Co-operation with Home Office; (35) Speakers on Penal Reform for Union meetings.

(c) TRAFFIC IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the first meeting of the Committee dated September 19th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (1) Terms of Reference; (2) Action recommended to the Federation; (3) Action to be taken by L.N.U.; (4) Election of Secretary.

(d) WELCOME COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 41, the Minutes of the Committee dated September 27th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (39) Secretary's Report; (40) Visit of Delegates to I.U.L.N.F. Congress; (41) International Club; (42) Economic Conference; (43) Autumn Meetings for Students; (44) Other Business.

Minute 41 - International Club. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That a member of the Executive Committee should be asked to serve on the International Club Joint Sub-Committee."

e) EDUCATION COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated 30th September, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (80) Co-optation of Mrs. Gordon Wilson; (81) Resignation of Mr. J.M. Mactavish; (82) List of Meetings - Teachers, Schools and Colleges; (83) Conference of Educational Associations; (84) Steps taken by Local Education Authorities; (85) Teachers' Declaration; (86) Correspondence in THE TIMES; (87) Preparation for Armistice Day; (88) Summer Schools, 1927; (89) Macclesfield Education Committee; (90) School Children at Bombing Display;



The Chairman brought to the notice of the Committee the fact that the important members of the Czecho-Slovakian Government had expressed a desire that a conference should be called next Spring at Prague in order to press Governments to carry out the recommendations of the League Economic Conference. In view of the fact that it was desirable that some international body with no political complications should arrange such a conference, it had suggested the International Federation of League of Nations Societies as fulfilling these conditions. Sir George Paish had travelled to Sofia for the purpose of putting this suggestion before the Council of the Federation.

(91) Officers' Training Corps in Schools; (92) A course of Geography Teaching in Schools; (93) Welsh Education Advisory Committee; (94) School Visits to Geneva; (95) Transfer Forms for members leaving Junior Branches; (96) Design for Junior Branch membership cards; (97) Communication from Belgian League of Nations Society; (98) World Federation of Education Associations.

205. PROPOSED DRAFT PROGRAMME ON WORK OF WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE. The Committee examined the draft programme for the Conference, and considered an oral report made by Lady Hall. The Committee expressed its approval of the programme as arranged to date.

206. PROPOSED ECONOMIC CONFERENCE AT PRAGUE & ACTION BY FEDERATION. The Chairman brought to the notice of the Committee the fact that the Czecho-Slovakian Government had expressed a desire that a Conference should be called next Spring at Prague in order to press Governments to carry out the recommendations of the League Economic Conference. In view of the fact that it was desirable that some international body with no political complications should arrange such a conference, the Czecho-Slovakian Government had suggested the International Federation of League of Nations Societies as fulfilling these conditions. Sir George Paish had travelled to Sofia for the purpose of putting this suggestion before the Council of the Federation. It was

*Answered as appropriate Page 244 (See item 214)*

RESOLVED: "That further consideration be deferred until the Union's delegates have returned from Sofia with a report of the Council's proceedings."

207. COMMUNICATION FROM CAPTAIN APPELBY. The Secretary read a communication, dated September 26th, which he had received from Captain Appleby, concerning the possibility of granting railway travelling and subsistence expenses to members of the Executive Committee who resided at some considerable distance from London. Captain Appleby held that the Union, being a legal entity under the Royal Charter, was legally responsible. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's honorary solicitor be asked to give an opinion on this question."

The Chairman added that, in any case, the budget of the Union made no provision for expenditure of this kind.

208. COMMUNICATIONS FROM "NO MORE WAR" MOVEMENT. War Danger Conference - November 24th and 25th. It was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the Union should not undertake to distribute any letters or advertisements concerning this Conference."

(b) "That a letter to this effect should be written to the NO MORE WAR MOVEMENT containing the following sentence:- 'We understand that certain members of the Executive Committee will be glad to attend the War Danger Conference!'"

(c) "That the suggestion received from the NO MORE WAR MOVEMENT that the Union should write to the Prime Minister concerning the Foreign Secretary's speech to the Assembly on 10th September, be not adopted."

209. POCKET EDITION OF THE COVENANT: LETTERS OF THANKS. Letters of thanks were reported from Lord Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Sir Eric Drummond, Lord Grey, Sir Cecil Hurst, Dame Edith Lytton, Commander Sir E. Hilton Young and Mr. Manley O. Hudson. Mr. J. H. Harris informed the Committee that the pocket edition of the Covenant presented by the Union to the British delegates to the Assembly and others, had been extensively used during the 1927 session of the Assembly.



210. OVERSEAS RESOLUTION. The following resolution has been received from the Annual Conference of the Branches of the League of Nations Union of New Zealand:-

- (a) That the New Zealand Government be urged to use all its influence to secure that any difficulties arising in China that are not settled by direct negotiations shall be submitted for arbitral award and conciliatory action by international bodies, or for judicial investigation and discussion such as is provided by the Permanent Court of International Justice.
- (b) We oppose any policy of reprisals.
- (c) To furthering the rendering of expert advice and help by the League of Nations when the time is ripe.

RESOLVED: "That the above resolution be acknowledged with thanks."

211. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee considered the attached resolutions from the following Branches:-

Church of Scotland Women's Association for Temperance (Exec.Com)  
Halifax Branch  
St. Pancras Branch  
Southbourne and District Branch (Bournemouth)  
North Staffs District Council (L.N.U.Rally at Trentham Gardens)  
Burslem Branch  
North Westmorland District Council  
Tooting Branch of Women's Co-operative Guild  
Fellowship Branch  
Cross Hills Branch  
Worthing and District Branch

RESOLVED: "That the above Resolutions be acknowledged with thanks."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That a letter should be written to Miss Maude Royden, concerning the Resolution from the Fellowship Branch, informing her that the Executive Committee do not understand the statement of Sir Austen Chamberlain in the disquieting sense in which it is set out in the resolution."

212. CONFERENCE ON FAMILY ALLOWANCES, OCTOBER 14TH AND 15TH (The Family Endowment Society). It was

RESOLVED: "That Lady Hall and Miss Constance Smith be asked to attend this Conference."

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- (a) Church of Scotland Woman's Association for Temperance (Executive Committee) (undated):

"The members of the Executive Committee of the Church of Scotland Woman's Association for Temperance having learned with much regret of the unnecessary increase of drinking facilities in Jerusalem and the opening of Bar-rooms at the Railway Stations in Palestine since the Mandate System was inaugurated, resolved unanimously to protest against the same and to appeal to His Majesty's Government and the League of Nations to take such steps as seem to them most expedient to remedy the evils referred to."

- (b) Halifax Branch (Dated July 25th 1927):

"That this Branch of the League of Nations Union welcomed the Coolidge Conference as an attempt to strengthen the agreement made at the Washington Conference in 1921, which has saved this Country millions and kept the Peace on the Pacific, therefore they urge that the Government will use its influence in the direction of a security based on Arbitration rather than on the building up of armaments, and they pray that the great Anglo-Saxon Nations of Great Britain and America will lead the World by the Spirit of Locarno."

- (c) St. Pancras Branch (dated September 9th 1927):-

"This Committee deeply regrets that Viscount Cecil no longer represents Britain at Geneva."

- (d) Southbourne and District Branch (Bournemouth) (undated):-

"The Southbourne Branch Committee wish to express their disapproval of the Nurse Cavell incident being turned into a film as being against the interests and cordiality that should exist between nations and hope that the L.N.U. will lodge a protest to the proper quarter."

- (e) North Staffs District Council (L.N.U. Rally at Trentham Gardens) (undated):-

"This meeting, organised by the North Staffordshire District Council of the League of Nations Union, recognising your very great services to the League of Nations, and particularly with regard to disarmament, pledges itself actively to support you in any campaign to enlist a larger measure of public support for the outlawry of war, and for the reduction of armaments in this and other countries; and trusts that your decided action in resigning from the Government will quicken public opinion, and result in more vigorous Government action on this great question."

- (f) Burslem Branch (undated):-

"This meeting of the Executive of the Burslem Branch League of Nations Union deplores the fact that the recent Naval Conference at Geneva has not resulted in a definite reduction of Armaments and submits that such reduction can best be brought about by the conclusion of Arbitration Treaties with the United States and Japan, thus constituting a Naval Locarno. As His Majesty's Government were largely instrumental in bringing the Locarno Treaties to a successful conclusion we earnestly hope they will do everything possible to that end. The advantages of such a course are obviously enormous."



(g) North Westmorland District Council (dated Sept. 9th 1927):-

"That this first meeting of the North Westmorland District Council of the League of Nations Union wishes to place on record its deep appreciation of the services rendered to the various constituent Branches by Mr. H.H. Stainton, the late Representative of the North Western Region, who was responsible for establishing the District Council."

(h) Tooting Branch of Women's Co-operative Guild (undated):-

"That they re-affirm their belief in the League of Nations and much regret the tone of Sir Austin Chamberlain's speech at Geneva."

That they believe England should give the lead for the Peace of the World."

(i) Fellowship Branch (September 15th):-

"While heartily agreeing with the opinion expressed by Sir Austen Chamberlain in his speech at Geneva on September 10th that a limitation of sanctions is desirable, this Committee views with extreme disquiet his statement that the proposals for enlarging the sphere of international arbitration would lead to this disruption of the British Empire and urges the League of Nations Union to press for an immediate explanation."

(j) Cross Hills Branch (undated):-

"This Meeting deplores the growing tendency shown by the delegates of the greater Powers represented on the League of Nations Council to hold private meetings apart from the regular meetings of the Council;

it registers its conviction that such meetings tend to create suspicion and jealousy among the smaller nations, and that they are contrary to the true spirit of the League;

and urges His Majesty's Government to discourage its delegates from any particulars in these so-called informal conversations."

(k) Worthing and District Branch (dated 16th Sept):-

"That the word "Disarmament" is misleading to those unacquainted with the work of the League and gives rise to serious misunderstanding. This branch, therefore, urges the Central Executive to use every means in its power to get the words "limitation of armaments" substituted for it on every possible occasion and that the name of the forthcoming campaign be altered accordingly."



UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER  
13TH, 1927, AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Norman Angell, Professor Philip Baker, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, C. Delisle Burns, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, A.W. Clement, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H. Green, Lady Hall, J.E. Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Charles Hobhouse, R.S. Hudson, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, F.N. Keen, Lt. Com. the Hon. J.M. Kenworthy, F.G. Penman, W.T. Pritchard, Charles Roberts, Lady Selborne, Miss Constance Smith, Henry Vivian, Herbert Worsley together with the Secretary.

213. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of L.J. Cadbury, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Major J.W. Hills, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Miss M. Maxse, Mrs. Walter Runciman, H.D. Watson and Mrs. Wilson-Fox.
214. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 204(d)41, 205 and 206(b), and amendment to Minute 206, the Minutes of the meeting held on October 6th, 1927, were approved as circulated.

Minute 204(d)41 - International Club. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That Colonel David Carnegie be asked to serve on the International Club Joint Sub-Committee."

Colonel Carnegie intimated to the Committee his willingness to serve on this Sub-Committee.

Mr. J.H. Harris stated that Mr. Evelyn Wrench, Secretary of the Overseas League, was willing to take more part in this side of the work of the Union. It was further

RESOLVED: (a) "That the Secretary should communicate with Mr. Evelyn Wrench, asking him to attend some meetings of the International Club Joint Sub-Committee."

(b) That the question of inviting Mr. Evelyn Wrench to become a member of the Welcome Committee be considered at an early meeting."

Minute 205 - Proposed Draft Programme on Work of World Economic Conference. It was

RESOLVED: "That a letter be written to Mr. H.S. Syrett thanking him for the useful part he had played in arranging for the Lord Mayor of London to take part in the Conference."

Minute 206 - Proposed Economic Conference at Prague - Action by the Federation. It was

RESOLVED: "That Minute 206 be amended to read:-

The Chairman brought to the notice of the Committee the fact that the important members of the Czecho-Slovakian Government had expressed a desire that a Conference should be called next Spring at Prague in order to press Governments to carry out the recommendations of the League Economic Conference. In view of the fact that it was desirable that some international body with no political complications should arrange such a conference, it had suggested the International Federation of League of Nations Societies



as fulfilling these conditions. Sir George Paish had travelled to Sofia for the purpose of putting this suggestion before the Council of the Federation.

Minute 208(b) - Communication from NO MORE WAR Movement - War Danger Conference, Nov. 24th and 25th. Lieut-Commander Kenworthy stated that he would be attending this Conference and that the NO MORE WAR Movement would be very glad if some other members of the Executive Committee could also attend. It was

RESOLVED: "That Miss Ruth Fry and Admiral Drury-Lowe be asked to attend the Conference, but not as the Union's delegates."

215. COMMUNICATION FROM CAPTAIN APPELBY. The Secretary reported that in accordance with Minute 207, he had consulted the Union's Honorary Solicitor on Captain Appleby's question whether the Union was legally responsible for the expenses of members of the Executive Committee attending meetings of the Executive. Mr. Claremont had replied that no such obligation rested on the Union but that, if the Executive were of opinion that the objects of the Union would be furthered by making such payments and it was advisable in all circumstances to do so, it would be lawful to make the payments.
216. CONSIDERATION OF REVISED RESOLUTIONS TO BE MOVED AT THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 21ST. Suggestions were submitted by members of the Executive Committee, and the Secretary communicated to the Committee other suggestions received from Lord Parmoor. After considerable discussion Lord Cecil amended his draft resolutions (Minute No. 204) as follows:-

#### THE GENERAL COUNCIL

Believes that the general reduction and limitation of armaments by international agreement before it is too late is essential to the maintenance of permanent peace, the fulfilment of our international obligations, and the achievement of national economy.

It therefore urges the Government

- (1) To give effective support to the work of the League's Preparatory Commission on Disarmament and the new Sub-Commission on Arbitration and Security proposed by the Eighth Assembly;
- (2) To promote the peaceful settlement of all international disputes by every means in its power, and with this object immediately
  - (a) to sign the Optional Clause with any reservations that may be necessary to provide for the special position of this country.
  - (b) to announce its willingness to negotiate all-inclusive arbitration agreements with any civilised nation, on a model to be established by the League of Nations.
- (3) To co-operate whole-heartedly in carrying into effect the proposal of the Eighth Assembly that there should be systematic preparation of the machinery to be employed by the organs of the League of Nations with a view to enabling the members of the League to perform their obligations under the Covenant.



- (4) In view of the declaration of the Assembly that the principal condition of success in the work of Disarmament is that every State should be sure of not having to provide unaided for its security by means of its own armaments, but should be able to rely also on the organised collective action of the League of Nations, to consider what steps should be taken in pursuance of this declaration in order effectively to bring about such a reduction of national armaments as will remove the menace of war.
- (5) To continue to support and enhance the prestige of the League so that it may increasingly be recognised as the normal authority for dealing with serious international difficulties.

It was

RESOLVED: "That Lord Cecil's resolutions, as amended, be approved and adopted."

218. STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated October 13th, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (49) Assistant to Secretary; (50) Secretary to Disarmament Campaign Committee; (51) Mr. Judd; (52) Mr. Bagnall; (53) Mr. Schurhoff; (54) Records' Staff; (55) Mrs. Macmillan; (56) Miss Loder; (57) Mr. Fanshawe; (58) Time Books; (59) Successor to Mr. Stainton.

It was further

RESOLVED: "That a special Sub-Committee be appointed consisting of the Chairman, Professor Baker, Mrs. Strachey and Mr. Worsley, to make the temporary appointment of Secretary to the Disarmament Campaign Committee and to select Mr. Arnold Forster or Rear-Admiral Allen or Mrs. Rackham for this position."

219. MEMORANDUM ON EIGHT HOUR CONVENTION. Lady Hall requested the Committee to authorise the sending, subject to Major Hills' approval, of the draft reply of the Joint Committee of the League of Nations Union and the British Section of the International Association for Social Progress, to the memorandum of the Confederation of Employers Organisations on the Washington Hours Convention, and that it be sent to Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland stating that it is at present confidential but that it will be printed subject possibly to minor amendments.

RESOLVED: "That this request be approved."

220. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. Consideration of the Financial Statement for the period ending October 10th, was deferred until the next meeting of the Committee.

221. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. Consideration of the Resolutions submitted to the Executive Committee by the Macclesfield Branch dated September 29th, and by the Cardiff District Committee dated October 3rd, was deferred until the next meeting of the Committee.

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER  
20TH, 1927, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major J.W.Hills (in the Chair), Captain W. Appleby, Professor Philip Baker, Rt.Hon.G.N. Barnes, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, C.Delisle Burns, Colonel David Carnegie, A.W.Claremont, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H.Green, Lady Hall, R.S.Hudson, F.N. Keen, Lt.Com. J.M.Kenworthy, Mrs. W.T.Layton, W.T.Pritchard, Lord Queenborough, H.F.Shaw, Henry Vivian, the Hon.Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch together with the Secretary.

222. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe, L.J.Cadbury, J.H.Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, F.G.Penman, W.J.Salmon, H.D.Watson and Miss Constance Smith.
223. MINUTES. The Minutes of the meeting held on October 13th, 1927 were approved as circulated.
224. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending 17th October, 1927, showed a Bank Overdraft to date amounting to £1,931.18s.6d., with outstanding accounts amounting to £3,216.17s.4d.
225. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.
- (a) PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 92, the Minutes of the Publicity Committee dated 11th October, 1927, were approved and adopted:-

These Minutes included (86) Car Mascot; (89) Christmas Card for the Union; (90) Four-Page Leaflets; (91) Publicity for the Eighth Assembly; (92) Publicity for International Federation; (93) Publicity in Dominions and Colonies; (94) Press Cutting Services; (95) The League and Agriculture; (96) Films of General Interest; (97) Suggestion from Crouch End Branch; (98) Publicity Reports.

Minute 92 - Publicity for International Federation.

RESOLVED: "To refer this Minute to the Overseas Committee for consideration and report."

- (b) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 79 and 83 and amendment to Minute 80, the Minutes of the Committee dated October 13th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (73) Regional Conferences; (74) District Industrial Advisory Committees; (75) Publications; (76) Presentation to New I.L.O. Building; (77) Membership; (78) Chairmanship; (79) World Economic Conference; (80) Affiliation; (81) International Labour Organisation - Paper by E.L.Poulton; (82) Model I.L.O. Conference; (83) Washington Hours Convention; (84) Conference on Migration and Accident Prevention; (85) Conference on Family Allowances.

Minute 79 - World Economic Conference. After discussion It was

RESOLVED: "That failing the Prime Minister - Lord Balfour, Mr. Churchill and Major Walter Elliot should be asked in the foregoing order whether they would



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speak at the public meeting to be held in the Guildhall on December 15th."

Minute 80 - Affiliation.

RESOLVED: "That the National Union of General and Municipal Workers be also accepted as an affiliated Member."

Minute 83 - Washington Hours Convention. At the suggestion of the Chairman it was

RESOLVED: "That the congratulations of the Committee be conveyed to those responsible for producing the report on the Washington Hours Convention."

- (c) FINANCE COMMITTEE. Subject to the following amendment to Minute 83, and amendment and decision on Minute 87, the Minutes of the Committee were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (81) Appeal; (82) Financial Statement; (83) Disarmament Campaign; (84) Captain Bell; (85) American Journalists; (86) Mr. Schürhoff; (87) Budget for 1928; (88) Passing of Cheques for Payment.]

Minute 83 - Disarmament Campaign. At the suggestion of Mr. Claremont, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Resolution in Minute 83 be amended to read -

'That apart from the money specially raised for the Disarmament Campaign, no abnormal expenditure shall be incurred, except with the previous approval of the Finance Committee.'"

By invitation of the Vice-Chairman, Captain G.D. Fanshawe, M.P. met the Committee and explained his opinion of the Disarmament Campaign, as defined in the Minutes of the Finance Committee. After being thanked by the Vice-Chairman for his frank speech, Captain Fanshawe withdrew.

Minute 87 - Budget for 1928. It was

RESOLVED: (a) That the item 'Speakers (Labour)' in the proposed Budget for 1928 (D.S.845) should read 'Speakers (Industrial Organisations)'."

- (b) That a report as to the estimated revenue for 1928 be prepared and that the Finance Committee's proposals for expenditure be circulated to members of the Committee for consideration at the next meeting."

- (d) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. The Secretary reported the following recommendations of the Christian Organisations Committee:-

Albert Hall Meeting.

- (1) That the meeting be advertised as being under the auspices of the Christian Organisations Committee of the Union, the World Alliance and COPEC.



- (2) That, with the approval of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the speakers be as follows:-

The Archbishop in the Chair  
 The Bishop of Winchester (failing him,  
 The Bishop of Lichfield)  
 Dr. Jones of Bournemouth  
 Sir Josiah Stamp

It was

RESOLVED: "That these recommendations be approved."

- (e) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. Subject to the following amendment to Minute 60(1) and decision on Minute 61, the Minutes of the Committee dated October 17th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (60) appointment of Regional Representatives; (61) Appeals.

Minute 60(1) Appointment of Regional Representatives.  
 It was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'but that, in view of a communication from the Chairman of the Liverpool District Council, effect be not given to this decision until after the meeting of the General Council on October 21st,' be added to the Resolution."

Minute 61 - Appeals. It was

RESOLVED: "That the appointment of assistant to Colonel Fisher at a salary of £350 a year be advertised to the staff and that if no member of the staff, who may apply, is considered to possess suitable qualifications for this appointment, that Major Field Richards be appointed to this post for an experimental period."

*if considered suitable (see Min. 1927)*

226. PRESS-CUTTINGS SERVICE. Lieut-Commander J.M. Kenworthy suggested that the services of the International Press-Cutting Bureau might be useful to the Union, particularly for foreign newspaper-cuttings.  
 It was

RESOLVED: "That this suggestion be referred to the Publicity Committee for consideration and report."

227. PRESENTATION TO NEW I.L.O. BUILDING. The Secretary reported that Mr. Eppstein had seen Lord Burnham and had discussed this project with him. Lord Burnham was of the opinion that it would not be advisable for the Union to make a precedent of this sort.

RESOLVED: "That a presentation should not be made by the Union to the new I.L.O. Building."

228. DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN - SPEAKERS' NOTES. After considerable discussion  
 It was

RESOLVED: "That an outline of the ground to be covered by the Union's Disarmament Campaign be prepared for the use of speakers by Lord Cecil, Professor Gilbert Murray, Major Hills and Mr. Barnes; and that this outline be sent to all Branches with a covering letter, stating clearly that these notes set forth the policy of the Union."

On the suggestion of Sir Willoughby Dickinson, it was further



RESOLVED: "That a draft of these notes be submitted to the Disarmament Campaign Committee and afterwards circulated to the Executive Committee before being issued to speakers." 199

229. REGIONAL CONFERENCES ON THE I.L.O. The Committee considered the following recommendation from the Organisation Committee, dated July 27th:-

The Committee considered the Minute (No.169) of the Executive Committee's meeting of July 21st, referring the following suggestion to the Organisation Committee for consideration and report:-

The Secretary reported that after discussing with the Union's Travelling Secretaries the organisation of Regional Conferences on the International Labour Organisation, he recommended that the Union's Branches or groups of Branches in several of the larger cities be invited to convene conferences on the I.L.O. during the autumn or winter.

RESOLVED: "To refer this suggestion to the Organisation Committee for consideration and report."

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary's recommendation be adopted."

and

RESOLVED: "That this recommendation be approved and adopted."

230. INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES IN THE PROVINCES. Consideration of this was deferred until the next meeting of the Management and General Purposes Committee on October 27th.

231. WASHINGTON HOURS CONVENTION. It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of the Report of the Joint Committee of the League of Nations and the British Section of the International Association for Social Progress, be deferred until the next meeting of the Management and General Purposes Committee on October 27th and that it be circulated to the Executive Committee in its final form before publication."

232. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee considered the following resolutions:-

- (a) Macclesfield Branch (dated September 29th):

"This Meeting, while regretting Lord Cecil's departure from the Government and especially from the League of Nations Council and Assembly, fully agrees with his opinion of its necessity in view of the unsatisfactory policy of the Government in the matters of Disarmament, Arbitration and the International Court;

It wishes Lord Cecil every success in his campaign on behalf of the League and calls upon His Majesty's Government to follow the excellent example of Germany in signing the Optional Clause of the Statute of the International Court."

- (b) Cardiff District Committee (dated October 3rd):-

"The Cardiff District Committee of the League of Nations Union desire to give expression to their wholehearted support of Lord Cecil's splendid action and strongly hope that all Members of Parliament will realise that Lord Cecil's action is an indication, though unfortunately not of the policy of the present



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British Government, yet certainly of the wishes of the British people behind that Government;

It is the unshakable belief of the Committee that the British people urgently demand immediate steps being taken towards Arbitration, Security and Disarmament."

(c) Leytonstone Branch (dated October 10th):-

This Council views with regret and apprehension the non-ratification of the Geneva Arms Traffic Convention 1925,

It believes that the private manufacture of and traffic in arms constitute a menace to the peace of the world and urges His Majesty's Government to take all steps possible to secure ratification without further delay."

RESOLVED: "That the above Resolutions be acknowledged with thanks."



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 16, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, 1927, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Professor Philip Baker, Rt.Hon.G.M.Barrs, L.J.Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, A. Duff Cooper, Rt.Hon.Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H.Green, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, Major Hills, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Lt.Com.J.M.Kenworthy, Mrs. W.T. Layton, F.G.Terman, W.T.Fritchard, Lord Queenborough, Mrs. Walter Runciman, W.J.Salmon, Lady Selborne, H.F. Shaw, Miss Constance Smith, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, the Hon.Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch together with the Secretary.

233. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Captain W. Applesby, Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe, A.W.Claremont, Sir Arthur Havorth, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Charles Roberts and F.D. Watson.
234. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on Minute 225(d) (2) and amendment to Minute 225(e)61, the Minutes of the meeting held on October 20th, 1927, were approved as circulated.

Minute 225(d) (2) - Christian Organisations Committee - Albert Hall Meeting. The Secretary reported that he had received a letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury in which it was intimated that the Archbishop would consent to take the Chair at the Albert Hall meeting in February 1928. It was

RESOLVED: "That the name of Dr. Bede Jarrett be added to the list of speakers for the Albert Hall meeting."

Minute 225(e)61 - Appeals. It was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'if considered suitable' be inserted in the Resolution, immediately after the words 'Major Field Richards'."

235. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending October 31st, 1927, showed a Bank Overdraft to date amounting to £1,752,4s.1d., with outstanding accounts amounting to £3,793.2s.8d.

236. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 98, the Minutes of the Committee dated October 27th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (92) Recognition of Branches; (93) Public Meetings; (94) Disarmament Campaign Committee Minutes; (95) Funds for the Disarmament Campaign; (96) Industrial Organisations and Disarmament; (97) Washington Hours Convention; (98) Queen's Hall Meeting; (99) Communication from Heads of Departments; (100) Industrial Advisory Committees in the Provinces; (101) Communication re Ratification of Conventions from Mr. J.H.Harris; (102) Branch Resolutions; (103) Economic Committee - Communication from Mr. W.T.Layton.

Minute 98 - Queen's Hall Meeting - Publication of Speeches. The Secretary reported that he had seen Colonel Tweed of the Liberal Central Office and that he understood that the Liberal Central Office would be willing to defray a considerable amount of the cost



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incurred by the Union should it be decided to print Mr. Lloyd George's speech at the Queen's Hall Meeting on October 21st, in pamphlet form. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That a pamphlet containing the speeches of the Chairman, Mr. Lloyd George, Mrs. Philip Snowden and Mr. Duff Cooper at the Queen's Hall Meeting be prepared and printed at the expense of the Union."

- (b) LIBRARY COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated October 18th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (26) Report of Librarian; (27) Report of Book-Selection Committee; (28) Necessity for further shelving space in Library; (29) Review copies of Books for Library; (30) Composition of Library Committee, Book Selection Committee and Frequency of Meetings; (31) Use of Library for other than Library Purposes; (32) Library at Geneva; (33) Other Business.

- (c) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated October 19th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (44) Universal Religious Peace Congress; (45) New Members; (46) New Corporate Members; (47) New Appeal; (48) Articles in Buddhist Magazine and International New Thought Record; (49) Meeting; (50) Fellowship of Faiths.

- (d) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 88, the Minutes of the Committee dated October 19th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (88) Religions and Ethics Committee's Appeal; (89) Proposal to issue a Pamphlet on Missions and the Work of the I.L.O.; (90) Church of England Campaign; (91) Albert Hall Meeting; (92) Joint Appeal of the World Alliance and I.W.U.; (93) Corporate Members; (94) New Members of Committee; (95) Resolutions; (96) Auxiliary of the Student Christian Movement - Easter Disarmament Conference; (97) Sunday School Workers' Conference.

Minute 89 - Proposal to issue a pamphlet on Missions and Work of the I.L.O. On the suggestion of Mr. J.H. Harris it was

RESOLVED: "That Minute 89 be not adopted but

- (a) That the attempt be made to get Mr. Eaton to write, and Edinburgh House to publish, a pamphlet showing how closely associated is the work of the overseas missions and that of the I.L.O.;
- (b) That the Union should assist Edinburgh House in the sale of this pamphlet when published."

- (e) SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO APPOINT SECRETARY TO DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated October 21st, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (1) Terms of Reference; (2) Mr. Arnold Forster; (3) Communication from Staff Standing Committee.



- (f) DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 17 and amendment to Minute 22, the Minutes of the Committee dated October 24th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (14) Appointment of Secretary; (15) Campaign Expenses; (16) Boeke Fund; (17) Speakers List; (18) "Arbitrate First" Bureau; (19) Letter from Bath Branch; (20) Report of General Council Meeting; (21) Speakers' Notes for Disarmament Campaign; (22) Suggestions for Campaign; (23) Special Paper for Disarmament Campaign; (24) Local Conferences following big meetings; (25) Co-operation of Sub-Committees; (26) Deputations to Local M.P.'s; (27) Services Manifesto; (28) National Council for Prevention of War - Resolution; (29) N.C.P.W. Disarmament Petition; (30) Advertising - Mr. Frederick Aldridge; (31) Resolution for Campaign.

Minute 17 - Speakers List. On the suggestion of Mr. L.M. ~~which it was~~

RESOLVED: "That the name of Sir William Vincent be added to the Speakers List."

Minute 22 (iv) - Suggestions for Campaign. It was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'e.g. THE OBSERVER, JOHN BULL, THE PEOPLE, REYNOLDS'S, THE SPECTATOR' be omitted from the resolution."

- (g) WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. The extract from the Minutes of the meeting held on October 26th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (252) Disarmament Campaign; (255) Conference on "Mother India".

- (h) OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 36, the Minutes of the Committee dated October 26th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (36) Publicity Arrangements for Federation Meetings; (37) Letter from Dr. Buckler; (38) Report on Sofia Meetings; (39) Communication from Paris Branch; (40) Communication from Mr. Raymond Watt; (41) Overseas Budget; (42) Overseas Report.

Minute 36 - Publicity Arrangements for Federation Meetings. It was

RESOLVED: "That this matter be referred to the Publicity Committee for consideration and report."

- (i) EDUCATION COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated October 26th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (101) List of Meetings; (102) Steps taken by Local E.A.; (103) Report of Young Peoples' Organisations Committee; (104) Officers' Training Corps in Schools and Colleges; (105) World Federation of Educational Associations; (106) School Journey Association; (107) League of Nations Library; (108) The Union's Film.

- (j) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated October 27th and November 3rd, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (63) Disarmament Campaign Secretary; (64) Applications to Assist Mr. Epstein and Mr. Arnold Forster; (65) Regional Representatives;



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(66) Assistant to Colonel Fisher; (67) Colonel Fisher; (70) Typing Room; (71) Assistant to Colonel Fisher; (72) Miss Seardight; (73) Mrs. Arbour; (74) Time Books.

237. STATEMENT IN THE TIMES. The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to a statement concerning the policy of the Union which had appeared in the issue of THE TIMES dated November 2nd. It was suggested that a letter should be written to THE TIMES pointing out that the policy of the Union was strictly non-political.

Lord Cecil opposed this suggestion and proposed that Major Hills should see either the Lobby Correspondent or the Editor of THE TIMES about this matter. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That Lord Cecil's suggestion be adopted."

Lady Gladstone suggested that the Publicity Department should keep the Press well and accurately informed as to the progress of the Disarmament Campaign.

238. DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN - PARLIAMENTARY SPEAKERS. Professor Baker suggested that a communication be sent to every member of the Parliamentary Committee asking whether they would be willing to speak for the Union. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee be consulted on this matter."

239. DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN - SPEAKERS' NOTES. A draft of Speakers' Notes giving an outline of the ground to be covered by the Union's Disarmament Campaign as drawn up by Lord Cecil, Professor Murray Major Hills and Mr. Barnes, was submitted to the Committee. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That these notes be printed for immediate use in proof form but that, before being finally approved by the Executive, they be submitted for revision to Lord Cecil, Professor Murray, Major Hills and Professor Baker."

240. DISARMAMENT RESOLUTION FOR MEETINGS. The Secretary submitted to the Committee a draft resolution for meetings which had been drawn up by the Disarmament Campaign Committee. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That a sub-committee consisting of Lord Cecil, Mr. Duff Cooper, Major Hills, Lt. Col. Kenworthy and Professor Murray be appointed to consider and, if necessary, to redraft the resolution."

241. BUDGET FOR 1928. The Budget for 1928 was considered, including an estimate of expenditure (attached D.S.84F) submitted by the Finance Committee and an estimate of receipts (attached D.S.849) commended by Lord Queensborough, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the proposed expenditure of £35,000 (exclusive of \$500 specially contributed by Mr. David Davies, M.P. for the Overseas Department) be approved and presented to the General Council."

242. VACANCY ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. It was

RESOLVED: "That this item should appear on the Agenda of the next meeting of the Management and General Purposes Committee."

243. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE - COMMUNICATION FROM MR. W.T. LAYTON. The Secretary reported to the Committee a letter he had received from Mr. W.T. Layton suggesting that a special Economic Committee



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should be formed which should watch the progress made in connection with the World Economic Conference and its recommendations. It was

RESOLVED: "That this suggestion be adopted."

244. RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION AT SOPIA. Consideration of this matter was adjourned till the next meeting of the Management and General Purposes Committee.

245. SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE TO THE REPORT ON THE SOPIA MEETINGS. Consideration of this matter was adjourned till the next meeting of the Management and General Purposes Committee.

246. COMMUNICATION FROM ORGANISING COMMITTEE ON THE WORK OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE. It was suggested that Sir Alan Anderson might be consulted on this matter. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the matter be left in the hands of Lady Hall and the Chairman."

247. COMMUNICATION FROM MR. RAYMOND UNWIN. The Secretary reported to the Committee that he had received a communication from Mr. Raymond Unwin suggesting that the question of a Model Arbitration Treaty and Dr. Nansen's draft for such a Treaty be referred to the Revision of the Covenant Committee for consideration and report. It was

RESOLVED: "That the above suggestion be adopted."

248. OFFICE PREMISES. The Secretary reported that the lessors of No. 13 Grosvenor Crescent were willing to sub-let the ground floor (consisting of three good office rooms and one other room, the same size as the Union's Library, but with very little natural light) for six months for the sum of £275, plus charges for heating, lighting, cleaning and decoration. It was

RESOLVED: "That this offer be accepted."

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19.10.27.

Proposed expenditure for 1928, authorised expenditure  
for 1927 and actual expenditure in 1926.

	Actual 1926	Authorised 1927	Proposed 1928
Administration	2179 10 0	2169	2070
Intelligence	1401 10 6	1395	1478
Library	246 16 1	300	300
Publicity:			
Press	1188 17 7	1220	1230
Meetings	802 2 5	804	1325
Branches and General	1706 2 2	1730	1765
Overseas	*572 15 2	*580	*580
Parliamentary	436 4 10	450	450
Educational Organisations	664 5 8	665	705
Industrial Organisation	581 0 3	955	955
Religious Organisation	875 12 11	850	565
Women's Organisation	512 17 0	515	535
Welcome	585 7 2	705	585
Clerical services	3427 18 3	3565	3740
Accounts	1015 6 3	1030	1070
Stationery	246 14 11	800	800
Postages, etc.	1221 13 8	1150	1250
Office maintenance	2511 2 3	2575	2975
Insurances	253 6 9	300	300
Audit, Bank and legal charges	152 15 1	150	150
Travelling	149 15 0	150	150
Regional Representatives	6716 1 11	6950	6950
Speakers (General) less receipts	1746 16 3	1700	1700
Speakers (Industrial Organisations)	559 13 0	625	625
Universities and Colleges	626 3 3	600	625
International Federation of League of Nations Societies	361 14 2	380	375
Film Account	571 0 3	-	-
Dr. Norwood's Campaign	424 5 6	-	-
Disarmament Campaign	-	-	1000
Contingency Fund	-	687	500
	<u>£32417 9 8</u>	<u>33000</u>	<u>35000</u>

\*Exclusive of £500 from Mr. David Davies.



	1926 <u>Receipts.</u>		1927 <u>Provisional estimates, Oct. 1926</u>	1927 <u>Revised esti- mates Oct. 1927</u>	1928 <u>Estimates Oct. 1927</u>	D. S. 849 3.11.27.
	£	s. d.	£	£	£	£
<b>DONATIONS</b>						
Promised before Jan 1				7357	10330	
Collected by H.Q. during year.				<u>5878</u>	<u>5878</u>	
Total	11537.	7.8	14305	13235		16,208
<b>COUNCIL'S VOTE</b>						
Paid by Branches during year.				12031	12031	
Secured by H.Q. before Jan. 1.				1256	4500	
Collected by H.Q. during year				<u>5644</u>	<u>296</u>	
Total	17597.	2.2	17597	18911		16,827
<b>SUBSCRIPTIONS of H.Q. members</b>	1330.	6.5	1500	1432		1,432
<b>INTEREST on Investment</b>	500.	0.0	500	500		500
<b>MISCELLANEOUS (including trading account)</b>	<u>1760.</u>	<u>13.5</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>1760</u>		<u>1,760</u>
	233025.	9.6	234900	235838		236,727
<b>Cost of Collection</b>	<u>1884.</u>	<u>10.2</u>	<u>1900</u>	<u>2000</u>		<u>2,000</u>
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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 1927, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Captain W. Appleby, Professor Philip Baker, Lord Cecil, A.W. Claremont, Rt. Hon. Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Vice-Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H. Green, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major J.W. Hills, Rt. Hon. Sir Charles Hobhouse, R.S. Hudson, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Lt. Com. J.M. Kenworthy, Sir Walter Napier, F.G. Penman, W.T. Pritchard, W.J. Salmon, Miss Constance Smith, Raymond Unwin, H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch together with the Secretary.

9. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, Colonel David Carnegie, L.J. Cadbury, Miss Ruth Fry, J. de V. Loder, Charles Roberts, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Henry Vivian, and Mrs. Wilson-Fox.

250. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting held on November 3rd, 1927, were approved as circulated.

251. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending November 12th, 1927, showed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £67,11s.11d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £4,789.5s.6d.

The Committee noted that on November 14th, 1926, the Bank overdraft was £245.7s.0d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £3,473.9s.1d.

252. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 112 and 115, and with the exception of Minute 109(b), the Minutes of the Committee dated November 10th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (105) Recognition of Branches; (106) Public Meetings; (107) International Disarmament - Account of Council Meeting; (108) International Disarmament Resolutions for meetings; (109) International Disarmament Speakers' Notes; (110) International Disarmament title; (111) Optional Clause; (112) Economic Committee; (113) Sofia Meetings - Report; (114) Economic Resolutions passed by Representative Council of Federation; (115) Vacancy on Executive Committee; (116) Branch Resolution.

Minute 112 - Economic Committee. The Secretary reported that Sir Josiah Stamp had suggested three further names of persons who might be willing to serve on the Economic Committee. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of Sir Josiah Stamp's suggestion be deferred until replies had been received from those persons already invited to become members of the Economic Committee."

Minute 115 - Vacancy on Executive Committee. The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that several names had been submitted for consideration in the event of a vacancy occurring on the Executive Committee and suggested that all these names be considered. After discussion, on the motion of Major Hills and seconded by Mr. Salmon, it was

RESOLVED: "That Lord Lytton be invited to become a member of the Executive Committee."



On the motion of Mr. Herbert Worsley and seconded by Vice-Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, it was further

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Harold Macmillan, M.P. be invited to become a member of the Executive Committee."

- (b) INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. With the exception of Minutes 35 and 43(2) and subject to the following decisions on Minute 51(1) and (3) and Minute 58, the Minutes of the Committee dated November 2nd, 8th and 15th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (34) Boeke Fund - Speakers List; (35) Campaign Resolution; (36) Campaign Funds; (37) Speakers' Notes; (38) Women's Organisations; (39) Suggestions for Campaign; (40) Religious Organisations; (41) Economist, Sept.3rd; (42) Political Note in THE TIMES, Nov.2nd; (43) Premises; (44) Leaflets for the Campaign; (47) Boeke Fund - Women's Organisations - Suggestions for Campaign - Religious Organisations; (48) Speakers' Notes; (49) Draft Resolution; (50) Membership of Disarmament Campaign Committee - Co-operation of Limitation of Armaments Committee; (51) Finance; (52) Publicity; (53) Leaflets, Posters, etc.; (54) Premises; (57) Co-operative Union - Toynbee Hall; (58) Speakers' Notes; (60) Publicity; (61) Leaflets, Posters, Pamphlets, etc; (62) Communication from Mr. Lonsdale Deighton; (63) Notepaper; (64) Speakers; (65) Disarmament Petition; (66) Broadcasting.

Minute 51 - Finance (1). After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "To omit the words after 'expenditure'."

Minute 51 - Finance (3). After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "To omit the words 'Branches and'."

Minute 58 - Speakers' Notes. The revised proof of Speakers' Notes on International Disarmament was submitted to the Committee. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Notes be approved for circulation to Branches and Speakers subject to the addition of a footnote to be approved by Major Hills, Mr. Hudson and the Chairman (containing particulars of the total armament expenditure in this country and in Europe in 1914 and 1927) to explain paragraph 3(c)(i)."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That before more than the £50 at present authorised is spent on the proposed Disarmament film, the question of producing the film be further considered by the International Disarmament Campaign Committee."

- (c) WELCOME COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 50, the Minutes of the Committee dated November 8th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (47) Secretary's Report; (48) International Club; (49) Reception for Economic Conference; (50) Parties for Students; (51) Membership of Committee for 1928; (52) Other Business.



Minute 50 - Parties for Students. After discussion  
it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the sum of £120 be provisionally granted to the Welcome Committee for expenditure in connection with a reception to be held in February 1928 for foreign students in London."

(b) "That the Chairman of the Welcome Committee be invited to meet the Finance Committee further to discuss this matter."

(d) JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD ALLIANCE AND LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION. The Minutes of the Committee dated October 26th and November 14th, 1927, were approved and adopted on the understanding that without further reference to this Committee the Manifesto be not signed by representatives of the League of Nations unless it is also signed by representatives of the World Alliance."

✓ These Minutes included (2) Christianity and Disarmament; (6) Manifesto on Christianity and International Disarmament; (7) Proposed Covering Letter; (8) Names of Clergymen to be invited to assist in Campaign. ✓

(e) FINANCE COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 91 Resolution (b) and Minute 94, and amendment to Minute 91 Resolution (c) and Minute 93, the Minutes of the Committee dated November 16th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

✓ These Minutes included (90) Financial Statement; (91) London; (92) Appeals Department; (93) Fund for International Disarmament; (94) Hospitality for Foreign Students; (95) Mr. Stainton; (96) Queen's Hall Meeting; (97) Passing of Cheques for Payment. ✓

Minute 91 Resolution (b) - London. It was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be not adopted."

Minute 91 Resolution (c) - London. It was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'and to invite the London Regional Federation and the City of London Branch each to nominate one additional member for co-optation by the Sub-Committee be omitted from this Resolution."

Minute 93 - Fund for International Disarmament. It was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the words 'as to the policy of the British Government particularly in view of the gross misrepresentations in the United States Press at the time of the Coolidge Conference' be not approved."

(b) "That this Resolution as amended be submitted to the Overseas Committee for consideration and report."

Minute 94 - Hospitality to Foreign Students. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the Welcome Committee should organise the party for foreign students in February 1928 and that a provisional grant of £120 be made to the Welcome Committee for this purpose."



(b) "That the Chairman of the Welcome Committee be invited to meet the Finance Committee for the purpose of considering this matter further at an early date."

(f) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated November 10th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (76) Major Field-Richards; (77) Miss Searight; (78) Miss Rickards; (79) Time Books.]

253. PUBLICITY. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That \$100 (over and above the \$100 already granted to the Publicity Section as a revolving credit) be granted to the Publicity Section for use in connection with writers."

254. WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE. Lady Hall made an oral report to the Committee to the effect that arrangements for the Conference on the Work of the World Economic Conference were proceeding satisfactorily. She reported that difficulty had been experienced in obtaining a front-rank Conservative speaker on the last day of the Conference. Mr. Winston Churchill had been approached and a reply was expected in a few days.

Mr. R.S. Hudson said that in the event of Mr. Winston Churchill being unable to accept the invitation of the Organising Committee for the Conference, he would be pleased to assist the Committee in obtaining a suitable Conservative speaker for that occasion.

255. JOINT COMMITTEE OF ROTARY AND THE L.N.U. The Secretary reported that a meeting of the Joint Committee of Rotary and the L.N.U. had been held on November 16th. The main items discussed had been the Conference on the Work of the World Economic Conference and the International Disarmament Campaign. It had been arranged that the Union should circulate notices of the Guildhall Conference with special invitations to all International Service Representatives of Rotary throughout the country.

Mr. Pascall had expressed the opinion that some mention of furthering League activities with regard to the suppression of unfair commercial practices could very properly be made at the session of the Conference on the Work of the World Economic Conference to be held on Wednesday, December 14th. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Organising Committee for the Conference on the Work of the World Economic Conference be asked whether arrangements could be made for Mr. Pascall to deliver a short speech on the subject of the extension of League activities with regard to the suppression of unfair commercial practices at the session of the Conference to be held on December 14th."

The Secretary further reported that arrangements had been made for a special Conference on International Disarmament between Rotary and the League of Nations Union to take place at the Hotel Cecil, probably on January 19th. On the recommendation of the Secretary it was

RESOLVED: "That a letter be written to the Secretary of Rotary thanking that Organisation for the co-operation they had promised for the proposed Conference."



256. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MR. ROY HARDY AND MR. LONSDALE DEIGHTON. The Secretary reported that this matter had been referred to the International Disarmament Campaign Committee which would report again to the Executive Committee in due course.
257. SLAVERY. The Secretary read to the Committee the following resolution which he had received from Hull:-

"This representative Meeting of the Citizens of Kingston-upon-Hull, the Birthplace of William Wilberforce, learns with grave concern of the continued existence in many parts of the world of Slavery, and at the same time it rejoices that His Majesty's Government has, by its recent decrees, taken steps for the almost immediate suppression of the evil in the Protectorate of Sierra Leone.

Seeing, however, that there are still more than 4,000,000 of our Fellow Creatures in cruel bondage, this Meeting urges upon Leaders of public opinion to make this known, and to seek, through the agency of the League of Nations and by all other legitimate means, the early termination of this iniquitous traffic in all countries of the globe."

It was

RESOLVED: "That a letter be written to Mr. Priestman acknowledging the resolution with thanks and stating that the Committee is in sympathy with the terms of the resolution."

258. WAR FILMS. Lt. Com. J. M. Kenworthy drew the attention of the Committee to several recent war films which he considered injurious to the cause of peace.

RESOLVED: "That the International Disarmament Campaign Committee be asked to consider and report upon these films."

G.M.



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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 1927, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Professor Philip Baker, Rt.Hon.C.N.Barnes, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Lord Henry Bentinck, A.W. Claremont, A.Duff Cooper, David Davies, Rt.Hon. Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Vice-Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, E.W.Morton George, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H.Green, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, Major J.W.Hills, Rt.Hon.Sir Charles Hobhouse, R.S.Hudson, Mrs.Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, J.de V.Loder, Sir Walter Napier, F.G.Penman, W.T.Pritchard, Charles Roberts, W.J.Salmon, Lady Selborne, H.F.Shaw, Raymond Unwin, H.D.Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch together with the Secretary.

259. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of C.Delisle Burns, L.J.Cadbury, Miss Ruth Fry, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lt.Com.J.M. Kenworthy, Miss Constance Smith, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Henry Vivian and Mrs.Wilson-Fox.

260. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on Minute 252(a)112, the Minutes of the last meeting held on November 17th, 1927, were approved as circulated.

Minute 252(a)112 - Economic Committee. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That Sir Josiah Stamp's suggestion to the effect that Professor Allen Young, Mr.Harold Cox, Mr. Hartley Withers be asked to serve on the Economic Committee, be adopted."

261. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending November 28th, 1927, shewed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £2,265.1s.2d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £5,080.15s.9d.

The Committee noted that on November 28th, 1926, the Bank Overdraft was £2,148.2s.5d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £3,674.5s.11d.

262. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated November 24th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (118) Recognition of Branches; (119) Public Meetings; (120) H.M. Government's Decision to Reduce Cruiser Building Programme; (121) International Disarmament; (122) Branch Resolution; (123) Christmas Holidays; (124) Staff Party; (125) Committee on Traffic in Women and Children - Co-optations; (126) Publicity.

(b) COMMITTEE ON WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE. Subject to the following amendment to Minute 72(ii), the extract from the Minutes of the Committee dated November 14th, 1927, was approved and adopted:-

Minute 72(ii) - Publication of Proceedings. It was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'in an approved form' be inserted after the word 'proceedings' in line 4 of this resolution."

(c) LIBRARY COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 34(b) and 36, the Minutes of the Committee dated November 15th, 1927, were approved and adopted.



These Minutes included (34) Circularising Public Libraries; Shelving Space in the Library; Composition of Library Committee; Use of Library for other purposes; Exchange of Publications; (35) Absence on Leave of Librarian; (36) Report of Book-Selection Committee; (37) Mr. Parkes; Lending of Books through Boots' Library. 7

Minute 34(b) - Shelving Space in the Library. The Vice-Chairman suggested that the Library Committee should be asked to consider the advisability of indexing those books which it was proposed to store. It was

RESOLVED: "That this suggestion be referred to the Library Committee for consideration and report."

Minute 36 - Report of Book Selection Committee. Admiral Drury-Lowe suggested that the Library Committee should obtain Brassey's Naval and Shipping Annual for the use of the Library. It was

RESOLVED: "That this suggestion be referred to the Library Committee."

- (d) JOINT COMMITTEE OF ROTARY AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION. Consideration of the Minutes of the Committee held on 16th November, 1927, was deferred until the next meeting of the Executive Committee.
- (e) COMMITTEE ON THE TRAFFIC IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN. The Minutes of the Committee dated November 16th, 1927, were approved and adopted.
- These Minutes included (2) Report on Council Meeting of Federation; (3) Co-optation of members possessing expert knowledge; (4) Representative from Home Office; (5) Additional Members of Executive Committee; (6) Speakers' Notes; (7) Information on Agenda for British Delegation to The Hague; (9) Dame Edith Lyttelton's Letter concerning Mr. Capel Pownall. 7
- (f) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. With the exception of Minute 98(11) and subject to the following amendment to Minute 91, the Minutes of the Committee dated November 17th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (89) District Industrial Advisory Committees; (90) Regional Conferences; (91) Part XIII - Preamble; (92) Presentation to New I.L.O. Building; (93) Chairmanship; (94) International Labour Organisation - Pamphlet; (95) Model I.L.O. Conferences; (96) World Economic Conference; (97) Conference on Migration and also on Accident Prevention; (98) Affiliation; (99) Washington Hours Convention; (100) Campaign for International Disarmament. 7

Minute 91 - Part XIII - Preamble. It was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution should read as follows:-

'That subject to the Preamble being printed in full and not paraphrased, the Ruskin Press be informed that the Union will take copies of this Preamble on the same terms as of the Preamble to the Covenant.'

- (g) INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated November 22nd, 1927, were approved and adopted.



✓ These Minutes included (69) Speakers' Notes; (70) Limitation of Armaments Committee; (71) Finance - Letter to Branches; (72) Publicity; (73) Films; (74) Speakers' and Workers' Conferences; (75) Cruiser Programme; (76) Disarmament Petition; (77) Youth Organisations; (78) Premises; (79) Un-employment through Disarmament. ✓

- (h) OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minutes 50 and 51, the Minutes of the Committee dated November 23rd, 1927, were approved and adopted.

✓ These Minutes included (45) Publicity Arrangements For Federation Meetings; (46) Communication from Paris Branch; (47) League of Nations Society in Canada; (48) Communication from M. Aulard; (49) Draft Resolution on Ratification of Conventions; (50) Proposed Summer School at Heidelberg; (51) Navy League in Wellington, N.Z.; (52) Overseas Report; (53) Union's Economic Conference; (54) America and Disarmament; (55) Overseas Department's New Premises. ✓

Minute 50 - Proposed Summer School at Heidelberg.  
It was

RESOLVED: "That the approval of the Finance Committee be obtained before any expense is incurred in respect of this proposal."

Minute 51 - Navy League in Wellington, N.Z. It was

RESOLVED: "That the report of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Wellington Navy League concerning a letter written to them by the Navy League Headquarters in London be submitted to the International Disarmament Campaign Committee for consideration and report."

- (i) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated November 24th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

✓ These Minutes included (81) Assistance for Mr. Arnold-Forster; (82) Public Meetings Staff; (83) Despatch; (84) Contingent Vacancies; (85) Time Books. ✓

The following appointments recommended by the Committee on December 1st, were also approved:-

- (a) To second Miss Tynan for a period of six months to assist Mr. Arnold-Forster.
- (b) To appoint Mr. Alec Wilson as assistant (Grade 2) to Mr. Arnold-Forster for a period of six months. Salary at the rate of £200 a year.
- (c) To appoint Miss Harris as assistant (Grade 3A) to Mr. T. Wood in the Public Meetings Section at a commencing wage of £2.10s.0d. a week.
- (d) To appoint Miss Croad as assistant (Grade 4) in the Book Room at her present rate of wages.

263. MESSAGE TO THE CHURCHES. A revised version of the message to the Churches, approved by the Executive Committee on November 17th (Minute 252(d)) was considered. The alterations consisted of small verbal changes. It was

RESOLVED: "That the revised form of the message be approved for signature on behalf of the Christian Organisations Committee of the Union, the British Council of the World Alliance, and COPEG."



264. GENERAL COUNCIL - AGENDA. The preliminary agenda for the meeting of the General Council to be held on December 16th, 1927, was considered, together with amendments to resolutions on the preliminary agenda paper subsequently received from members of the Council. The Committee decided that a discussion of the Campaign for international disarmament should be the second item on the final agenda, provided however that the Budget (the second item on the preliminary agenda) should be taken at 2.30 p.m. immediately after the luncheon interval. The Committee further decided to propose certain amendments to resolutions on the preliminary agenda. It was

RESOLVED: "That the necessary changes having been made in the preliminary agenda, it be circulated as the final agenda for the meeting on 16th December."

265. WAR DANGER CONFERENCE - REPORT. Admiral Drury-Lowe made an oral report on the War Danger Conference held under the auspices of the NO MORE WAR Movement on November 24th and 25th.

266. SITUATION IN EASTERN EUROPE. Lord Cecil called the attention of the Committee to the present situation which had arisen between Poland and Lithuania. Professor Baker pointed out that the cause of Polish-Lithuanian unrest in the past had been lack of publicity for the proceedings of the League. Lord Cecil expressed the hope that the sessions of the new sub-Commission on Security and Arbitration would be held in public. After further discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman, if he thought fit, should write a letter to the TIMES, calling attention to some past resolutions of the Executive Committee on the subject of publicity for League proceedings."

267. ITALO-ALBANIAN TREATY. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the questions whether this Treaty is inconsistent with the Covenant and, if so, in what respects, be referred to Lord Phillimore's Revision of the Covenant Committee for consideration and report."

268. SITUATION IN CHINA. The Committee considered the following Minute of the General Council at its meeting in Harrogate on June 22nd, 1927:-

"That the General Council of the League of Nations Union trusts that H.M. Government will continue to adhere to the moderate and far-seeing policy in China embodied in the memorandum of December, 1926, and instructs the Executive Committee to consider how best the League's principles for the peaceful settlement of disputes, expressed in Articles 11, 12, 13 and 15 of the Covenant, may be applied in practice to disputes between a State Member of the League and the nationals of another State uncontrolled by any effective Government."

and it was

RESOLVED: "That the following minute 19(a) as subsequently revised by Minute 25 of Lord Phillimore's Revision of the Covenant Committee, together with the recommendation contained therein, be approved and adopted as the Executive Committee's reply to the above minute of the General Council:-



SITUATION IN CHINA. The Committee appreciated the gravity of a situation exemplified by recent events in the Yangtze valley where there has occurred and may occur again in another sovereign State Member of the League, and groups of Chinese nationals, such a conflict as, if these Chinese nationals had been under the control of an effective Government in China, would have amounted to "circumstances threatening to disturb international peace" or to "a dispute likely to lead to a rupture", or even to "war or threat of war". The Secretary asked that if in such circumstances, the League could not be invoked under the articles of the Covenant mentioned above, the reason should be made perfectly clear to supporters of the League in this country.

Mr. Unwin contended that since no limitation of the word "war" was included in Article XI, the Article could be interpreted to include the type of quasi-international conflict under consideration; but the Chairman held that it was plainly the intention of the framers of the Covenant that the Article should apply only to international war between Sovereign States.

Sir Walter Napier doubted whether one State could lawfully land troops on the territory of another State, even to protect its nationals from injury in civil war, and Mr. Unwin suggested that there was no obligation to defend these persons. The Chairman said that both these views were contrary to history and to international practice.

Mr. Keen held that the League should first offer its good offices both to the government of the State hitherto officially recognised and to the factions in armed rebellion against it, in the hope of achieving political unity within the State or an agreed division of its territory between two or more accepted governments.

The Chairman, summing up the discussion, emphasized the fact that it was only by recognising, at least as a belligerent, the group which was in civil conflict with the official Government, that either the League of Nations or any Sovereign State could negotiate or introduce arbitral proceedings with that group; and that, unless and until that could be done, Sovereign States were within their right in protecting their nationals in the affected area. If in such an emergency they were compelled to use force against one side or the other in a civil war, this did not involve any departure from their neutrality or impartiality. It was

RESOLVED: "That the League of Nations could not intervene in a dispute between a State Member of the League and the nationals of another State not under the effective control of the Government of that State by virtue of Articles 11, 12, 13 or 15 of the Covenant, unless it were to accept, for the moment, the position that the leaders of these nationals are the Government of a separate State."

The Chairman added, however, that the recognition of forces in rebellion against the official government of a country might be regarded as an unfriendly act by that government, and that it was difficult to contemplate calling upon the League of Nations to commit such an unfriendly act against one of its own members."

269. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS.

(a) Brentford Branch (dated November 14th):-

"That this meeting of the Brentford Branch of the League of Nations Union, realising that the work of the League, in its efforts to bring about a reduction in armaments and to promote security between nations, is hampered by the absence of Russia from the League, welcomes



the decision of Russia to take part in the work of the Preparatory Commission, and requests the National Executive to urge upon His Majesty's Government the desirability of bringing about a settlement of all outstanding disputes between that country and the members of the League through the medium of the latter body, and to use their good offices to induce Russia to become a member of the League."

(b) Bowdley Branch (dated November 18th):-

"That this meeting of members of the Bowdley Branch of the League of Nations Union considers most if not all the Literature supplied does not reach the average man and woman, and begs to suggest that some literature at least be simpler and of a more popular kind so as to get the people so far not touched, to join the League."

RESOLVED: "That the above resolutions be acknowledged with thanks."

270. EYE-ELECTIONS. The Committee considered and approved the report on the Canterbury and Southend Eye-Elections. The Chairman on behalf of the Executive Committee congratulated Colonel Carnegie on the prominence which he had given to the work of the League and the Union in his recent bye-election contest at Canterbury.

RESOLVED: "That letters of appreciation be written to Lady Iveagh, Mr. Dougall Meston and Mr. Erskine Harper as well as to Sir William Wayland and Colonel David Carnegie."

271. SLAVERY. On the motion of Mr. J.H.Harris, it was

RESOLVED: "That a letter be written to the Foreign Secretary, expressing the Union's appreciation of the fact that in a recent treaty between H.M. Government and the Government of the Hejaz a paragraph had been included, binding the Hejaz Government to co-operate in suppressing the slave trade, and maintaining the right of the British Government to the manumission of slaves who escape to British territory."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That Mr. J.H.Harris be asked to draft this letter."

272. VACANCIES ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The Secretary reported that Lord Lytton and Mr. Harold Macmillan, M.P. had accepted the invitation to become members of the Committee.

G.M.



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 1927, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Captain W. Appleby, Professor Philip Baker, A. Huff Cooper, Lord Cecil, Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, E.W. Morton George, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.R. Green, J.H. Harris, Major J.W. Hills, Lt. Com. J.M. Kenworthy, Mrs. W.T. Layton, Sir Walter Hanier, F.C. Penman, W.T. Pritchard, Lord Queensborough, W.J. Salmon, H.F. Shaw, A.L. Shepherd, H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch together with the Secretary.

273. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of C. Delisle Furns, Rt. Hon. G.W. Barnes, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, Colonel David Carnegie, Miss Ruth Fry, Sir Arthur Haworth, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Lady Selborne, Miss Constance Smith, and Raymond Unwin.
274. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting held on December 1st, 1927, were approved as circulated.
275. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending December 15th, 1927, showed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £1,912.6s.8d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £5,049.15s.4d.

The Committee noted that on December 12th, 1926, the Bank Overdraft was £1,882.3s.1d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £2,996.16s.11d.

276. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated December 8th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (128) Recognition of Branches; (129) Public Meetings; (130) Inspection of Branches - Communication from Mr. J.H. Harris; (131) International Disarmament; (132) Premises; (133) The Litvinov Proposals; (134) Arbitration and Security - Treaties.]

- (b) JOINT COMMITTEE OF WORLD ALLIANCE AND L.N.U. The Minutes of the Committee dated November 30th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (12) Message of Christianity and International Disarmament; (13) Communication from Lambeth; (14) Communication from World Alliance; (15) Proposed Covering Letter; (16) Publicity for the Message; (17) Publicity for Albert Hall Meeting.]

The Secretary reported that the Message to the Churches, as approved by the Executive Committee, had been approved by the British Council of the World Alliance for signature on behalf of the Christian Organisations Committee of the Union, the British Council of the World Alliance and COPEC.

The Secretary further reported that the British Council of the World Alliance had recommended that the message be not sent out until after the Albert Hall meeting in February. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That this recommendation be adopted."

The Secretary also reported that the Rev. H.R.L. Sheppard would be asked to make an appeal from the platform for funds to cover the cost of the Albert Hall meeting.



- (c) JOINT COMMITTEE OF ROTARY AND THE L.N.U. Subject to the following decision on Minute 7, the Minutes of the Committee dated November 16th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (2) Report on Re-organisation of work by R.I.B.I.; (3) Report of International Service Sub-Committee; (4) Economic Conference of League; (5) Further co-operation between R.I.B.I. and L.N.U.; (6) Panels of Speakers; (7) Disarmament; (8) International Service Representatives on Local Executives of the Union.

Minute 7 - Disarmament; After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the League of Nations Union contribute a sum of £25 towards the cost of holding a special meeting for the discussion of International Disarmament on January 19th, by the International Service representatives of the Rotary Clubs."

- (d) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 104 and 106(a)(ii), the Minutes of the Committee dated December 1st, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (103) District Industrial Advisory Committees; (104) I.L.O. Pamphlet by Mr. E. L. Foulton; (105) Presentation to New I.L.O. Building; (106) Campaign for International Disarmament; (107) Model I.L.O. Conference; (108) World Economic Conference; (109) Migration; (110) Affiliation and Industrial Associateship; (111) Washington Hours Convention, a Restatement of the Facts; (112) International Association for the Study and Improvement of Human Relations and Conditions in Industry; (113) Native Labour; (114) London School of Economics - Mr. Grimsnaw's Lectures; (115) Sectional Diagrams; (116) Films.

Minute 104 - International Labour Organisation - Pamphlet by Mr. E. L. Foulton. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That before this pamphlet is printed in the Union's series of pamphlets on the I.L.O., it be submitted to the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Secretary."

Minute 106(a)(ii) - Campaign for International Disarmament. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That further consideration of this Minute be adjourned to a special meeting of the Executive Committee to be held on Wednesday, December 21st."

- (e) MINORITIES COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated December 5th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (11) Sir Walter Napiers Report on Sofia Meetings; (12) Non-Mussulman Minorities in Constantinople; (13) Minorities Bulletin; (14) Sir Willoughby Dickinson's Memorandum on Work of Federation re National Minorities.



It was

RESOLVED: (a) "That after communication with the Secretary of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies, memoranda be drafted on Ukrainian and Catalan Minorities and that both these minority problems be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Federation.

(b) "That Sir Walter Napier be authorised to ask Sir Willoughby Dickinson to draft a pamphlet on Minorities for submission to the Executive Committee."

Lord Cecil said that he deprecated the practice of preparing documents for transmission to the Assembly of the League, by and with the approval of, the International Federation of League of Nations Societies. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That this observation be referred to the Overseas Committee for consideration and report."

(f) REVISION OF THE COVENANT COMMITTEE. With the exception of Minutes 32, 33, 34, which were adjourned for consideration at the special meeting of the Executive Committee to be held on Tuesday, December 20th, the Minutes of the Committee dated December 5th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (35) Italo-Albanian Treaty; (36) Senator Capper's Peace Resolution.

On the motion of the Chairman it was

RESOLVED: "That the thanks of the Executive Committee be conveyed to Sir Walter Napier and Sir Willoughby Dickinson for their valuable work in connection with the Revision of the Covenant Committee and the Minorities Committee respectively."

(g) ECONOMIC CONFERENCE COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated December 6th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (79) Programme - Report; (80) Discussion Openers; (81) Circularisation; (82) Tariff Wall Map; (83) Public Meeting; (84) Publication of Proceedings.

(h) INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. With the exception of Minutes 84, 85, 95 and 105, which were adjourned for consideration at a meeting of the Executive Committee to be held on Wednesday, December 21st, and subject to the following decision on Minute 104, the Minutes of the Committee dated November 29th, December 6th and 13th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (80) Unemployment through Disarmament; (81) Finance; (82) Publicity; (83) Conferences; (86) Premises; (87) Films; (89) Finance; (90) Publicity; (91) Form of Promise to Work for International Disarmament; (92) Conferences; (94) Report of Navy League Meeting, Wellington, N.Z.; (95) Films; (96) Unemployment and Disarmament; (97) Overseas Societies; (100) Finance; (101) Peace and Goodwill Cards; (102) Publicity; (103) Conferences; (104) Russian Proposals; (106) Form of Promise to Work for the Campaign; (107) Traffic in Arms Convention.



Minute 104 - Russian Proposals. The Committee considered a resolution submitted by the International Disarmament Campaign Committee and

RESOLVED: "That no objection should be taken to such a resolution as the following, if moved from the body of the hall at the meeting of the General Council on December 16th:-

That as the inclusion of Russia in any international movement towards Disarmament is indispensable to full success,

The General Council of the League of Nations Union

Welcomes the attendance of the Russian delegation at the recent meeting of the Preparatory Commission and, while recognising that their actual proposals for immediate and complete dissolution of all organised armed forces appear to be impracticable,

Notes with satisfaction the declaration of their chief delegate that their Government intends to support any compromise and to welcome any effort or step towards Disarmament; and

Hopes that every effort will therefore be made to retain the co-operation of Russia in this move."

(i) PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 108 and 112, the Minutes of the Committee dated 6th December, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (102) Four-Page Leaflets; (103) Press Cuttings; (104) Co-optations; (105) Report on Publicity; (106) Publicity for the Union's Activity in the Daily Press; (107) Flag Day; (108) Publicity for the League in the Empire; (109) Conference of Editors of Trades Union Journals; (110) Proposed Film on Theme of International Disarmament; (111) Schoolboys' Own Exhibition; (112) Pamphlets and Leaflets; (113) Publicity for the Guildhall Meeting; (114) Permanent Chairman; (115) Publicity of the Union.]

Minute 108 - Publicity for the League in the Empire.  
It was

RESOLVED: "That the thanks of the Executive Committee be conveyed to Sir John and Lady Power for entertaining the Conference on "League and I.L.O. Publicity in the Empire" held on December 13th."

Minute 112 - Pamphlets and Leaflets. After discussion  
It was

RESOLVED: "That the title of Leaflet No. 226 - THE WAR ON DISEASE - be changed to THE HEALTH WORK OF THE LEAGUE, and that the title of leaflet No. 230 - VICE - be changed to THE PROTECTION OF GIRLS."



It was further reported that the Festival of Youth Committee of the London Regional Federation would be unable, in view of the proximity of the event, to undertake the providing of a stall at the Schoolboys' Own Exhibition, January 7th to 13th, 1928.

(j) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated December 7th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (101) Minutes of World Alliance and L.N.U. Joint Committee; (102) Lord Cecil; (103) Pamphlet on Missions and Work of I.L.O.; (104) Albert Hall Meeting; (105) Auxiliary of Student Christian Movement; (106) Composition of Committee; (107) Corporate Members; (108) Church Congress at Cheltenham; (109) Christian Endeavour and German League of Nations Society; (110) Chairmanship of Committee; (111) Voluntary Workers.]

(k) EDUCATION COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated December 9th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (111) League of Nations Library; (112) Composition of Committee; (113) List of Meetings; (114) Miss Benson's Services; (115) Steps taken by Local Education Authorities; (116) Report on Officers' Training Corps; (117) Films; (118) International Disarmament; (119) Revised Version of League Experts' Report; (120) League of Nations in Syllabuses for Examinations; (121) Scheme for a Four Years' Course in History; (122) Charts; (123) New Education Conference at Locarno; (124) Text-books for Schools on League of Nations; (125) Magazine for Children; (126) Summer Schools.]

(l) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated December 8th were approved and adopted, subject to such modifications as were made by the Committee on December 15th, the Minutes of which meeting were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (97) Time Books; (91)&(93) Half-yearly Revision of Salaries.]

(m) OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. With the exception of Minutes 58, 60, 61, 63 and 64, consideration of which was deferred, the Minutes of the Committee dated December 14th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (59) Position of Paris Branch; (62) N.C.P.W. and International Federation.]

After discussion it was further

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Secretary be authorised to urge the Secretary General of the International Federation to summon the Federation's Economic Sub-Committee to meet at Brussels in the middle of January 1928 - say Saturday, 14th January - in order to prepare a draft programme for the Federation's Economic Conference to be held in Prague at Whitsuntide 1928."

(2) "That, with the consent of Mr. George Barnes, Sir George Paish be nominated to serve as a British Member on the Federation's Economic Sub-Committee when it meets to prepare the programme for the Federation's Economic Conference."



277. SPEAKERS. On the motion of Captain Appleby, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee should review the Union's list of speakers in the near future."

278. CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMMITTEES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairmen be asked to write a letter to those Chairmen of Sub-Committees, not members of the Executive Committee, thanking them for their services in the past year."

279. FLAG DAY - MEMORANDUM BY MR. LONSDALE DEIGHTON. It was

RESOLVED: "That this memorandum be considered at a special meeting of the Executive Committee to be held on Wednesday, December 21st, and that mention be made of the proposal at the meeting of the General Council to be held on December 16th."

280. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED:(a) "That a special meeting of the Executive Committee be called at 11 a.m. on Wednesday 21st December to consider a portion of the business adjourned from this meeting."

(b) "That the next ordinary meeting of the Executive Committee be held on Thursday, January 19th."

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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,  
DECEMBER 21ST, 1927 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major J.W.Hills (in the Chair), Rt.Hon.G.N. Barnes, Lord Henry Bentinck, A.Duff Cooper, Lord Cecil, Vice-Admiral S.H. Prury-Lowe, Captain L.H. Green, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, R.S.Hudson, F.N.Keen, Lt.Com.J.M.Kenworthy, Mrs.W.T. Layton, F.G.Fenman, W.T.Fritchard, W.J. Salmon, Miss Constance Smith, Raymond Unwin, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynon together with the Secretary.

were tendered on behalf of

282 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / C.Delisle Burns, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, L.J.Cadbury, David Davies, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Selborne, Sir Arthur Haworth and Professor Gilbert Murray.

283 PEACE DAY - MEMORANDUM BY MR. LONSDALE DEIGHTON. The Committee considered a memorandum drawn up by Mr. Lonsdale Deighton, containing proposals for a national flag day for the League of Nations Union. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the whole question of the advisability of inaugurating a national flag day on or about May 18th - the date proposed by the International Federation of League of Nations Societies for universal celebration as Peace Day - be referred to the Office Organisation Committee; and that Mrs. Strachey and Professor Baker be invited to attend the meeting or meetings of the Office Organisation Committee during the discussion of this subject."

284 INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN - COMMUNICATION TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS. The Committee further considered the following Minute (106 (ii)) of the Industrial Advisory Committee dated December 1st, 1927:-

"Campaign for International Disarmament.

That a letter as from the Industrial Advisory Committee be sent to the Trades Union Congress General Council asking them that they should, through their Consultative Committee, Federation of Trades Councils, etc., recommend the holding of Conferences on the subject of Disarmament; and also suggesting that these Conferences might be held during, say, the first fortnight in March, which would be just prior to the next meeting of the Preparatory Commission for the Limitation of Armaments.

The Secretary was asked to draft this letter and to submit it to Mr. Poulton, Mr. Elvin and Mr. Ben Turner and to despatch it as drafted to the Secretary of the I.U.C. by December 20th.

After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That Minute 106(ii) of the Industrial Advisory Committee be not adopted."



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(b) "That the Trades Union Congress and the appropriate employers' organisation and the party political organisations of all political parties be notified that, if they will organise meetings to consider the problem involved in international disarmament and arbitration, the Union will be pleased, so far as possible, to supply literature and speakers to explain to such meetings the Union's attitude."

285 REAPPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the term of office of Committees appointed for 1927 be extended to January 31st next, except in cases where a new Committee has already been appointed for 1928".

286 MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY. It was

RESOLVED: "That a letter be written to Sir Charles Hobhouse conveying to him the heart-felt sympathy of the Executive Committee in his recent bereavement."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, 19TH JANUARY, 1928, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Captain W. Appleby, Professor Philip Eaker, Rt.Hon.G.N.Barnes, Lord Cecil, A.W.Claremont, Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, E.W.Worton George, Lady Gladstone, J.R.Griffin, J.H.Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Charles Hobhouse, R.S. Hudson, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Rt.Hon. Leif Jones, F.N.Keen, Mrs. W.T.Layton, W.T. Pritchard, W.J.Salmon, H.F.Shaw, Miss Constance Smith, Raymond Unwin, F.D.Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch together with the Secretary.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of C.Delisle Burns, Colonel David Carnegie, L.J.Cadbury, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Captain L.H.Green, Major J.W.Hills, Miss Ruth Fry, Sir Walter Napier, F.G.Penman and Lady Selborne.
2. MINUTES. With the exception of Minute 276(m)(62) - N.C.P.W. and International Federation - the Minutes of the meeting held on December 15th, 1927, and of the special meeting held on December 21st 1927, were approved as circulated.
3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending January 16th, 1928, shewed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £3,819.18s.1d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £5,354.17s.6d.

The Committee noted that the Bank Balance on 16th January, 1927, was £1,276.15s.3d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £3,298.13s.6d.

After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Finance Committee be asked to consider whether some other form of statement might make the financial position clearer to members of the Executive Committee."

4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. With the exception of Minute No.260, the extracted Minutes of the Committee dated December 7th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (259) International Disarmament Campaign; (260) Militarism in Schools.]

On Minute 260 - Militarism in Schools - it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred to the Education Committee for consideration and report."

- (b) WELCOME COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions on Minute 58 (13.12.27) and Minutes 6(b) and (8) (10.1.28), the Minutes of these meetings were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (56) New Members of Committee; (57) Secretary's Report; (58) Report of International Club Joint Sub-Committee; (59) Reception to E.U.L.N.S. Students; (4) Students' Conference on Anglo-American Relations; (6) Reception to E.U.L.N.S.Students; (7) Miss Huntington's Reception to Students; (8) Report of International Club Joint Sub-Committee.]



Minutes 58 and 8 (10.1.28) - International Club.  
After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the general idea of the formation of an international Club be approved, but that the final approval of the details of the proposal be reserved until such time as the complete scheme is laid before the Committee."

Mr. J.H.Harris suggested that the proposal to limit the percentage of non-European members of the Club should be modified, and that the expression "non-European" might be misunderstood.

Minute 6(b) - Reception to Students of the E.U.L.N.S. (University College, London, February 8th). It was

RESOLVED: "That Sir William Beveridge be asked to make a short speech on this occasion."

- (c) TRAFFIC IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 6 and 7(5), the Minutes of the Committee dated December 14th, 1927, and January 10th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

✓ These Minutes included (16) Secretary's Report; (17) Introductory Memorandum to Federated Societies; (18) Josephine Butler Memorial Appeal; (3) "The White Slave Traffic" Film; (4) Communication from Cardiff; (5) Chester Diocesan Association Resolution; (6) Resolutions for the Hague Conference; (7) Relations with the League Committee for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women and Children; (8) Speakers' Notes; (9) Co-optation.✓

Minute 6 - Resolutions for the XIIth Plenary Congress of the Federation. It was

RESOLVED: "That this Minute be not at present adopted but that the Introductory Memorandum and the interim resolution, which it was proposed to submit to the XIIth Plenary Congress of the Federation, be circulated for the consideration of the Executive Committee."

Minute 7(b) - Relations with the League of Nations Committee for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women and Children. It was

RESOLVED: "That Miss Warner (Hon. Sec. Committee on the Traffic in Women and Children) be asked to attend the meeting of the League's Committee for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women and Children in March next."

- (d) OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. Subject to the following amendment to Minute 63, the Extract of the Minutes of the Committee dated December 14th, 1927, was approved and adopted.

✓ These Minutes included (58) Professor Murray's Letter to M. Aulard; (60) Composition of Committee; (61) Federation Meetings at Brussels; (63) Memorandum on Ratification of Conventions.✓



Minute 63 - Memorandum on Ratification of Conventions . It was

RESOLVED: "That the first paragraph of the Resolution to be moved at the XIIth Plenary Congress of the Federation at The Hague, be amended to read as follows:-

'Deploring the fact that so few ratifications have been received to several of the Conventions submitted to Governments by the League of Nations and the International Labour Organisation, and considering that it is inimical to the best interests of the League to draw up Conventions unless Governments are prepared to ratify them.....! "

- (e) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated December 14th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

✓ These Minutes included (54) New Members; (55) Composition of Committee; (56) New Corporate Members; (57) Meetings; (58) Appeal for Signature; (59) Universal Religious Peace Conference; (60) Work for 1928; (61) Co-operation in International Disarmament Campaign. ✓

- (f) INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated December 20th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

✓ These Minutes included (109) 'Radio Times' Advertisement Offer; (110) Finance; (111) Publicity; (112) General Council; (113) Resolution for Annual Meetings; (114) House to House Canvass at Hendon; (115) Conferences; (116) Conservative Party; Speakers' Notes. ✓

- (g) ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR THE CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION ETC. The Minutes of the Committee dated December 20th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

✓ These Minutes included (21) Draft Programme; (22) Delegate Fee. ✓

- (h) ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR THE CONFERENCE ON THE WORK OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE. The Minutes of the Committee dated December 20th, 1927, were approved and adopted.

✓ These Minutes included (88) Guildhall - Expenses; (89) Letter of thanks; (90) M. Stucki; (91) Public Meeting; (92) Expenses; (93) Publication of Proceedings. ✓

It was further

RESOLVED: "That the congratulations of the Executive Committee be conveyed to the Organising Committee for the Conference on the Work of the World Economic Conference on the outstanding success of the Guildhall Conference."

It was also suggested that the report of the proceedings of the Guildhall Conference should be shown to Sir Alan Anderson before publication.



5. N.C.P.W. AND INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION. The Secretary reported a letter from Mr. Rennie Smith, agreeing to accept the recommendation of the Overseas Committee as confirmed by the Executive of the Union on December 15th, viz:- "To seek recognition under your Union's Bye-Law 6(v) as a co-operating body for this purpose" and enclosing a cheque for £5.5s.0d. He proposed that the Executive should recommend the Council, in accordance with the Union's Bye-Law 6(v), to recognise the National Council for the Prevention of War as a co-operating Body on signifying in writing its general agreement with the objects of the Union, and on promising to pay a minimum annual subscription of £5.5s.0d. which would entitle the N.C.P.W. to appoint one representative on the General Council of the Union and to receive such publications as are sent to Foundation Members. Consideration of this proposal was referred to a special meeting of the Executive to be held on Thursday, January 26th.

6. SPEAKERS. It was reported that the Union's list of speakers was being recompiled under separate headings, and that as soon as this work was completed the list would be submitted to the Office Organisation Committee for consideration and report to the Executive Committee.

7. FLAG DAY. The Committee considered the following recommendation of the Office Organisation Committee:-

"That, on the information before them, they were not satisfied that, either from the point of view of publicity or finance, they could recommend the carrying out of Mr. Deighton's scheme for a Flag Day in May 1928; but that this view might be modified if a strong opinion in favour of the scheme were expressed by the Consultative Committee at its meeting on 31st January."

After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That this recommendation be adopted."

The Committee also considered the following Minute of the International Disarmament Campaign Committee dated 17th January, 1928:-

FLAG DAY. The Committee, having already strongly recommended the Flag Day project, await the decision of the Executive Committee. The Campaign Committee expressed the view that even if it should be decided not to hold a Flag Day, that should not preclude the holding of a National Peace Day or Peace Week."

It was

RESOLVED: "That this Minute be adopted."

8. RE-APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the term of office of sub-committees be extended to December 31st, 1928."

9. RESIGNATION OF DR. GILLIE. The Committee considered the following recommendation of the Christian Organisations Committee dated 18.1.28.:-

(1) "That the Hon. Secretary convey to Dr. Gillie the regret of the Committee on his resignation and their very great appreciation of his valuable help in the past."



- (2) "That Dr. Gillie be asked if he would remain a member of the Committee, although compelled to resign the chairmanship."

It was

RESOLVED: "That the cordial thanks of the Executive Committee be conveyed to Dr. Gillie for his valuable work as Chairman of the Christian Organisations Committee."

10. INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT POSTERS. The Committee considered the following Minute of the International Disarmament Campaign Committee dated 17.1.28:-

" POSTERS. A set of twelve posters, not pictorial, with Texts on Disarmament and Arbitration, was submitted, after approval by the sub-committee, and was passed with slight amendment. It is intended to use these posters, either separately, or in numbered series, along the front of platforms. In addition, the Committee considered and approved the design of a poster representing the Cenotaph as a symbol."

After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the set of 12 posters be approved for publication but that consideration of the design of a poster representing the Cenotaph be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee."

11. SUGGESTED JOINT MANIFESTO BY THE L.N.U., NAVY LEAGUE AND AIR LEAGUE. The Committee considered the recent correspondence between Brigadier-General Groves and Lord Cecil. Lord Cecil read to the Committee the draft of his proposed reply to the Air League. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee."

12. ARBITRATION TREATIES - PROPOSALS OF LORD PHILLIMORE'S COMMITTEE: FRANCO-AMERICAN NEGOTIATIONS. It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of these matters be deferred till the next meeting of the Committee."

13. ALBERT HALL MEETING. The Secretary reported that owing to pressure of work in connection with the new Prayer Book, the Archbishop of Canterbury would be unable to take the Chair at the Albert Hall Meeting on February 27th, but that the Bishop of Winchester had kindly consented to take his place.

The Secretary also reported that the speakers would be the Rev. H.R.L. Sheppard, Dr. J.D. Jones, the Rev. Bede Jarratt and Sir Josiah Stamp.

14. MR. DUFF COOPER. It was

RESOLVED: "That the congratulations of the Executive Committee be conveyed to Mr. Duff Cooper on his appointment as one of H.M. Ministers."

15. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Branch resolutions circulated with the Committee's papers were received.



16. NORTHAMPTON BYE-ELECTION. The Committee considered the report of the Northampton Bye-Election and noted that Colonel Malone made "The League of Nations and the whole question of Peace and Disarmament" one of the foremost objects of his campaign.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That a special meeting of the Executive Committee be held on Thursday, January 26th, to consider the business deferred from this meeting."

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. on THURSDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 1928, AT 11 a.m. C 170

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Captain W. Appleby, Professor Philip Baker, Vice-Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H. Green, J.H. Harris, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, F.N. Keen, Mrs. W.T. Layton, Captain H. Macmillan, Sir Walter Napier, F.G. Penman, W.T. Pritchard, Rt. Hon. Lord Queenborough, Mrs. Walter Runciman, W.J. Salmon, Miss Constance Smith, Raymond Unwin, H.D. Watson, L.M. Wynch together with the Secretary.

18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of C. Delisle Burns, T.J. Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Miss Ruth Fry, Lt. Com. J.M. Kenworthy, Lady Selborne, Henry Vivian and Herbert Worsley.

19. MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY. The Chairman reported that Mr. Worsley was unable to be present owing to the sudden death of his son, Mr. Brian Worsley. It was

RESOLVED: "That the heartfelt sympathy of the Executive Committee be conveyed to Mr. Worsley in his bereavement."

20. N.C.P.W. The Committee considered a memorandum on the relations of the League of Nations Union with the National Council for Prevention of War. Captain Appleby proposed that discussion of this matter should be suspended till the next meeting of the General Council. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee should recommend to the General Council at its next meeting, in accordance with Bye-Law 6(v), to recognise the National Council for Prevention of War as a co-operating body on signifying in writing its general agreement with the objects of the Union, and on promising to pay a minimum annual subscription of £5.5s.0d. which would entitle the N.C.P.W. to appoint one representative on the General Council of the Union and to receive such publications as are sent to Foundation Members."

21. INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. The Committee considered the Minutes of the International Disarmament Campaign Committee dated January 17th and 24th, 1928. With the exception of Minutes 124, 126 and 141, and subject to the following decisions on Minutes 121(c), 125, 128, 138, 139, the Minutes of these meetings were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (119) Request from Plymouth District Council, House to House Canvass; (120) Finance; (121) Publicity; (122) Meetings and Conferences; (123) Flag Day; (124) Youth Festival; (125) Suggested Joint Manifesto by L.N.U., Navy League and Air League; (126) Disarmament; Draft of Concrete Proposals; (127) Arbitration; (128) Letter from French League of Nations Society; (129) Suggestion from Pomby Branch for Simultaneous Resolutions from every Branch; (131) Finance; (132) Publicity; (133) Forms of Undertaking; (134) Meetings and Conferences; (135) Flag Day; (136) Petition; Memo from Secretary, Manchester District Council; (137) Disarmament; Draft Concrete Proposals; (138) H.M. Government's Observations on Security; (139) Arbitration and Security; (140) Non-Aggression Pledge; (141) Arbitration and the United States. 7



Minute 121(c) - Posters. The Committee considered the design of a poster representing the Cenotaph. After discussion it was

RESOLVED:(a) "That this poster be not approved for use on public hoardings."

(b) "That the International Disarmament Campaign Committee be asked to consider and report upon the suggestion that reproductions of a superior quality, suitable for more limited use viz: at meetings, in church porches or in private houses, should be produced."

On Minute 124 - Youth Festival, it was reported that the Crystal Palace Festival of Youth would be held on June 2nd and not on May 19th as previously intended. It was also

RESOLVED: "That the suggestion concerning a financial guarantee from the Union of £100 from the International Disarmament Campaign funds be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report."

Minute 125 - Suggested Joint Manifesto by the L.N.U. Navy League and Air League. The Committee resumed consideration of the correspondence between Brigadier General Groves and Lord Cecil. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the attached reply be sent from the Union to the Air League."

On Minute 126 - Disarmament: Draft of Concrete Proposals. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Draft of Concrete Proposals for International Disarmament on the lines of those published in the Pamphlet of 1926 - ARMAMENTS: THEIR REDUCTION AND LIMITATION - together with the comments by the technical sub-committee (General Maurice, Admiral Allen, and Brig.Gen.Groves) should be referred to the Limitation of Armaments Committee together with Brig.Gen.Groves, for consideration and report."

Minute 128 - Letter from the French League of Nations Society. It was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution addressed to Lord Cecil on behalf of the French League of Nations Society and the Ex-Service Men's Association, welcoming the International Disarmament Campaign and expressing the hope that the support thus given to it would encourage ex-Service men in this country to do likewise, should be communicated to the British Legion with a view to ascertaining what support the Legion would give in this country and that Captain Appleby's offer to assist in placing the matter before the British Legion be gratefully accepted."



Minute 138 - "H.M.G. Observations....on Security." The Committee considered a memorandum on the "observations of H.M.G. in Great Britain....on Security." After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That this memorandum be referred to a sub-committee consisting of Lord Cecil, Professor Baker, Major Hills and the Chairman for the purpose of drafting an expression of the Union's policy with regard to these "Observations".

Minute 139(b) - Arbitration and Security. The Committee considered a draft memorandum on H.M.G.'s memorandum on Arbitration and Security. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That this memorandum be approved subject to the addition of the words 'with reservations if necessary' at the end of subparagraph (a)."

On Minute 141 - Arbitration and the United States, it was

RESOLVED: "That Mrs. Layton be asked to keep in touch with the Women's International League and to report on their activities from time to time."

22. FORMS OF UNDERTAKING. The Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that the printed copies of the Forms of Undertaking containing the following two lines:-

- (i) I am a member of the League of Nations Union  
(ii) I am not a member " " " " " "

He suggested that in the next printed issue of these forms the words 'I am not a member of the League of Nations Union' should be omitted and that the words 'I am in agreement with the aims of the Union and desire to become a member' should be inserted. It was

RESOLVED: "That this suggestion be adopted."

23. ARBITRATION TREATIES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Draft Treaties submitted by Lord Phillimore's Committee, together with the recent Franco-American negotiations be considered at the next meeting of the Executive Committee at which Lord Phillimore and Lord Cecil can both be present."

24. VACANCY ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The Secretary reported that owing to his appointment as Financial Secretary to the War Office, Mr. Duff Cooper had been obliged to resign from the Executive Committee. Consideration of the names of persons suggested to fill the vacancy was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

25. MARITIME LAW. Mr. Unwin suggested that it would be valuable to have a memorandum illustrating the position of this country with regard to maritime law. It was

RESOLVED: "That this suggestion be referred to the International Disarmament Campaign Committee."

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REVISED DRAFT OF A REPLY FROM THE L.N.U. TO THE AIR LEAGUE.

Lord Cecil has laid before the Executive of the L.N.U. your letter to him of December 21st. You suggest that "it would help the cause of disarmament if the Navy League and the Air League of the British Empire were to lend their support to the L.N.U. by publicly endorsing its aims." I need hardly say that the Union would most cordially welcome and would greatly value the endorsement of its aims by the Navy League and the Air League.

You say that you "find a widespread impression that the L.N.U. stands for one-sided disarmament, and this belief alienates the support of many who would be prepared to assist it."

The Union is doing all it can to remove this wholly mistaken impression, and will be most grateful for any help you can give in dispelling it. We agree, too, that disarmament should be sought by way of limitation and progressive reduction of armaments by international agreement.

The main object of the Union must be to support the League of Nations in carrying out its duties under the Covenant, namely the formulation of schemes for the reduction and limitation of armaments by international agreement. With that object the Union advocates arbitration and the improvement of international security as set out in the resolutions of the 21st of October, a copy of which I venture to enclose. Some of the objectives of the three organisations are in fact distinct and could hardly be expressed in a common document.

For these reasons we doubt it possible to agree to a joint manifesto such as that which accompanied your letter. But we think this exchange of letters, if published, would clear away much misunderstanding and would provide joint expression by the three organisations that peace and national security for which we all stand can best be secured by the progressive international reduction of armaments.



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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY  
2ND, 1928, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray, (in the Chair),  
Captain W. Appleby, Professor Philip Baker  
Rt.Hon.G.N.Barnes, A.W.Claremont, Lady Gladstone,  
J.H.Harris, Rt.Hon.Sir Charles Hobhouse, F.N.  
Keen, Mrs. W.T.Layton, Captain H.Macmillan, Sir  
Walter Napier, W.T.Pritchard, Charles Roberts,  
Mrs. Walter Runciman, W.J.Salmon, Lady Selborne,  
H.F.Shaw, H.D.Watson, L.M.Wynch, together with  
the Secretary.

26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of C.Delisle  
Burns, Colonel David Carnegie, Sir Willoughby Dickinson,  
Miss Ruth Fry, Captain L.H.Green, Major J.W.Hills, Lord  
Queenborough, Herbert Worsley, L.J.Cadbury and Raymond Unwin.
27. DEATH OF FIELD-MARSHAL EARL HAIG. On the motion of the  
Chairman and seconded by Captain Appleby, it was  
RESOLVED: "That messages of sympathy be sent from the  
Executive Committee to Lady Haig and to  
the British Legion, and that these messages  
be drafted by the Chairman."
28. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on Minute 7 of  
January 19th, and Minute 21 (125) of January 26th, the Minutes  
of the Meetings held on January 19th and of the Special  
Meeting held on January 26th, were confirmed as circulated:

Minute 7 - Flag Day. The Committee considered  
the following recommendations of the Consultative  
Committee dated January 31st:-

- (a) "That the Consultative Committee considers  
that a National Flag Day for the League of  
Nations Union should not be organised this  
year but that the question of organising  
such a Flag Day in future years might well  
be considered by the General Council of the  
Union at its next Annual Meeting; and
- (b) "That the Council should be recommended in any  
case to decide upon organising a nation-wide  
celebration for the League of Nations on one  
definite date, preferably in the month of June,  
if the International Federation of League of  
Nations Societies will agree to substitute a  
June date for May 18th, formerly proposed by  
the Federation."

After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That these recommendations be approved."

Minute 21(125) - Suggested Joint Manifesto by the  
L.N.U., Navy League and Air League.

RESOLVED: "That the reply to the Air League be  
amended by the Chairman and Lord Cecil  
in the light of the suggestions made by  
Lord Cecil and by the Committee."



29. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Financial Statement should be circulated to the Executive Committee in the form hitherto approved until such time as the Finance Committee has advised, and the Executive adopted, a new form."

30. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. With the exception of Minute 6 (b)(4) and (6) and subject to the following amendment to 11(2), the Minutes of the Committee dated January 17th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

✓ These Minutes included (3) Appointment of Chairman; (4) Publicity Report; (5) Survey of Union's Publicity; (6) Pamphlets and Leaflets; (7) Conference of Editors of Trades Union Journals; (8) Map Illustrating League Activities; (9) Competition for Dramatic Sketch; (10) Film Poster; (11) Children's Cards; (12) Future Meetings of Committee. ✓

Minute 6(b)(4) - Pamphlets and Leaflets. It was

RESOLVED: "That the leaflet of Plays and Pageants be considered by the Executive Committee before publication."

Minute 6(b)(6) - Pamphlets and Leaflets. It was

RESOLVED: "That the leaflet for newly enrolled members be considered by the Executive Committee before publication."

Minute 11 - Children's Cards. It was

RESOLVED: "That Resolution (2) be amended to read as follows:-

'That certain firms be asked to consider producing such cards and placing them in their boxes.'

The Committee noted with interest the report on the recent publicity activities of the Union.

(b) FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated January 18th, 1928, were approved and adopted, and the following further decision was taken on the subject of Minute 7.

✓ These Minutes included (1) Minutes; (2) Financial Statements; (3) Composition of Committee; (4) London Finances; (5) Oxford Branch; (6) Guild Committee; (7) Norfolk and Suffolk; (8) Appeals Secretary; (9) Passing of Cheques for Payment. ✓

Minute 7 - Norfolk and Suffolk.

RESOLVED: "That the Committee regret that they are unable to accede to the Rev. J. P. Taylor's request for the appointment of his son as an officer of the Union."

(c) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 10, the Minutes of the Committee dated January 18th, 1928, were approved and adopted.



Amendment by Eric Allen  
on 16.2.28.

[These Minutes included (3) Dr. Gillie; (4) New Members; (5) Albert Hall Meeting; (6) Corporate Membership; (7) Young People's Societies; (8) Co-operation with the World Alliance; (9) Sunday Schools - Proposed Modification of Junior Branch Scheme; (10) Prologue to Play on Slavery.]

Minute 10 - Prologue to Play on Slavery. It was

RESOLVED: "That the prologue to Mr. A.R. Headland's play on Slavery be submitted to Mr. J.H. Harris before publication by the Union."

- (d) OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 9, the Minutes of the Committee dated January 25th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (2) Position of the Paris Branch; (3) Composition of Committee; (4) Federation Meetings at Brussels; (5) Federation's Economic Conference; (6) Communication from Sir John Fischer Williams; (7) League of Nations Society in Danzig; (8) Communications from the Federation to the League of Nations; (9) Communication from the International Fixed Calendar League; (10) Overseas Report.]

Minute 9 - Communication from Fixed Calendar League.  
It was

RESOLVED: "That a copy of the Fixed-Easter Bill, <sup>Stabilisation of Easter Bill, introduced with a memorandum</sup> which is to be considered at the next session of Parliament, be obtained; and that it be referred to the Overseas Committee for consideration in connection with the proposed memorandum of the French League of Nations Society on the subject of a fixed calendar."

- (e) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Subject to the following amendment to Minute 9(b), the Minutes of the Committee dated January 26th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (4) District Industrial Advisory Committees; (5) Campaign for International Disarmament; (6) Publicity; (7) Sectional Diagrams; (8) Composition of Committee for 1928; (9) Conference on World Economic Conference; (10) Migration and Accident Prevention; (11) Affiliation and Industrial Associateship; (12) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (13) Prison Labour.]

Minute 9(b) - Tariff Wall Map. It was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'as a leaflet' be deleted."

- (f) LIBRARY COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated January 26th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (2) Circularising public libraries; Shelving Space in Library; Use of Library for other than Library purpose; Absence on Leave of the Librarian; (3) Brassey's Naval and Shipping Annual; (4) Library Report; (5) Storage of Hansard; (6) Report of Book-Selection Sub-Committee; (7) Educational Books; (8) Foreign Books; (9) Exchange of Publications.]



31. RESIGNATION OF MRS. DUGDALE. It was reported that Mrs. Dugdale had been obliged to resign her position on the staff of the Union in order that she might be enabled to carry out urgent private work during the next few years. On the motion of Sir Walter Napier and seconded by the Chairman, it was
- RESOLVED: "That the sincere thanks of the Executive Committee for the valuable services rendered by Mrs. Dugdale to the Union, and their regret on the occasion of her resignation, be conveyed to her."
32. INTERIM REPORT FOR 1927. It was
- RESOLVED: "That the Interim Report be circulated forthwith in proof form and that this Report be further considered at the next meeting of the Executive Committee."
33. ELECTION OF A VICE-PRESIDENT. On the motion of Sir Walter Napier, it was
- RESOLVED: "That the General Council be recommended to invite Sir Herbert Samuel to become a Vice-President of the Union."
34. VACANCY ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. It was
- RESOLVED: "That consideration of this matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Management and General Purposes Committee."
35. MEMORANDUM ON H.M. GOVERNMENT'S OBSERVATIONS...ON SECURITY. The Committee considered a draft memorandum on the Government's Observations on Arbitration and Security, together with a letter from Lord Cecil suggesting certain amendments. After considerable discussion, it was
- RESOLVED: "That Lord Cecil, Professor Murray, Major Hills and Professor Baker, be asked to redraft the memorandum in the light of certain suggestions made by the Executive Committee."
36. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Branch Resolutions circulated with the Committee's papers were received.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, 16TH  
FEBRUARY, 1928, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair),  
C. Delisle Burns, E.W. Morton George, Lord  
Cecil, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H. Green,  
Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, Major J.W. Hills,  
R.S. Hudson, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, F.N. Keen,  
Lt. Com. the Hon. J.M. Kenworthy, Mrs. W.T.  
Layton, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier,  
F.G. Penman, W.T. Pritchard, W.J. Salmon,  
Lady Selborne, Miss Constance Smith, H.D.  
Watson, L.M. Wynch together with the Secretary.

37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Rt. Hon. G.N. Barnes, L.J. Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Vice- Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, Miss Ruth Fry, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lord Queenborough, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Raymond Unwin and Herbert Worsley.

38. DEATH OF LORD OXFORD AND ASQUITH. It was

RESOLVED: "That messages of sympathy be sent from the Executive Committee to Lady Oxford and Asquith and to Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, and that these messages be drafted by the Chairman."

39. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on Minute 30(c)-10, the Minutes of the meeting held on February 2nd, 1928, were approved as circulated.

Minute 30(c)-10- Prologue to Play on Slavery. On the motion of Mr. J.H. Harris it was

RESOLVED: "That the Christian Organisations Committee's proposal to ask the publishers of Mr. A.R. Headland's play on Slavery to include the proposed prologue in the next edition, or, alternatively, to print the prologue for circulation by the Union to societies proposing to present the play, be further considered by the Executive before effect is given to the proposal."

40. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending 13th February, 1928, shewed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £3,694.16s.4d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £4,815.8s.11d.

The Committee noted that the Bank Balance on 13th February 1927, was £1,271.3s.4d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £3,426.11s.10d.

41. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 5 and 6, the Minutes of the Committee dated February 9th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (2) Message of Sympathy; (3) Recognition of Branches; (4) Public Meetings; (5) Washington Hours Convention; (6) Vacancy on Executive Committee; (7) Economic Committee; (8) Reception to London International Assembly; (9) E.M. Government's Observations... on Security; (10) Memorandum and Interim Resolutions on Suppression of Traffic in Women and Children. /



Minute 5 - Washington Hours Convention. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Industrial Advisory Committee be asked to nominate a member to confer with Lord Lytton concerning H.M. Government's proposal that the revision of the Hours Convention should be put upon the Agenda of the International Labour Conference, 1928."

Minute 6 - Vacancy on Executive Committee. The Chairman having reported to the Committee upon his correspondence with Lord Queenborough on this subject, Mr. R.S. Hudson moved and Lieut-Commander Kenworthy seconded, and it was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. L.R. Lumley, M.F. be invited to become a member of the Executive Committee."

- (b) WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. The Extract of the Minutes of the Committee dated January 25th, 1928, was approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (266) Militarism in Schools; (267) (e) Additional Societies to be invited to send Representatives.

- (c) CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated January 21st, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (85) National Peace Day; (86) International Disarmament; (97) Interim Report; (88) Corporate Membership.

- (d) INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. Subject to the following amendment to Minute 154 (14.2.28.) and decision on Minute 155 (14.2.28.) the Minutes of the Committee dated February 7th and 14th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (143) Finance; (144) Publicity; (145) Membership of Committee; (146) Meetings and Conferences; (147) Forms of Undertaking; (148) Flag Day and League of Nations Day; (149) Youth Demonstration at the Crystal Palace; (150) Organisation of Campaign - Mr. Stainton's Memorandum; (151) Freedom of the Seas; (152) Model Assemblies; (154) Draft Arbitration Treaty; (155) Franco-American and Franco-British Treaties; (156) Finance; (157) Publicity; (158) Meetings and Conferences; (159) Youth Demonstration at Crystal Palace.

Minute 154 - Draft Arbitration Treaty. It was

RESOLVED: "That this Resolution be adopted in the following amended form:-

"To recommend to the Executive Committee that the Secretary of the Union should be authorised to send, confidentially, to Geneva the yellow Draft Treaty, explaining that it had been approved by Lord Phillimore and was under the consideration of the Executive Committee, but that that body had not yet arrived at any decision upon it."



Minute 155 - Franco-American and Franco-British Treaties. It was

RESOLVED: "To ask the International Disarmament Campaign Committee to submit some observations on "The Franco-American Pact"."

On Minute 157(b) - Publicity (Posters), the attention of the Committee was drawn to the fact that on one of the set of twelve posters drawn up by the International Disarmament Campaign Committee it was stated that "Twenty States are bound by the Optional Clause...." It was pointed out that this statement was incorrect and that only fourteen States "are bound by the Optional Clause...." It was

RESOLVED: "That ~~steps~~<sup>Says</sup> be taken to amend this poster."

- (e) WELCOME COMMITTEE. With the exception of Minute 10(h), the extract of the Minutes of the Committee dated February 7th, 1928, was approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (10)(b) Visit to American Students to Anglo-American Conference in Summer; (e) Dr. Max Clauss; (h) Madam Malmberg; (11) Reception to Students of London International Assembly; (12) Report of International Club Joint Committee.]

On Minute 10(h) - Madam Malmberg, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be sent back to the Welcome Committee with the suggestion that Madame Malmberg be referred to the Y.W.C.A. International Club."

- (f) ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. With the exception of Minute 4 and subject to the following decision on Minute 5, the Minutes of the Committee dated February 8th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (2) L.N.U.'s London Economic Conference (Guildhall Dec. 1927); (3) Federation's Proposed Economic Conference in Prague; (4) Proposed Conference in Paris, 1928. (5) Austrian Question; (6) Economic Resolutions passed by Council of Federation; (7) Correspondence with Mr. W. Symons.]

On Minute 4 - Proposed Conference in Paris, it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this Minute be deferred until such time as the date of the International Federation's proposed Economic Conference at Prague is definitely fixed."

Minute 5 - The Austrian Question. It was

RESOLVED: "That copies of the memorandum concerning the economic and financial prospects of Austria, which was being prepared by the Austrian League of Nations Society, should be circulated to the Executive Committee."



(g) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 97 (S.E.28.) the Minutes of the Committee dated February 2nd and 9th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (95) Mrs. Dugdale; (96) Mrs. Steward; (97) Intelligence Section; (98) Mr. Hockham.

On Minute 97 - Intelligence Section it was

RESOLVED: "That a public advertisement be issued, inviting applications for appointment as Director of Special Inquiries and Reports at a salary of £500 a year."

42. LONDON FINANCE. Mr. Morton George outlined a new scheme regulating the finances of the London Regional Federation which the Union's Finance Committee, at their meeting on the previous day, had recommended for approval. It was

RESOLVED: "That the general approval of the Executive Committee be given to this scheme."

43. FESTIVAL OF YOUTH. It was

RESOLVED: "That the proposal of the International Disarmament Campaign Committee that they should guarantee £100 from the International Disarmament Campaign fund towards the financing of the Festival of Youth (organised by the London Federation) at the Crystal Palace on June 2nd, 1928, be approved."

44. HENDON AIR PAGEANT. It was reported that a letter had been received from the London Federation drawing attention to the fact that it was likely that school children would be invited by the Government to witness the Hendon Air Pageant for 1928. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That this matter be referred to the Education Committee for consideration and report."

45. CAMPAIGN SIMILAR TO DR. NORWOOD'S. It was reported that the Rev. C.H.S. Matthews of St. Peter's-in-Thamet was willing to undertake a campaign in the Church of England similar to that undertaken by Dr. F.W. Norwood in Nonconformist circles. It was further reported that Mr. Matthews' proposed campaign would occupy three months beginning shortly after Easter; and that, in addition to out-of-pocket expenses, the Union should allow Mr. Matthews the sum of ten guineas a week to pay another clergyman to take his place in Thanet while he was absent on the Union's service. It was

RESOLVED: "That this arrangement be approved, and that Mr. Matthews' offer be accepted with ~~grateful~~ thanks." *Ex. 132f*

46. INTERIM REPORT FOR 1927. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Interim Report for 1927 be approved for publication after the Chairman had made any slight alterations which he considered necessary."

47. OUTLAWRY OF WAR. On the motion of Mr. Keen and seconded by Sir Walter Napier it was

RESOLVED: "That the Committee on the Revision of the Covenant be asked to consider and report whether, and, if so, how, a practical basis



could be found for the complete outlawry of war, and in that connection to examine a memorandum and draft proposal by Mr. Keen."

48. THE AMERICAN PEACE SOCIETY. The Secretary read to the Committee a communication from Mr. Frederick Whelen in which it was suggested that the Union should forward a congratulatory message to the American Peace Society on the occasion of its Centennial Celebration at Cleveland, Ohio, May 7th to 11th, 1928. It was

RESOLVED: "That this suggestion be adopted."

49. LANCASTER AND BRISTOL BYE-ELECTIONS. The Committee noted with interest the reports of the Lancaster and Bristol Bye-Elections.

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 1ST,  
1928, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major J.W.Hills (in the Chair), Professor Philip Baker, C.Delisle Burns, L.J.Cadbury, Lord Henry Bentinck, Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe, E.W.Morton George, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H.Green, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, R.S.Hudson, Mrs.Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, F.N.Keen, Mrs.W.T.Layton, J.deV.Loder, Lord Lytton, L.R.Lumley, Sir Walter Napier, F.G.Penman, W.T.Fritchard, Lord Queenborough, Charles Roberts, Lady Selborne, H.F.Shaw, Miss Constance Smith, Henry Vivian, H.D.Watson, Mrs.Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch together with the Secretary.

50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Captain A. Applesby, Rt.Hon.G.N.Barnes, Colonel David Carnegie, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Miss Ruth Fry, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lt.Com.J.M.Kenworthy, W. J. Salmon and Raymond Unwin.
51. BARON ALBERT von BODMAN. The Vice-Chairman reported that Baron Albert von Bodman, the German Assistant Secretary to the International Federation of League of Nations Societies, was present. It was

RESOLVED: "That Baron Albert von Bodman be heartily welcomed."

52. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 51(f)5 and 45, the Minutes of the meeting held on February 16th, 1928, were approved as circulated.

Minute 41(f)5 - The Austrian Question. It was

RESOLVED: "That copies of the memorandum concerning the economic and financial prospects of Austria, which was being prepared by the Austrian League of Nations Society, should not be circulated to the Executive Committee but should be available for any member who desired a copy."

Minute 45 - Campaign similar to Dr.Norwood's: Financial Arrangements.

RESOLVED: "That in order to avoid any misunderstanding with the Rev. C.H.S.Matthews, the Vice-Chairman be asked to approve and initial a statement to be sent to Mr.Matthews, setting forth the rates at which the Union will pay his travelling and out-of-pocket expenses."

On Minute 41(a)5 - Washington Hours Convention, Lord Lytton reported that he proposed to raise the matter of H.M.Government's proposal that the revision of the Washington Hours Convention should be put upon the Agenda for 1929, in the House of Lords on Tuesday, March 13th."

53. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending 27th February, 1928, showed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £4,448.15s.7d.

The Committee noted that the Bank Balance on 27th February, 1927, was £212 2s.5d.



54. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 16, the Minutes of the Committee dated February 23rd, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (12) Recognition of Branches; (13) Public Meetings; (14) Arbitration Treaties; (15) Women's Campaign for International Arbitration; (16) The Union and the "Times"; (17) Communication from Mr. A.E. Zimmern; (18) Policy Sub-Committee; (19) Annual Meeting of General Council - Date; (20) Nurse Cavell Film; (21) Ratification of Conventions.

Minute 16 - The Union and the "Times". After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the last seven lines of this Minute be deleted."

- (b) FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated February 15th 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (11) Financial Statement; (12) Form of Financial Statement; (13) Intelligence Staff; (14) London Finances; (15) Youth Festival; (16) Secretarial Assistance for Chairman of Executive; (17) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

- (c) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated February 15th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (3) Resignation from Committee; (4) New Members of Committee; (5) Public Meeting; (6) Appeal for Signature; (7) Approach to Jews; (8) Letter to HEADWAY.

- (d) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 21, the Minutes of the Committee dated February 15th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (14) Dr. Gillie; (15) Chairmanship of Committee; (16) Albert Hall Meeting; (17) Following up the Albert Hall Meeting; (18) Sunday Schools - Proposed Modifications of Junior Branch Scheme; (19) Appointment of Sub-Committee to consider co-operation with World Alliance; (20) Applications for Corporate Membership; (21) Resolution for Annual Church Meetings; (22) Young Peoples' Societies - Action of Wesley Guilds; (23) London Regional Federation; (24) Pamphlet on Missions and the Work of the I.L.O.

Minute 21 - Resolution for Annual Church Meetings. Captain Loder proposed that the last ten lines of the resolution should be deleted. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That this suggestion be not approved."

- (b) "That the Resolution be issued only as a suggestion on which individual conferences and assemblies might base their own resolutions on the subject of international disarmament."

- (e) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. With the exception of Minute 22(3) and (4), the Minutes of the Committee dated February 16th, 1928, were approved and adopted.



These Minutes included (17) Disarmament and Unemployment; (18) Disarmament Manifesto; (20) Composition of Committee; (21) Tariff Wall Map; (22) Washington Hours Convention; (23) Mr. George Barnes; (24) Prison Labour; (25) Migration and Accident Prevention; (26) Provincial Industrial Advisory Committees; (27) Industrial Associateship and Corporate Membership; (28) International Labour Conference - Party to Geneva. 7

Minute 22 (3) and (4) Washington Hours Convention.  
It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of these resolutions be deferred till such time as Lord Lytton had had the opportunity of obtaining further information on this subject in the House of Lords."

- (f) EDUCATION COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 10 and 16 and with the exception of Minute 7, the Minutes of the Committee dated February 16th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (2) Miss Henson - Steps taken by Local Education Authorities; (3) Co-optations; (4) List of Meetings; (5) Steps taken by L.E.A.; (6) Minutes of Film Committee; (7) Summer Schools; (8) Results of an Inquiry in City Area in regard to League Teaching in Schools; (9) Teachers' Associations and International Arbitration and Disarmament; (10) Junior Membership; (11) Officers Training Corps in Schools and Colleges; (12) Proposal by Mrs. Claremont for Display of Sets of Books; (13) League of Nations in Syllabuses for Examinations; (14) League of Nations Map; (15) Teaching of Geography; (16) Bombing Display at Hendon. 7

Minute 10 - Junior Membership. It was

RESOLVED: "To recommend to the next Annual Meeting of the General Council the proposals drawn up by the Education Committee in regard to Junior Membership."

Minute 16 - Bombing Display at Hendon. It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Executive Committee."

- (g) PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 17 and 19, the Minutes of the Committee dated February 21st, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (15) Traffic in Women and Children; (16) Publicity Activities; (17) Survey of Union's Publicity; (18) Quality of Writing; (19) Inset for Parish Magazines; (20) Pamphlets and Leaflets; (21) Addressograph. 7

Minute 17 - Survey of Union's Publicity. It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of the survey of the Union's publicity be deferred until the next meeting of the Executive Committee."

Minute 19 - Inset for Parish Magazines. It was reported that the next issue of the Church Magazine inset would be the last for which the present editor would be responsible.



RESOLVED: "That the forthcoming issue of the Church Magazine inset be edited with the advice and consent of Mr. Eppstein."

- (h) OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated February 22nd 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (13) Mr. Alfred Zimmern; (14) Federation's Economic Conference; (16) League of Nations Society in Danzig; (17) Communications from Federation; (18) Proposals of the Argentine League of Nations Society; (20) Paris Branch; (21) Proposal to Form a Branch in Tangier; (22) Letter from Commendatore Ciannini; (25) Overseas Report; (24) Visit of Baron Albert von Bodman; (25) Mr. George Schurhoff.

- (i) INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. With the exception of Minute 164, the Minutes of the Committee dated February 22nd, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (160) Finance; (161) Peace and Goodwill Cards; (162) Publicity - Leaflets - Posters - Pamphlets; (163) Meetings and Conferences; (164) Franco-American Pact; (165) Women's Unionist Association; (166) Communication from Oxford Federation.

Minute 164 - Franco-American Pact. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Disarmament Campaign Committee's observations on the Franco-American Treaty be considered, along with any observations they may have to submit on Mr. Kellogg's Note of February 27th, at the next meeting of the Executive."

55. LETTER TO THE "TIMES". It was reported that Lord Cecil had referred to Lord Sydenham's letter in the "Times" of March 1st, and had suggested that, with a view to correcting the erroneous impression concerning the "international" character of the Union, the full text of the reply recently sent by the Union to the Navy League and Air League should be sent to the "Times" for publication, along with a covering letter. It was

RESOLVED: "That this suggestion be adopted and that it be left to Lord Cecil, Professor Murray and Major Hills to draft the covering letter."

56. ALBERT HALL MEETING - FEBRUARY 24TH. It was reported that the Albert Hall meeting held on February 24th had been an outstanding success, and that the officials at the Albert Hall had stated that they had not had such a full meeting for eleven months. It was further reported that the collection at the meeting and the proceeds from the sale of tickets covered more than £400 out of the £500 expended on the meeting. It was

RESOLVED: "That the cordial thanks of the Executive Committee be conveyed to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Free Church Council, and the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster for their messages to the meeting; to the Bishop of Winchester, Sir Josiah Stamp, the Rev. Studdert Kennedy, Father Bede Jarrett and the Rev. J.D. Jones for speaking; to the Rev. H.R.L. Sheppard for his presence in spite of ill-health; to Mr. Llewelyn Bevan, the organist; to Mr. Geoffrey Shaw, for conducting the Community Singing; and to Dame Adelaide Livingstone for organising the function conjointly with the World Alliance and COPEC."



57. APPOINTMENT OF SIR WILLOUGHBY DICKINSON'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES. It was reported that Sir Willoughby Dickinson would be unable to be present at the forthcoming meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federation at Brussels and had suggested that Sir Walter Napier should take his place.

RESOLVED: "That Sir Walter Napier be asked to represent Sir Willoughby Dickinson on the Executive Committee of the Federation at Brussels."

58. COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS: NUMBER OF MEETINGS. On the motion of Mrs. Layton and seconded by Professor Phillip Baker, it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the following resolutions passed by the Executive Committee on May 19th, on the recommendation of the Management Committee, be reaffirmed:"

"While it appreciates the cardinal importance of the presence of the Foreign Ministers of the great nations at all meetings of the Council of the League, and realises the serious demands which this attendance makes upon them;

The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union nevertheless sees with anxiety that a proposal has been made to reduce the number of Council Meetings from four to three a year;

And in view of the increasing responsibilities of the Council, the great importance of continuity in its operation and the central position which it ought to occupy in all matters of international policy,

Earnestly hopes that the number of meetings will not be reduced."

- (b) "The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union, while appreciating the heavy labour involved by the regular presence of the Foreign Secretary at quarterly meetings at Geneva, urges H.M. Government not to propose a reduction of the number of the Meetings of the Council from four to three in each year for they consider that such a reduction would be interpreted by public opinion as a sign of a diminution in the importance of the League of Nations and that it would impair the valuable opportunities which arise from the frequent personal contacts of the men responsible for the peace of Europe."

59. WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN FOR INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION. Mrs. Layton referred to Minute No. 5 of the Management Committee of February 23rd, and suggested that, before its adoption by the Executive the reference to the Union's misgivings might be omitted or modified. A form of words suggested for this purpose by Professor Murray was read to the Committee. These suggestions were not adopted.

Mrs. Layton moved the following resolution, which was not accepted by the Committee:-

"Owing to the present attitude of distrust in America to the League of Nations, the League of Nations Union has felt it wiser to refrain from any definite action with regard to that country.

It, however, fully realises the paramount importance of some effective treaty with the United States of America for the peaceful settlement of disputes, if



international disarmament is to become a reality. For this reason it welcomes the opportunity afforded to the women's organisations of this country, to work in co-operation with those of the United States of America and other countries, at the invitation of the women of America for some treaty for "the renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy in favour of the pacific settlement of International Disputes." It particularly welcomes the fact that the women of America recognise that any such treaty should exclude from its scope the use of force as a national weapon, thus recognising the possible military sanctions involved under the Covenant and the Locarno Treaties.

It asks the Women's Advisory Council to appoint a representative on the Committee set up for the purpose of organising this campaign, in order that there may be no overlapping or duplication between the Disarmament Campaign and the Women's Movement."

The following letter was read from Miss K.D. Courtney, Honorary Secretary of the Pilgrimage Committee.

"The Pilgrimage Committee met this afternoon and as a result of further correspondence with the Women's Organisations in America, and owing to the further negotiations on the Kellogg proposals between France and the U.S.A. decided to postpone the Albert Hall Meeting until the Autumn but to begin working up for it as soon as possible.

As educational work for "the renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy in favour of the pacific settlement of international disputes", which is the main object of our women's campaign, is already part of the League of Nations Union Disarmament Campaign, and as most of the Women's Organisations represented on the Pilgrimage Committee, are also members of the Women's Advisory Council, they hope that there may be close co-operation between those two bodies in order to avoid any misunderstanding or overlapping.

In order to achieve this we hope that the Women's Advisory Council will consent to be officially represented on the Committee to organise the Campaign."

After considerable discussion, it was

RESOLVED: "That Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Layton, Lord Cecil, Professor Murray and Mr. R.S. Hudson be asked to reply to Miss Courtney's letter on behalf of the Executive."

60. POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE. It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of Mr. Fritchard's proposal concerning the appointment of a Policy Sub-Committee be adjourned till such time as Professor Murray was able to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee."

61. GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING: DATE. It was

RESOLVED: "That the suggestion from the Derby Branch that the Annual Meeting of the General Council should be held on the last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in June, should be provisionally approved."



It was further

RESOLVED: "That if Lady Selborne wishes that in 1929 and subsequently the Annual General Meeting be held in October instead of in May or June, she be asked to propose this change in the Rules to the Annual General Meeting in Derby next June."

62. ILFORD EYE-ELECTION. The Committee noted with interest the report of the Ilford Eye-Election.

63. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next ordinary meeting of the Executive Committee be held on Thursday, March 8th instead of March 15th; and that a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee be called for Wednesday, March 21st for the purpose of meeting Lord Phillimore and discussing the documents submitted by his Committee."

Approved 19.

Major Heller



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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 8TH, 1928, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major J.W.Hills (in the Chair), Professor Philip Baker, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, C. Delisle Burns, Lord Cecil, A.W.Clarendon, Vice-Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H.Green, Lady Hall, J.E.Harris, F.N.Keen, Lt.Com.J.M.Kenworthy, Mrs. W.T.Layton, L.R.Lumley, Captain H.Macmillan, Sir Walter Napier, F.G.Penman, W.T.Pritchard, W.J.Salmon, Lady Selborne, H.F.Shaw, Miss Constance Smith, Henry Vivian, E.D.Watson, The Hon.Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary

64. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Captain W. Appley, Rt.Hon.G.T.Barnes, L.J.Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Miss Ruth Fry, Sir Arthur Haworth, R.S.Hudson, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths and Raymond Unwin.
65. MINUTES. With the exception of Minute 58(b), and subject to the following decisions on Minutes 59 and 63, the Minutes of the meeting held on March 1st, 1928, were approved as circulated.

On Minute 58(b) - Council of the League: Number of Meetings it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this resolution be postponed."

Minute 59 - Women's Campaign for International Arbitration. Mrs. Layton referred to Minute No.15 of the Management Committee dated February 23rd, 1928, and reported that the sub-committee, which had been appointed to send a reply to Miss K.D.Courtney's letter, had recommended that the resolution contained in Minute No.15 should read as follows:-

"That the Committee warmly welcomes action by the women of this country in association with the women of the United States, France, Germany, Italy and other nations in favour of international peace and arbitration, nevertheless, considering that the United States of America is not a member of the League of Nations the Committee think it would be undesirable for the League of Nations Union to take any official part in the meeting.

If the Albert Hall meeting takes place, the Committee hopes that any resolution proposed at that meeting will be one welcoming the initiative of the United States, rather than one putting forward any British proposals."

After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution in Minute 15 be rescinded and the above substituted for it."

The reply to Miss K.D.Courtney's letter was then read to the Committee.

Minute 63 - Date of Next Meeting. It was

RESOLVED: "That the special meeting of the Executive Committee, which had been arranged for Wednesday, March 21st, be postponed and that a meeting of the Revision of the Covenant Committee be held on that date."



66. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending 5th March, 1928, shewed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £2,683.6s.9d.

The Committee noted that the Bank Balance on 5th March, 1927, was £2,053.19s.9d.

67. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated March 1st, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (100) Intelligence Section; (101) Miss White; (102) Mr. Mills; (103) Miss Currey; (104) Creation of Office Committee.

(b) INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 171 and 172, the Minutes of the Committee dated March 6th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (168) Finance; (169) Publicity; (170) Model Assemblies; (171) Mr. Kellogg's Treaty Offer; (172) Disarmament Conferences; (173) Letter from Industrial Women's Organisations; (174) Letter from Women's Unionist Organisation; (175) Mr. Alec Wilson; (176) Resolution from Liga fur Volkerbund.

Minute 171 - Mr. Kellogg's Treaty Offer. It was reported that the Chairman had written to Lord Grey asking him to use his influence in favour of a cordial reception of Mr. Kellogg's Note. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman's action be confirmed."

Mrs. Layton suggested that copies of the Kellogg Note should be circulated to Branch Secretaries together with a covering letter containing the view of the Union on this subject. It was also suggested that mention of the Union's opinion on the Kellogg proposals should be circulated in the forthcoming issue of Speakers' Notes.

It was further reported that speakers would be likely to be asked questions concerning the Union's opinion on the Kellogg Note. Lord Cecil considered that any speakers making such inquiries should be unofficially informed that the Union regarded the general objects of Mr. Kellogg's proposals as being entirely consistent with the Covenant of the League of Nations, but that the Executive Committee of the Union had not as yet, expressed a definite opinion on this matter.

Captain Macmillan pointed out that the issuing of any statement of policy on this subject would, at the moment appear premature.

Minute 172 - Disarmament Conferences. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the proposal of the International Disarmament Campaign Committee to hold an Arbitration Conference early in June, 1928, be approved but that consideration of the proposal to hold an International Disarmament Conference in October be adjourned."



(c) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE.

- (i) Co-operation with the Industrial Christian Fellowship.  
An oral report on the meeting of the Christian Organisations Committee held on 7.3.28. was made to the Committee. It was reported that the Rev. Studdert Kennedy was anxious to co-operate in the work of the Union and that he would be willing to include references to the work of the Union in his speeches on the platforms of the Industrial Christian Fellowship. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee welcomes the suggestion of Mr. Studdert Kennedy that he should take occasion to deal with international affairs in his speeches on industrial questions."

- (ii) Sunday Schools: Proposed modification of the Junior Membership Scheme. It was reported that at the instance of the Sunday School Union and the Church of England Sunday School Institute, the Christian Organisations Committee desired the Executive Committee to add the words "where payment of 5s.0d. is a hardship it may be reduced to 2s.6d." to Clause (a) of the Junior Membership Scheme. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following words be added at the end of Clause (a) of the Scheme approved by this Committee on March 1st, 1928, (Minute No. F4(f)):-

'The Executive Committee shall have power to accept a lower fee from Sunday Schools.' "

68. OXFORD SUMMER SCHOOL. The Vice-Chairman reported that he had been asked to invite Sir Austen Chamberlain to address the Union's Summer School at Oxford in 1928. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "To ask the Vice-Chairman to accede to this request, and to recommend that, in the event of Sir Austen Chamberlain being unable to accept, Lord Cushendun be asked in his place."

69. SURVEY OF THE UNION'S PUBLICITY. After discussion it was

RESOLVED:- "That the general approval of the Executive Committee be given to this scheme, and that it be referred to the Office Committee, the Finance Committee and any other appropriate Committee, the co-operation of which might be desired by the Office Committee, for consideration and report before March 29th, 1928."

70. DIVISION OF WORK BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES. The attention of the Committee was drawn to Minute No. 6 of the Executive Committee dated January 29th, 1927. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That consideration of this matter be deferred till the next meeting of the Executive Committee."

(b) "That the Vice-Chairman and Mr. Henry Vivian be asked to draw up an alternative scheme for the division of work between the Executive and Management Committees."

71. BOMBING DISPLAY AT HENDON. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That Lord Cecil be asked to write to Sir Hugh Trenchard drawing his attention to the fact that it seemed undesirable for



the Royal Air Force to invite school children from London and the Home Counties to attend the rehearsal of the Hendon Air Pageant free of charge."

(b) "That Commander Kenworthy, in his private capacity, be asked to see Sir Samuel Hoare on this matter."

72. BRANCH RESOLUTION. The Committee noted a resolution from the Folkestone Branch dated 22.2.28., expressing their opinion that the Union's expenditure on literature was excessive. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Vice-Chairman be asked to draft a reply to the Folkestone Branch."

73. MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FEDERATION AT BRUSSELS. The Secretary reported that the following questions, concerning which memoranda had only just been received from Brussels, would be discussed at the Federation Meetings which were to take place on March 14th-17th, and the Committee authorised the Union's delegates to make the following recommendations:

(a) Reform of the Calendar: That the Union does not propose any action on the part of the affiliated societies as the latter are already over-burdened with work.

(b) International Prohibition of Chemical Warfare: That the resolution urgently calling upon all Powers, signatories to the Protocol of 17th June, 1927, to ratify without delay, should be agreed to, but that the other two resolutions proposed by the Austrian Society should be opposed and that the Union's delegates should express the view that the only way to get rid of chemical warfare was to get rid of warfare itself.

It was also reported that certain amendments had been proposed to the Economic resolutions passed by the Representative Council of the Federation at its meeting at Sofia, October, 1927, but that these amendments had not yet received the approval of the Union's Economic Committee. It was

RESOLVED: "That these amendments should not be put forward by the Union's delegates at Brussels but that notice should be given that the Union would move certain amendments at the meeting of the Plenary Congress to be held at The Hague in the summer."

74. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The attention of the Committee was drawn to the fact that in accordance with Minute 63 of 1.3.28., there would not be a meeting of the Executive Committee on March 15th and that the next meeting of the Management Committee would be held on March 22nd and of the Executive Committee on March 29th, and that the sessions of these Committees would then be adjourned until April 19th when the Executive Committee would again meet.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, MARCH  
29TH, 1928, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Captain W. Appleby, Professor Philip Baker, Rt.Hon.G.N. Barnes, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, C. Elisle Burns, L.J.Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Vice-Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, E.W.Morton George, Lady Gladstone, Lord Cecil, Captain L.H.Green, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, Major J.W.Hills, R.S.Hudson, Lt.Com.J.M. Kenworthy, Mrs.W.T.Layton, J.de V.Loder, L.R. Lumley, Captain H.Macmillan, Sir Walter Napier, F.G.Penman, W.T.Fritchard, Charles Roberts, Mrs. Walter Runciman, W.J.Salmon, Lady Selborne, H.F. Shaw, A.L.Shepherd, Miss Constance Smith, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, H.D.Watson, The Hon.Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch together with the Secretary.

75. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Miss Ruth Fry and the Rt.Hon.Leif Jones.
76. MINUTES. The Minutes of the meeting held on March 8th, 1928, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 67(c)(ii) - Sunday Schools: Proposed Modification of the Junior Membership Scheme, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution on this subject be amended by the substitution of the words 'in cases of hardship' for the words 'from Sunday Schools' so that the resolution reads:-

'That the following words be added at the end of Clause (a) of the scheme approved by this Committee on March 1st, 1928 (Minute No.54(f)):-

'The Executive Committee shall have power to accept a lower fee in cases of hardship'."

On Minute 70 - Division of Work between the Executive and Management Committees, at the request of the Chairman it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this matter be deferred".

77. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending 28th March, 1928, shewed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £4,027.15s.6d.

The Committee noted that the Bank Balance on 26th March, 1927, was £1,448.1s.4d.

78. INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN. The Committee considered the following motion, of which Major Hills had given notice:-

"That the Disarmament Campaign Department cease to exist on April 21st and that all work concerning Disarmament be carried on by the Union as part of its normal activities."

together with an amendment moved by Lord Cecil. It was

RESOLVED: "That it be referred to a Committee to consider whether any and what change should be made in the present arrangements for carrying out the



policy unanimously agreed upon at the Council Meeting of October 21st with a view to making it quite clear that no party attack on the Government is intended.

That the following be members of the Committee:- The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Lord Cecil, Mr. Hudson, Mrs. Layton and Mr. Salmon."

#### 79. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE. Subject to the following amendment to Minute 27, the Minutes of the Committee dated March 22nd, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (23) Recognition of Branches; (24) Public Meetings; (25) Conference on Migration and on Accident Prevention; (26) Disarmament and Unemployment; (27) Washington Hours Convention; (28) International Federation Meetings at Brussels; (29) League of Nations Union and International Disarmament.

Minute 27 - Washington Hours Convention. It was

RESOLVED: "That this Minute should read as follows:-

'Lady Hall drew attention to the fact that in view of recent events, it would be advisable to withdraw the leaflet (S.G.2149) on the Washington Hours Convention proposed by the Industrial Advisory Committee and to re-write it to suit present circumstances'."

- (b) WELCOME COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 20, the Minutes of the Committee dated March 6th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (16) Madame Malmberg - Frau Faber's daughter - Mr. Lal Singh; (17) Exchange Visits; Count Keyserling; Visit of American Students; British Hungarian Society; Baron von Bodman; (18) Commander Edward's Resignation; (19) Reception to Students; (20) Visit of Members of Danish League of Nations Society; (21) Dr. Max Clauss; (22) Reception to British and American Students; Rota System for members of Committee.

Minute 20 - Visit of Members of Danish L of N. Society. It was

RESOLVED: "That the proposed dinner should not be arranged on Thursday, June 14th, but that the offer of Major Hills and Mr. R.S. Hudson to entertain the Danish visitors to luncheon and tea respectively at the House of Commons be gratefully accepted."

- (c) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. With the exception of Minutes 29 and 37 and subject to the following decision on Minute 34(a), the Minutes of the Committee dated March 7th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (28) Chairmanship of Committee; (29) Sunday Schools - Proposed modification of Junior Branch Scheme; (30) Resolution for Annual Church Meeting; (31) London Regional Federation; (32) The Rev. Porter Goff; (33) Report on Albert Hall Meeting; (34) Arrangements for following up the Albert Hall Meeting; (35) The Rev. C.H.S. Matthews' Mission; (36) Co-operation with Industrial Christian Fellowship; (37) Hyde Park Meeting; (38) Church Congress for 1929;



(39) Geneva Cathedral Service; (40) Applications for Corporate Membership; (41) Co-operation with America; (42) Christian Endeavour and German League of Nations Society. 7

Minute 34(a) - Arrangements for Following up the Albert Hall Meeting. It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this Minute be deferred."

- (d) OFFICE COMMITTEE. With the exception of Minute 2, the Minutes of the Committee dated March 15th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (2) Publicity; (3) Miss Slack. 7

Minute 2 - Publicity. It was reported that a joint meeting between the Finance and Publicity Committees was being arranged to discuss the following proposals:-

- (a) "To authorise the addition to the staff of a writer of good quality (it is believed that a suitable person could be obtained for £200 a year). (Conclusion 10(a) of the Survey.)"
- (b) "To engage an additional shorthand typist at a salary of £150 a year in the near future. (Conclusion 10(b) of the Survey)."

RESOLVED: "that consideration of this minute be postponed until the proposed joint meeting has taken place and the Finance Committee's report has been received."

- (e) INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated March 13th and 20th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (178) Finance; (179) Publicity; (180) Mr. Kellogg's Treaty Offer; (181) Arbitration Conference; (183) Finance; (184) Appeal to Co-operative Societies; (185) Publicity; (186) Meetings and Conferences; (187) Armistice Night Demonstration of the Churches; (188) Non-Partisan Character of Union's Policy; (189) Manifesto; (190) Russian Draft Disarmament Convention. 7

- (f) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. With the exception of Minutes 36(c) (iii) and (iv), the Minutes of the Committee dated March 15th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (33) Disarmament and Unemployment; (34) Disarmament Manifesto; (35) Composition of Committee for 1928; (36) (a) Visit of Minister of Labour - (b) House of Lords Debate - (c) Memorandum (i) and (ii); (37) Prison Labour; (38) Conference on Migration and Accident Prevention; (39) Affiliation; (40) Labour Organisations Committee; (41) Glasgow Conference; (42) Co-operative Congress Demonstration; (43) Trades Union Congress. 7

- (g) LIBRARY COMMITTEE. With the exception of Minute 10(2(c)), the Minutes of the Committee dated March 20th, 1928, were approved and adopted.



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 [These Minutes included (10)(7) Educational Books; (11) Report of Librarian; (12) Report of Book-Selection Sub-Committee; (13) Circularising of Public Libraries; (14) Membership of Library Committee; (15) Journal de Geneve.]

On Minute 10 (2(c)) - Use of Library for other than Library purposes, the Secretary read the following communication he had received from three members of the Library Committee:-

"Mrs. Dugdale and Mr. Wheeler Bennett desire to record their dissent from Minute 10(2(c)) of the Library Committee on the ground that though it is important that the Librarian should be kept as free from disturbance as possible, the interests of the Union must be considered as a whole, and in the absence of other adequate provision for interviews, it may occasionally be necessary that quiet conversations should take place in the Library. Mr. Wilson Harris, who was prevented from being present at the meeting of the Library Committee, associates himself with this opinion."

It was

RESOLVED: "to refer this minute back to the Library Committee for further consideration."

- (h) PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 27, and with the exception of Minute 28, the epitome of the Minutes of the Committee dated March 21st, 1928, was approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (26) Publicity Activities; (27) Functions and Procedure of Publicity Committee; (28) Publicity for Union's Policy; (31) Participation in Exhibition.]

Minute 27 - Functions and Procedure of Publicity Committee. It was

RESOLVED: "That this Minute be referred back for further consideration to the Publicity Committee and then submitted to the Office Committee."

Minute 28 - Publicity for the Union's Policy. It was

RESOLVED: "That the opinion of this Committee be reserved on this subject."

- (i) REVISION OF THE COVENANT COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 40, the Minutes of the meetings held on March 21st and 28th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (39) Outlawry of war; (40) Draft Treaties prepared by sub-committee on Security and Arbitration; (43) Outlawry of war; (44) Recommended Draft Treaty; (45) Draft treaty between a State Member of the League and a Non-Member State for the renunciation of the right of private war.]

Minute 40 - Draft Treaties prepared by sub-committee on Security and Arbitration. It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of the Recommended Draft Treaty (S.G.2179) be deferred."



- (j) EDUCATION COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated March 22nd, 1928, were approved and adopted. 706

These Minutes included (19) Bombing Display at Hendon; (20) Co-optations; (21) List of Meetings; (22) Steps taken by L.E.A.; (23) Distribution of Teachers' Declaration in London area; (24) Minutes of Film Committee; (25) Results of Inquiry in a City area in regard to League teaching in schools; (26) Officers' Training Corps in Schools; (27) Proposal from Dr. Kirchoff for a League of Nations Day in Schools; (28) World Youth Peace Congress; (29) Treatment of Subject of Mandates in School Geographies; (30) Report on Education Commission on the International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (31) European Film Conference at The Hague.

80. BOMBING DISPLAY AT HENDON. Lord Cecil reported that he had written a private letter to Sir Hugh Trenchard concerning the invitation of school children to the Hendon Air Pageant.
- Commander Kenworthy stated that he had been unable to see Sir Samuel Hoare on this matter but that he had raised it in the Debate on the Air Force Estimates in the House of Commons (Hansard Vol.214 No.25, 12.3.28. pp.1657, 1658 and 1663.)
81. SURVEY OF THE UNION'S PUBLICITY. It was  
RESOLVED: "That further consideration of the Survey be deferred pending the Finance Committee's report (see Minute 79(d) 2 above)."
82. POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE: MOTION BY MR. W.T. FRITCHARD. It was  
RESOLVED: "That Mr. Fritchard's proposal concerning a Policy Sub-Committee be considered along with the scheme to be prepared by the Vice-Chairman and Mr. Vivian for the division of work between the Executive and Management Committees (see Minute 70)."
83. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS: CONSIDERATION OF MINUTE 267 OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. It was  
RESOLVED: "That consideration of this matter be deferred."
84. PROPOSED LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION BIRTHDAY MEETING. The attention of the Committee was drawn to the fact that 15th October, 1928, would be the tenth anniversary of the birth of the League of Nations Union (by the fusion of the League of Nations Society and the League of Free Nations Association). The Secretary proposed that the event should be celebrated by a large public meeting in London, and it was  
RESOLVED: "That this suggestion be approved."
85. RACIAL MINORITIES - MEMORANDUM BY SIR WILLOUGHBY DICKINSON.  
RESOLVED: "That subject to certain slight verbal alterations to be undertaken by Sir Walter Napier and the Chairman, Sir Willoughby Dickinson's paper on Racial Minorities be published as a pamphlet."
86. COLOGNE PRESS EXHIBITION.  
RESOLVED: "That the Union should not rent a site at the forthcoming Cologne Press Exhibition but that every assistance should be rendered to the International Federation of League of Nations Societies in the event of a stall being arranged by them."
87. MIDDLESBROUGH AND ST. IVES BY-ELECTIONS. The Committee noted with interest the reports on the Middlesbrough and St. Ives By-Elections.



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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 19TH, 1928, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Norman Angell, Captain W. Appleby, Rt. Hon. G. N. Barnes, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, A. W. Claremont, Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe, Miss Ruth Fry, E. W. Morton George, Lady Gladstone, Captain L. H. Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major J. W. Hills, R. S. Hudson, J. de V. Loder, L. R. Lumley, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, F. G. Penman, W. T. Pritchard, Rt. Hon. Lord Queenborough, W. J. Salmon, Lady Selborne, E. F. Shaw, Miss Constance Smith, Raymond Urwin, Henry Vivian, H. D. Watson, Herbert Worsley, L. M. Wynch together with the Secretary.

88. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Professor Philip Baker, T. J. Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Lt. Com. Kenworthy and Mrs. Wilson-Fox.
89. MINUTES. With the exception of Minutes 79(d) and 82, consideration of which was deferred, and subject to the following amendment to Minute 79(h) 27, the Minutes of the meeting held on March 29th, 1928, were confirmed as circulated.

Minute 79(A) 27 - Functions and Procedure of Publicity Committee. It was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be amended to read as follows:-

'That this Minute be referred to the Office Committee for consideration and report.'"

On Minute 84 - Proposed League of Nations Union Birthday Meeting, the accuracy of the date (October 15th, 1928) given as the day of the Union's tenth birthday was questioned, and the Secretary undertook to investigate the matter.

On Minute 85 - Racial Minorities, Memorandum by Sir Willoughby Dickinson, it was reported that a meeting of the Minorities Committee was to be held to consider Sir Willoughby Dickinson's paper on Racial Minorities before its publication.

90. POSTAL BALLOT. The Chairman reported that he had received a request from Captain G. D. Fanshawe for the withdrawal and invalidation of the Postal Ballot. Captain Fanshawe stated that he had not received the preliminary notice concerning the Ballot sent out on February 6th. Captain Fanshawe had suggested

- (1) That notices should be sent out cancelling the election;
- (2) That an extraordinary meeting of the Executive Committee should be summoned to consider the matter;
- (3) That all individual members of the Council who had not sent in nominations should be asked if they had received notices inviting them to make nominations (this notice was sent out on February 6th, 1928)



He had replied that he did not consider that there was an adequate reason for summoning a special Executive and that in view of the fact that, as far as could be ascertained the preliminary notice had been posted to all those entitled to receive it, including Captain Fanshawe, he did not consider that it was desirable or necessary to withdraw the Ballot papers. The Committee approved the action of the Chairman.

01. DIRECTOR OF ENQUIRIES AND REPORTS. At the suggestion of the Chairman it was

RESOLVED: "That the Office Committee be empowered to act in the matter of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Dugdale."

92. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending 16th April 1928, showed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £3,599.12s.9d.

The Committee noted that the Bank Balance on 23rd April, 1927, was £4,236.10s.7d.

93. INTERIM REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF SIX (See Minute 78 of March 29th) It was reported that the Committee of Six was not yet in a position to make any report.

94. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions on Minute 194(c) and 196, the Minutes of the Committee dated March 27th, 1928, and April 3rd, 1928, were approved and adopted.

✓ These Minutes included (192) Russian Draft Disarmament Convention; (193) Finance; (194) Publicity Department's Report - Leaflets - Posters; (195) Resolution from Chiswick Branch; (196) Concrete Proposals for International Disarmament; (197) Arbitration Conference. ✓

Minute 194(c) - Posters. It was

RESOLVED: "That the proposal to reproduce the Security Poster in a larger size be not approved."

Minute 196 - Concrete Proposals for International Disarmament. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That these proposals be submitted to the Limitation of Armaments Committee (1926) for consideration and report."

- (b) WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. The epitome of the Minutes of the Council dated March 28th, 1928, was approved and adopted.

✓ These Minutes included (275) Representation on Women's Advisory Council; (276) Co-optation of Members; (277) Representation of Women's Organisations on General Council of L.N.U.; (278) Reports of Representatives; (282) Soroptomist Club; (283) Disarmament - Urgency Resolution. ✓

- (c) FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated March 28th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

✓ These Minutes included (19) Financial Statement; (20) Rev. C.E.S. Matthews; (21) Publicity; (22) Liverpool and Merseyside District Council; (23) Canteen



Account; (24) Letter from Colonel Fisher; (25) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

- (d) OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. With the exception of Minute 26, upon which the opinion of the Committee was reserved, the Minutes of the Committee dated March 28th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (26) Federation's Economic Conference at Prague; (29) Federation and South Africa; (30) International Exchange Institute and Colonial Bonds; (31) Paris Branch; (32) Federation's Staff; (33) Report of the Federation's Meetings at Brussels; (34) L.N.U. Conference on Migration and Industrial Accident Prevention; (35) Overseas Report; (36) Howard League; (37) Federation President for 1929.

It was further

RESOLVED: "That the thanks of the Executive Committee be conveyed to Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe for his memorandum on the work of the Paris Branch."

- (e) ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated March 30th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (10) Appointment of Chairman; (11) Amendments to Federation's Economic Resolutions; (12) Federation's Economic Conference at Prague; (13) Memorandum on Economic Situation of Austria; (14) Memorandum on Administrative Protectionism.

At the suggestion of Mr. Fenman it was

RESOLVED: "That a resolution concerning the following up of the recommendations of the World Economic Conference be placed on the Agenda for the Ninth Annual Meeting of the General Council."

- (f) WELCOME COMMITTEE. With the exception of Minute 29, the Minutes of the Committee dated April 3rd, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (24) (b) Count Keyserling, (c) Visit of Members of Danish L.N.U.; (25) Secretary's Report; (26) Letter from Mrs. Roberts; (27) Miss Spencer's Resignation; (28) New member of Committee; (29) International Club Joint Sub-Committee; (30) Reception for Arbitration Conference; (31) Reception to American Students; (32) Resignation from Committee.

On Minute 29 - International Club Joint Sub-Committee - the Committee welcomed a memorandum on the draft constitution for the International Club, and on the motion of Mr. Vivian and seconded by Mr. Hudson, it was

RESOLVED: "That it be suggested to the International Club Joint Sub-Committee that it might be advisable to omit Rule 6 in view of the fact that this Rule could be tacitly exercised by the Selection Committee as constituted in Rule 4."



(E) OFFICE COMMITTEE. With the exception of Minute 10, and subject to the following amendment to Minute 17(ii), the Minutes of the Committee dated April 3rd, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (5) Dame Adelaide Livingstone; (6) Mr. Bagnall; (7) Mr. Everett Reid; (8) Mr. Archer; (9) 10s.0d. membership; (10) Advertisements in HEADWAY; (11) Staff Standing Committee; (12) Miss Currey; (13) Mr. V.D.V. Robinson; (14) Mrs. Downer; (15) Chief Travelling Secretary; (16) Director of Inquiries and Reports; (17) Exhibit.

Minute 10 - Advertisements in HEADWAY. it was

RESOLVED: "That this Minute be referred to the Publicity Committee."

Minute 17(ii) Exhibit. It was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be amended to read as follows:-

'To fix the hiring fee at a minimum of one guinea for two days plus 5s.0d. for each additional day and a fixed charge to cover carriage!'"

95. STAFF ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES. Captain Appleby moved the following resolution:

"That no member of the Staff other than the Secretary of the Union and his Assistant shall be in attendance at meetings of the Executive and Management Committees."

The Chairman said that the subject matter of this resolution was being considered by the Committee of Six. Captain Appleby withdrew his motion pending the report of the Committee of Six.

96. MR. KELLOGG'S PROPOSALS. The Committee considered the ~~Communique to the Press~~ on the Kellogg Proposals issued by the Union with the approval of the Chairman of the Executive Committee on 14.4.28. The Committee expressed satisfaction at the adequacy of this statement and after discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the last sentence of the first paragraph be omitted and that the following words be substituted: 'The League of Nations Union therefore heartily welcomes the American proposals'."

The Committee also had before them a memorandum on this subject by Lord Cecil. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That this memorandum be used for information only."

97. LETTER FROM SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN. The Committee noted with interest a letter from Sir Austen Chamberlain acknowledging the congratulations sent to him by the Union on the withdrawal by Spain of her resignation from the League.

98. CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED DRAFT TREATIES SUBMITTED BY LORD PHILLIMORE'S COMMITTEE. It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of the Draft Treaty be deferred."



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99. DIVISION OF WORK BETWEEN EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES. It was reported that the Committee of Six (Minute 78 of 29.3.28) was considering a scheme for the division of work together with the motion proposed by Mr. W.T.Pritchard concerning a Policy Sub-Committee. Consideration of these matters was therefore postponed until the Report of the Committee of Six was received.

100. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS. The Committee considered the following resolution on Membership subscriptions (No.267 of the General Council, December 1927):-

"That the Executive Committee be asked to consider the desirability and practicability of the proposal of the London Regional Federation that new Branches should retain the whole of the subscriptions received less cost of literature, for six months after the date of the official registration of the Branch, and to report thereon to the next meeting of the General Council."

After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Consultative Committee be asked to consider and report upon this Resolution."

101. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee noted with interest resolutions from the following Branches:-

- (a) Kirkby Stephen Branch
- (b) London Regional Federation (Executive Committee)
- (c) Manchester Centre
- (d) Hampstead Garden Suburb and Golders Green Branch
- (e) Bournville Works Branch
- (f) Kettering Branch
- (g) Keswick Branch

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