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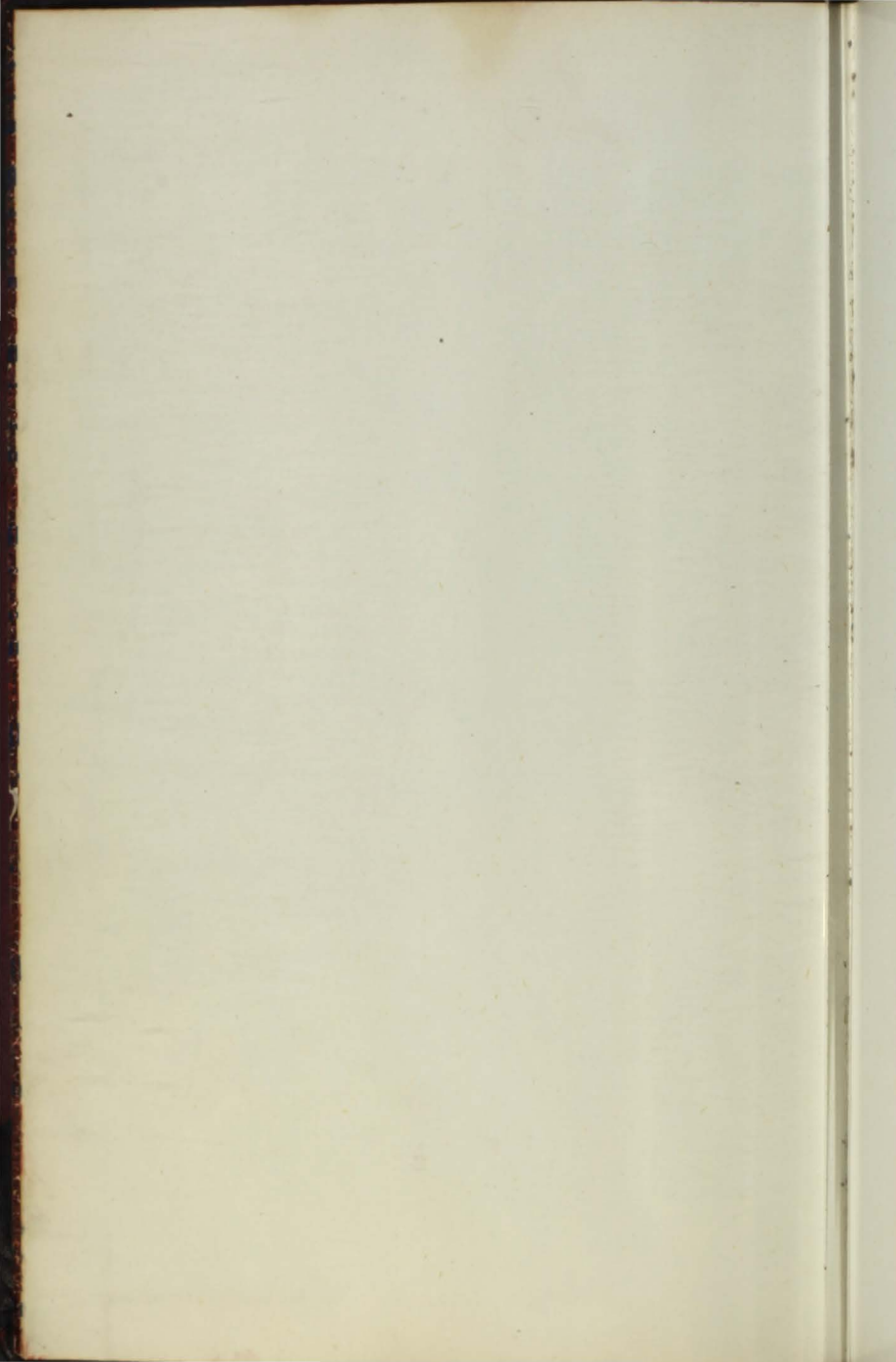
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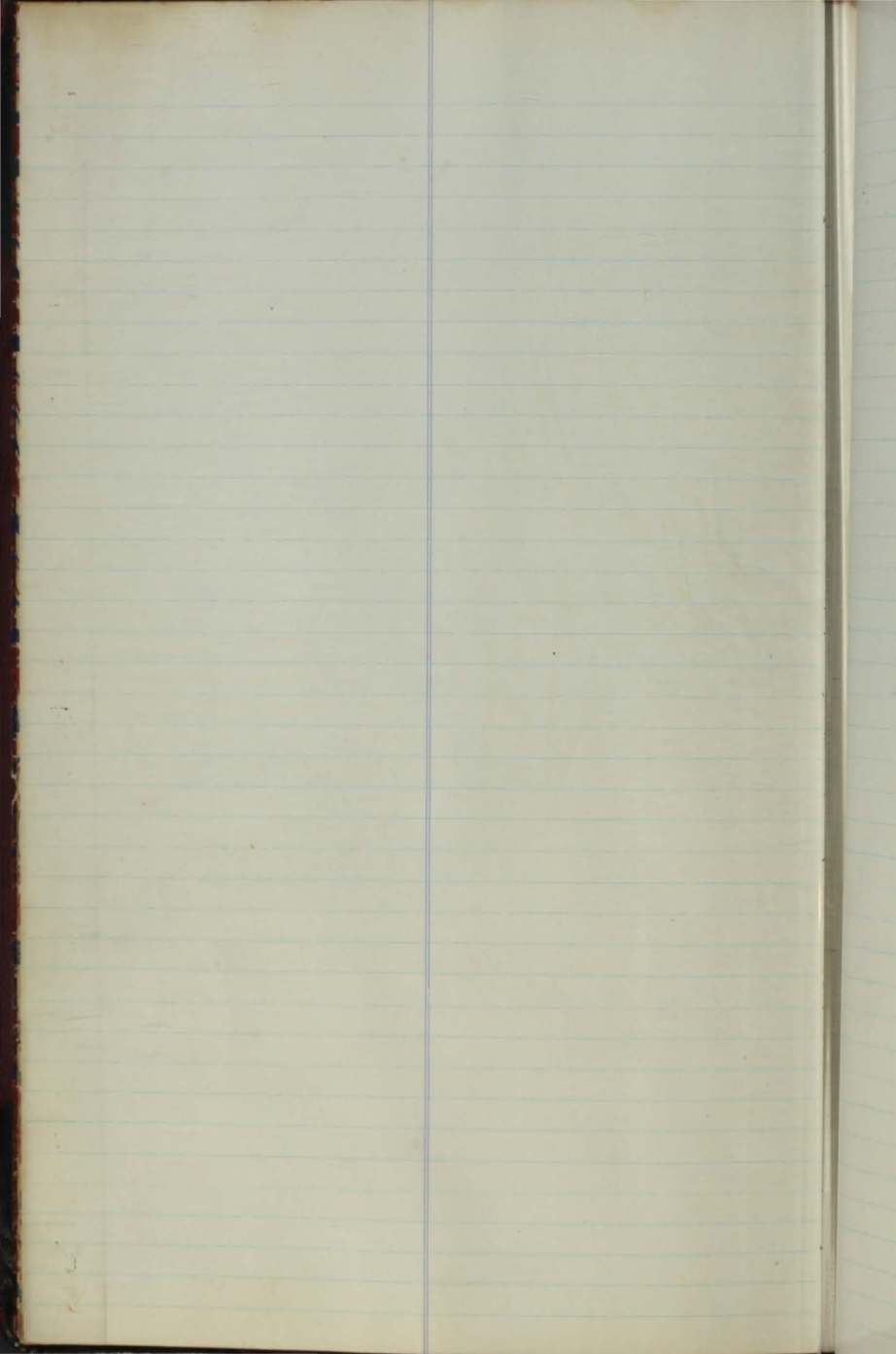
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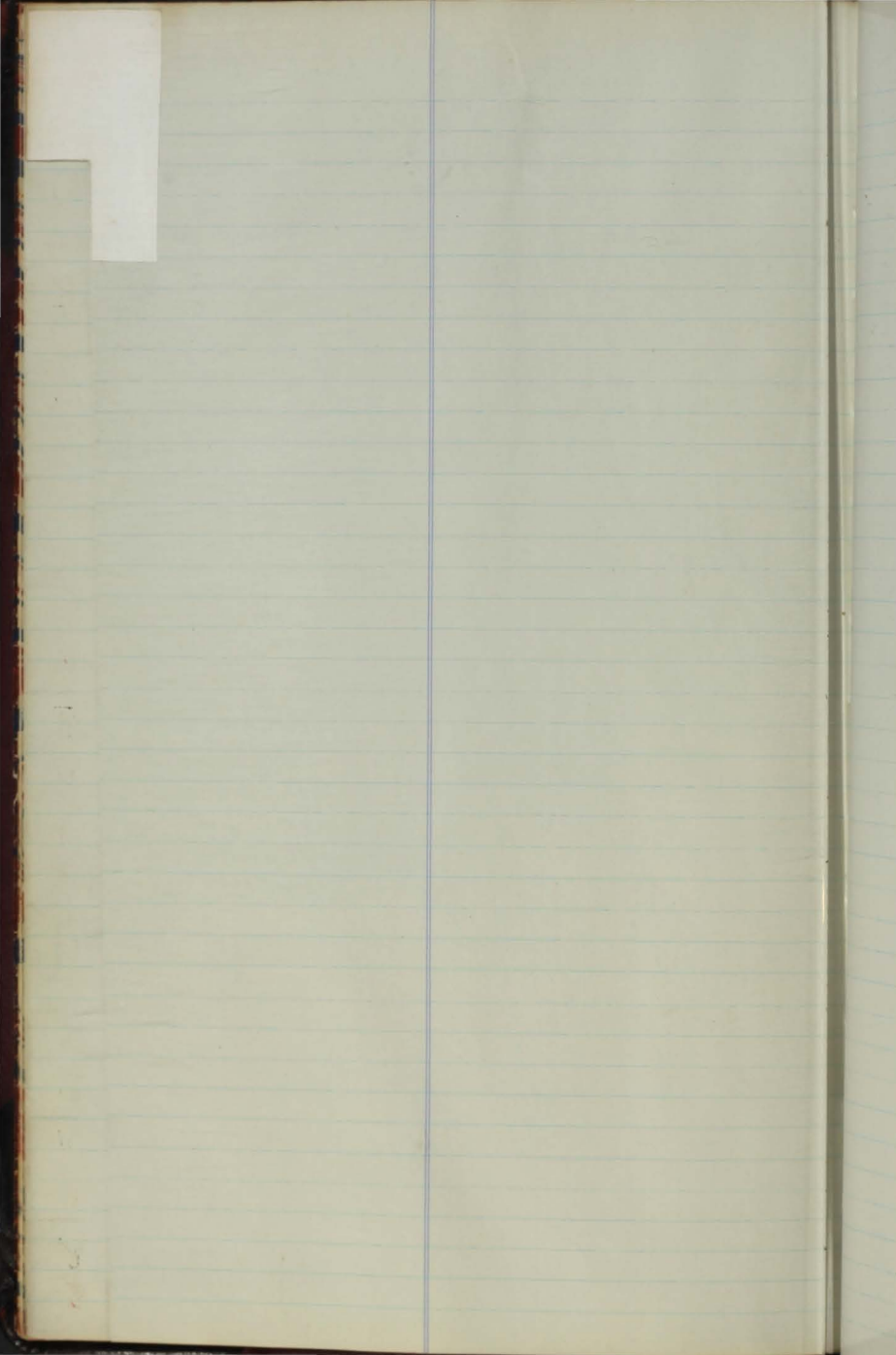
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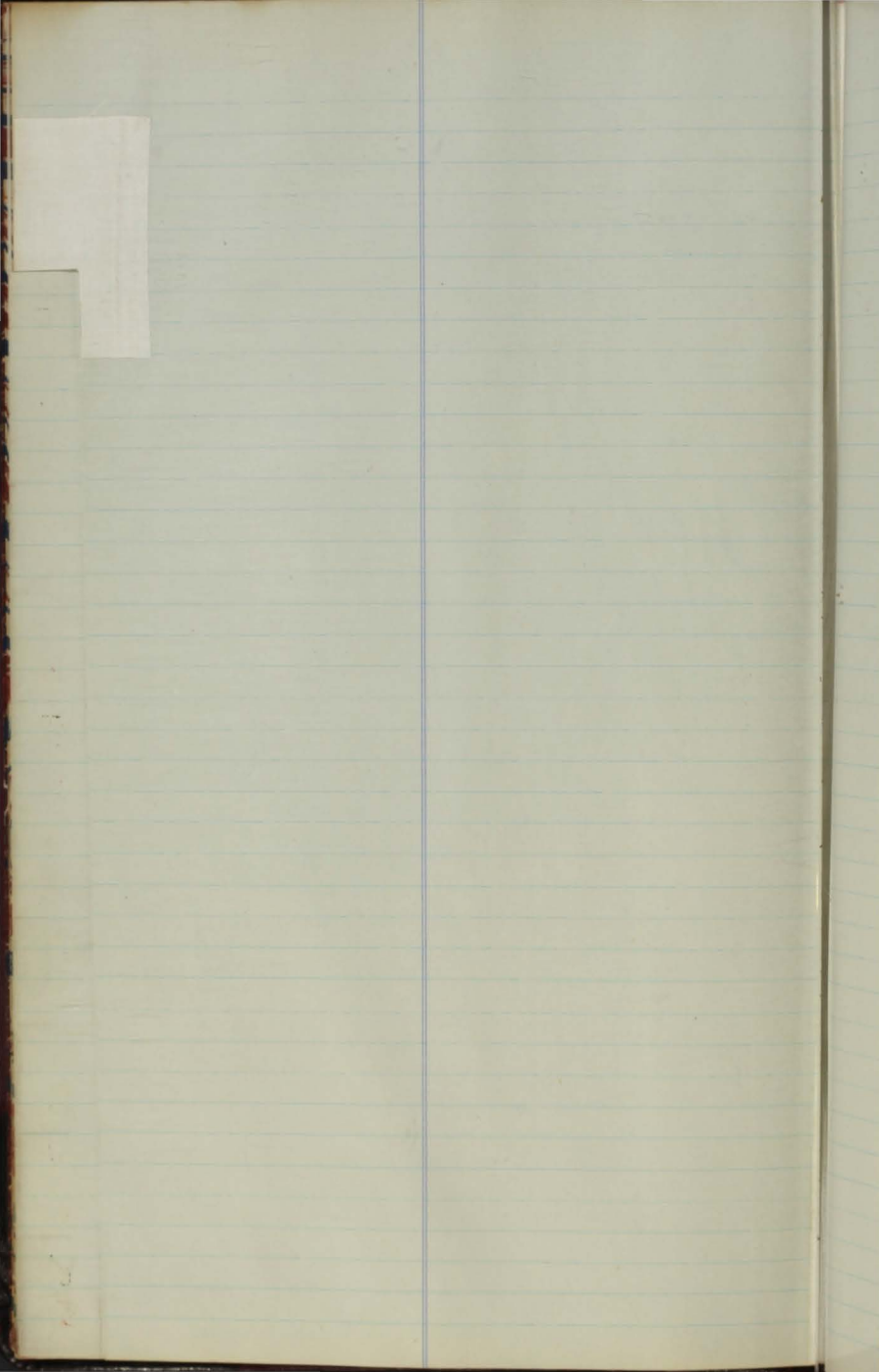
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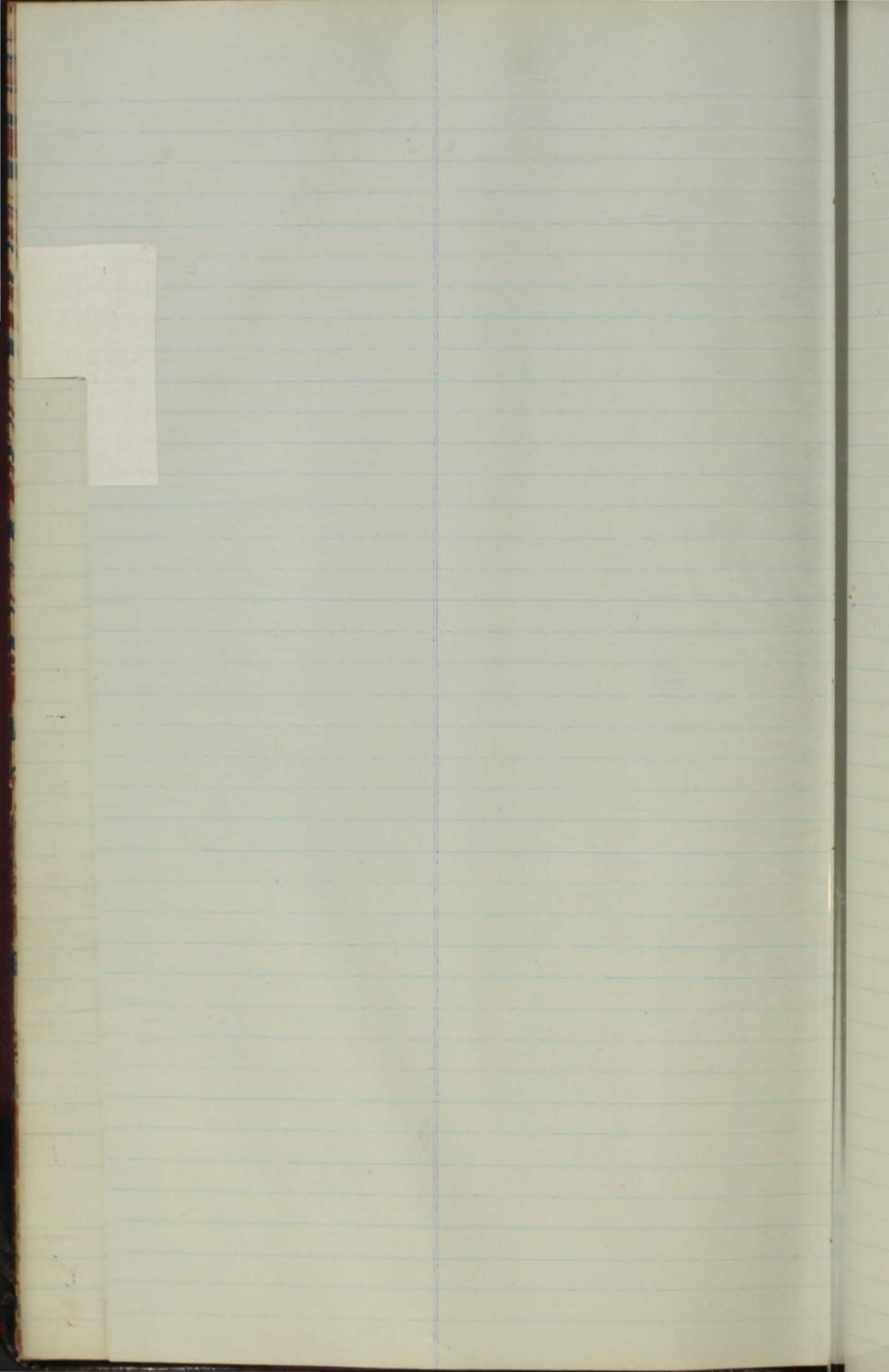
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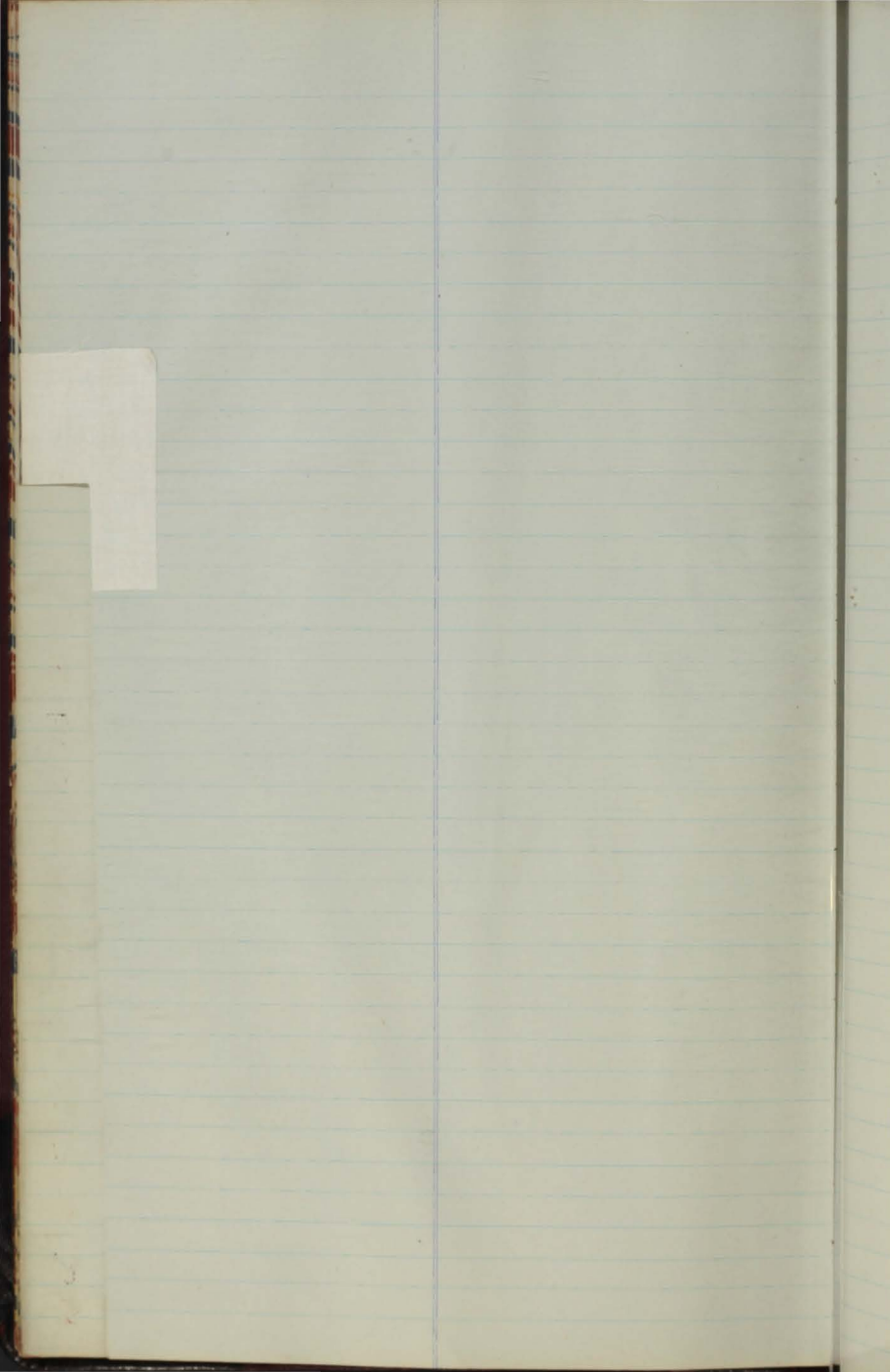
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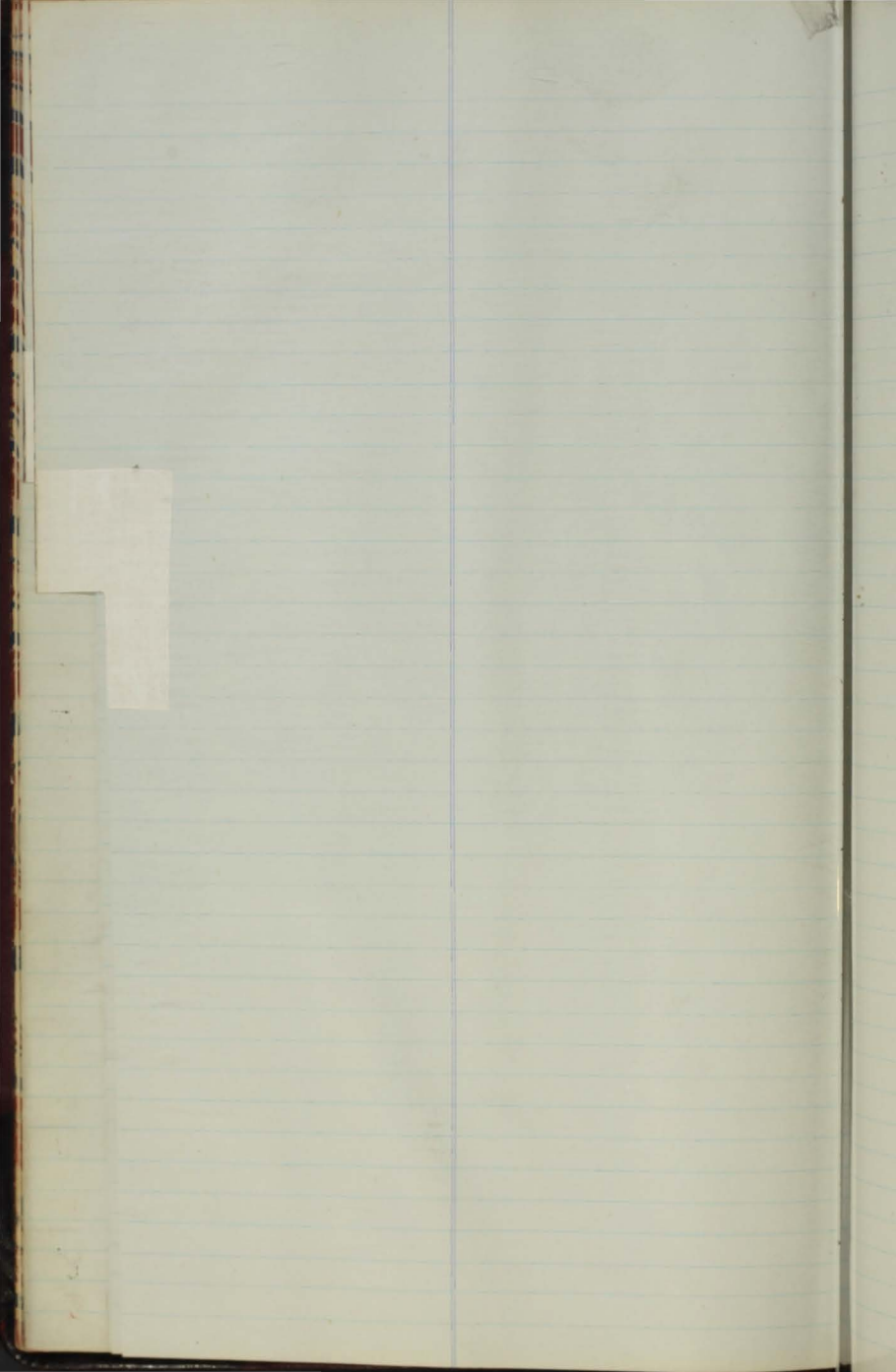
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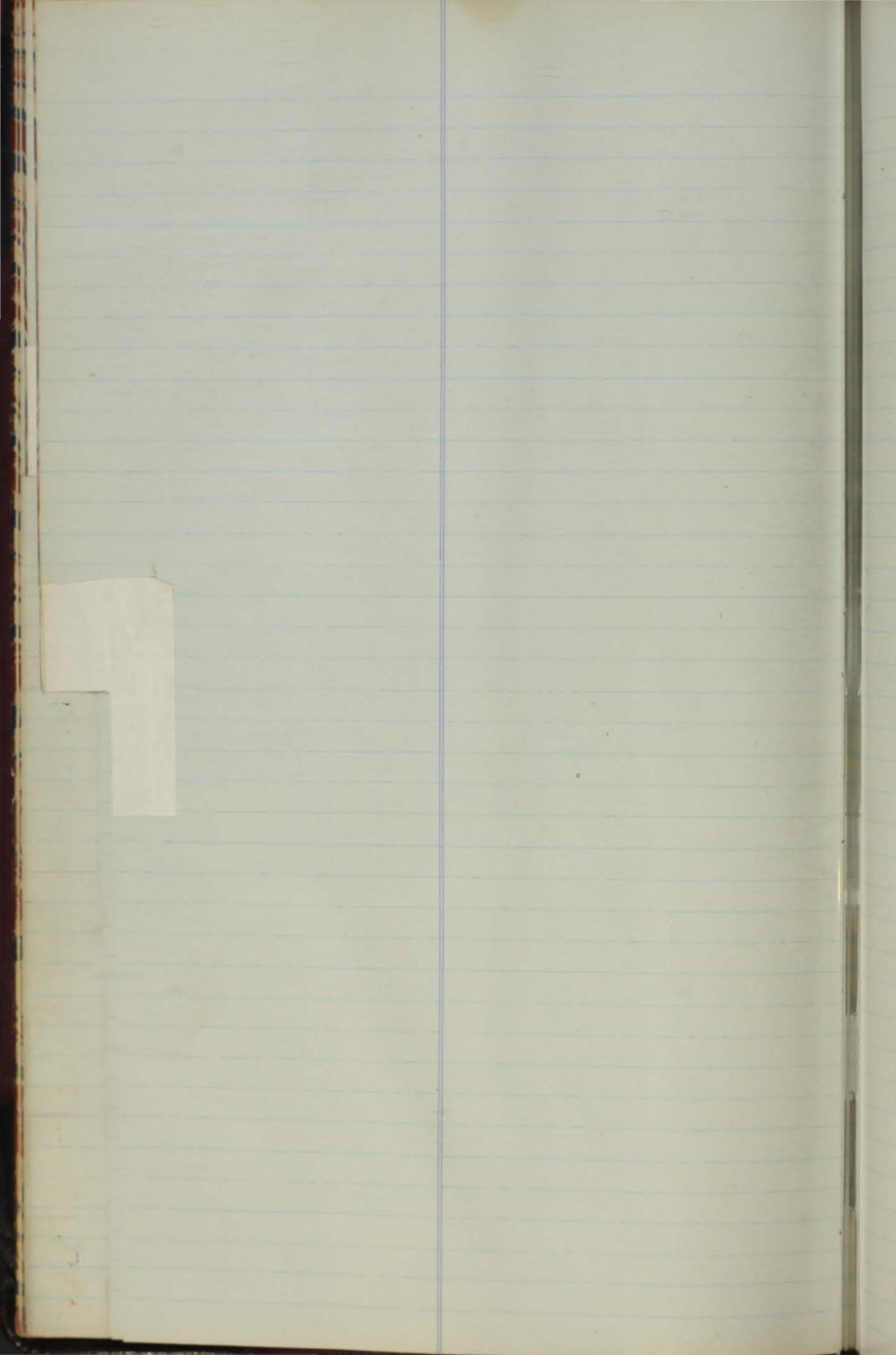
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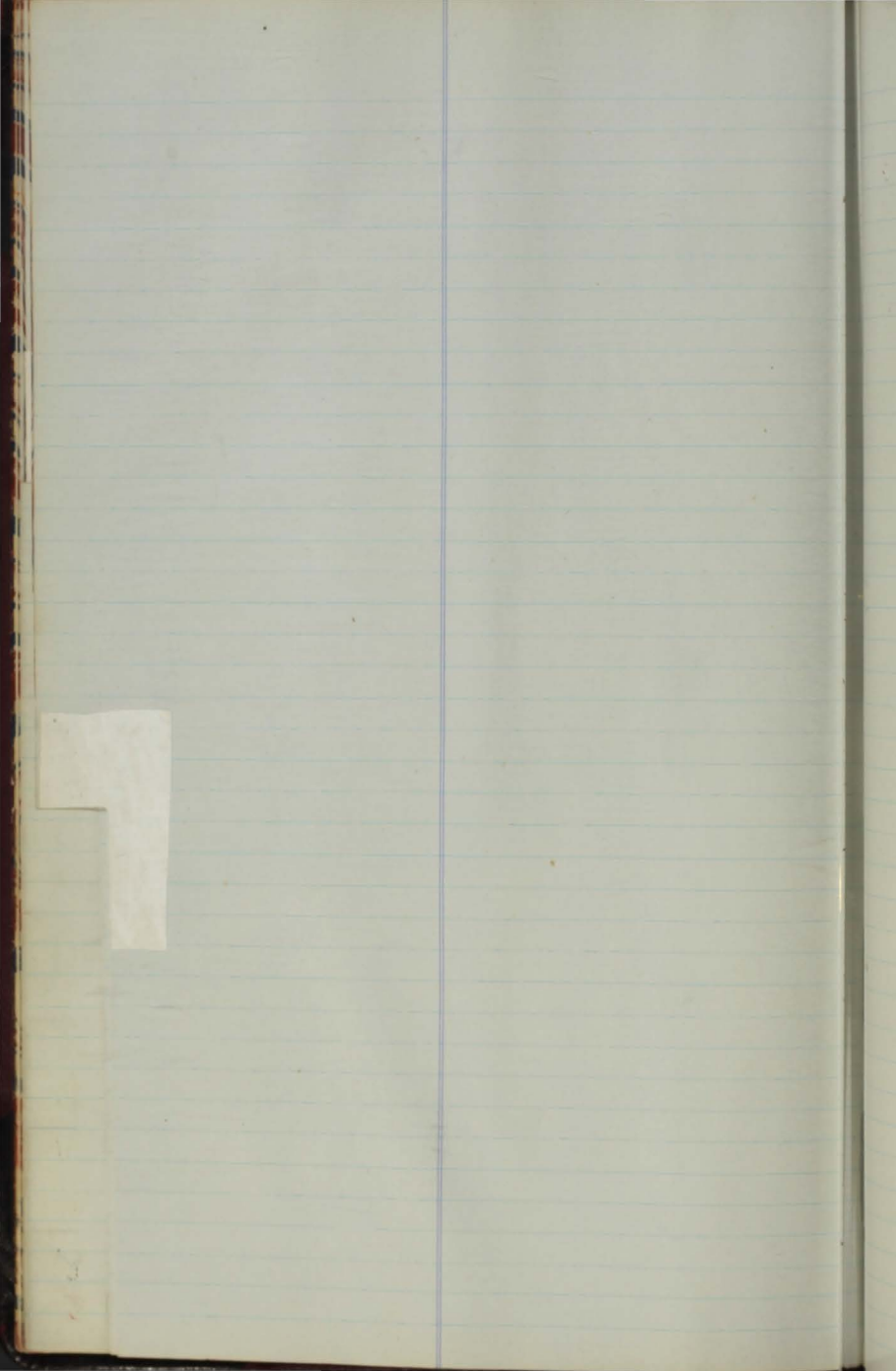
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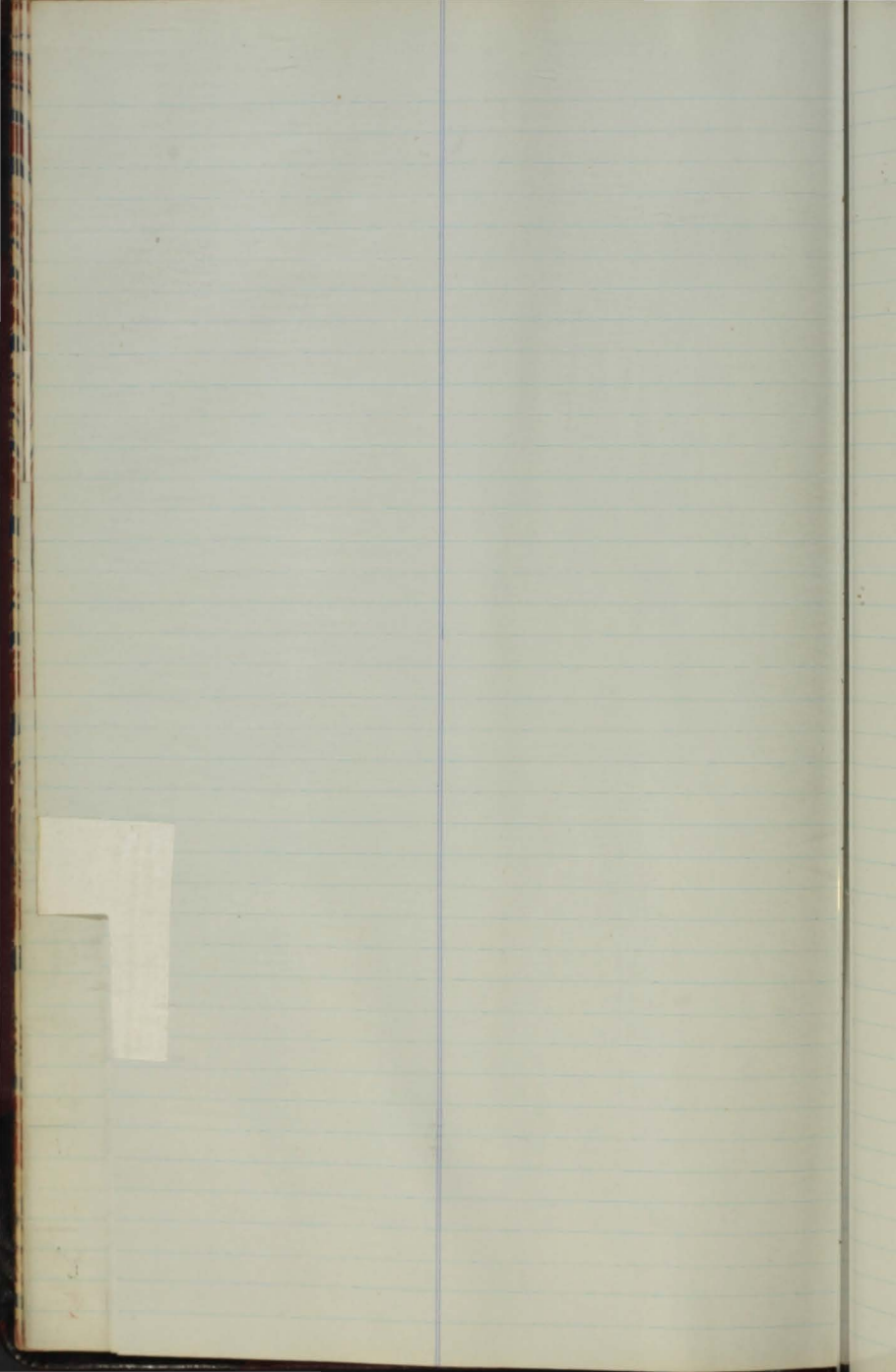
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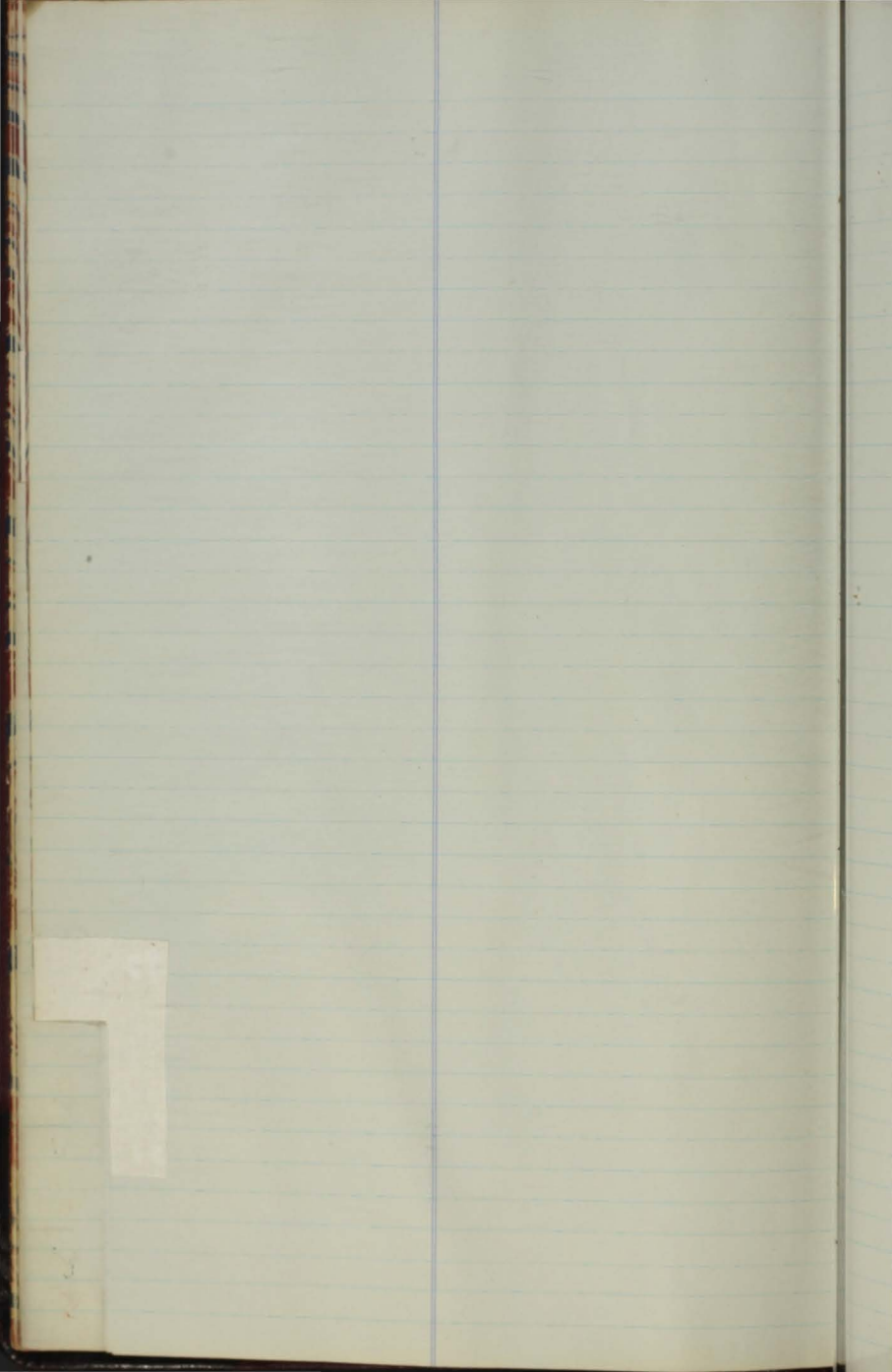
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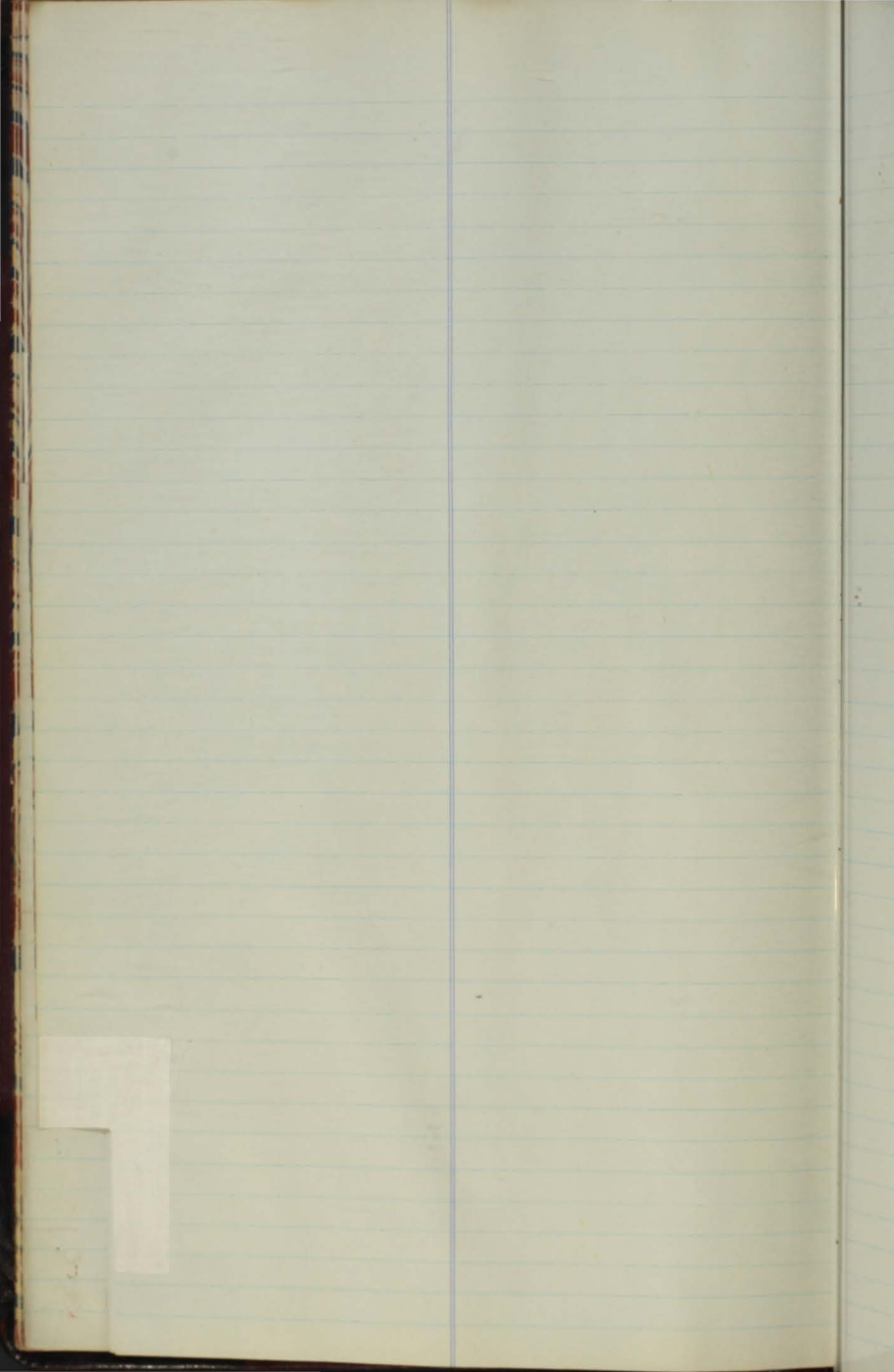
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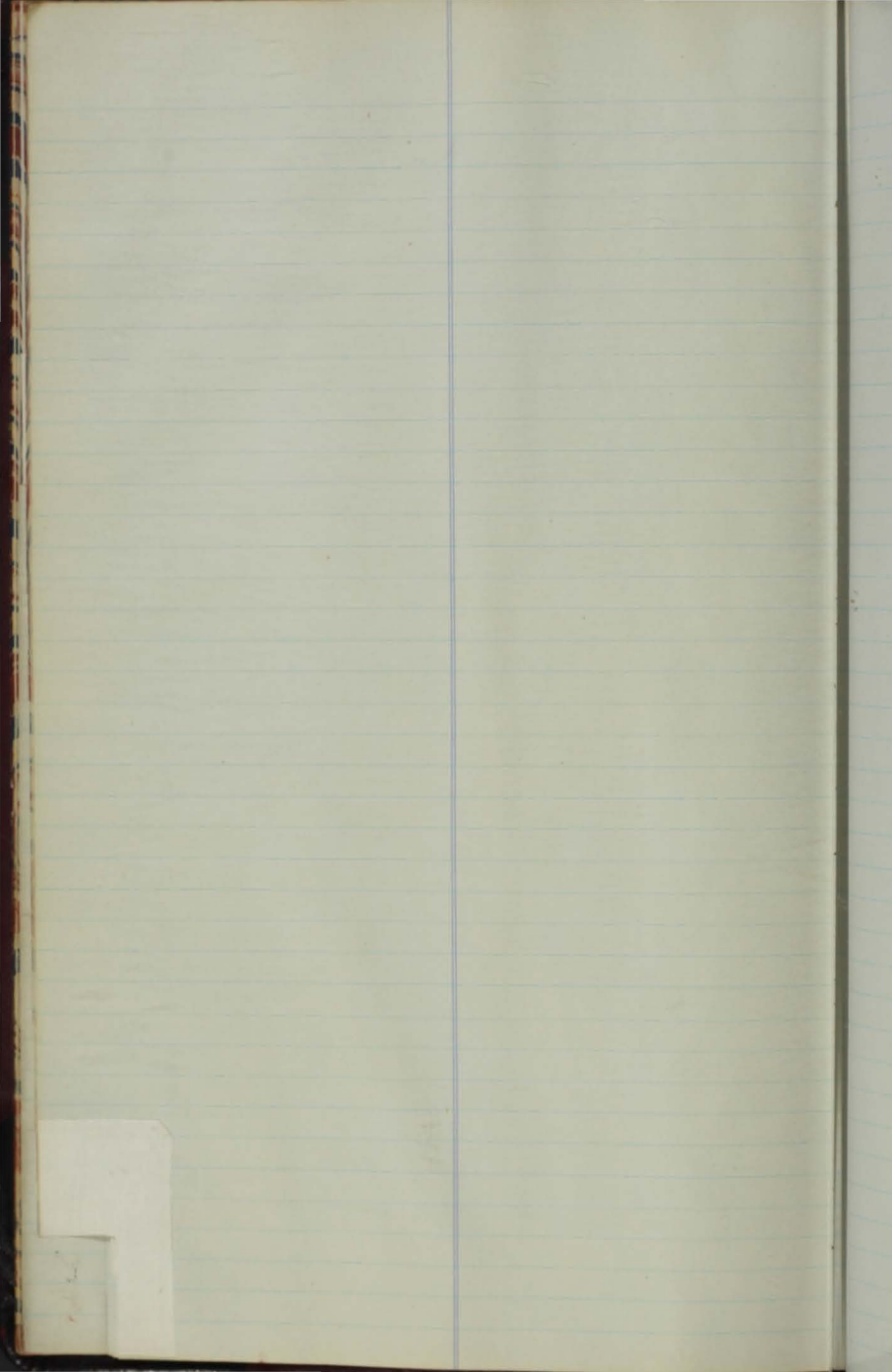




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E.C. (46) 10th meeting.

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FABIAN SOCIETY :: 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, WESTMINSTER, LONDON, S.W.1.

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A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on 22nd July, 1946 at 4.30 p.m. at P.E.P., 16 Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.  
A film of the Committee will be taken at 4.15 p.m.

A G E N D A.

1. To approve Minutes:-
  - (a) E.C. of 24.6.46 - E.C. (46) 8th meeting (already circulated). (Less Item 10).
  - (b) E.C. of 29.6.46 - E.C. (46) 9th meeting. (enclosed)
  - (c) F.G.P.C. (46) 6th meeting. (enclosed).
  - (d) Autumn Programme Committee (A.P.C. (46) 3rd meeting. (enclosed).
  - (e) Indian Affairs Group - I.A.G. (46) 3rd meeting (to be circulated at meeting).
  - (f) Local Societies Committee of 15.7.46. (to be circulated at meeting).
2. Co-options.
3. Appointment of Committees for the year 1946-7 - E.C. (46) 11
4. To decide regular time of meeting of Executive Committee.
5. Letter from Ivor Montagu - E.C. (46) 13.
7. Lord Snell Memorial Appeal.
8. Proposed pamphlet by Herbert Levy on Placing of Disabled Workers.
9. To appoint readers for the following publications:-

Structural Unemployment by Margaret Stewart.
10. To approve Colonial Bureau Controversy Series - E.C. (46) 12.

H.D. HUGHES.  
Acting General Secretary.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The "March of Time" are doing a film on the British Labour Party and are anxious to include in it a short section on the Fabian Society. It has therefore been arranged that they shall attend this Executive Committee at 4.15 p.m. in order to film the Committee at work. I hope you will make every possible effort to attend promptly at that time.

H.D.H.

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 EASIAN SOCIETY :: 11, DAREMOUTH STREET, WESTMINSTER, LONDON, S.W.1.  
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Conclusions of the meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, 22nd July, 1946 at P.M.P., 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.

Present: Parker (chair); Barcu, Davies, Durbin, Farington, Harrabin, Hughes, Hayhew, Hilarado, Skeffington; Young.

Staff: Fox, Hinden, Monck, Pliatzky.

Apolesies from: Blackett, Crooch-Jones, Postgate, Robson, Strachey, Wedif, Margaret Cole.

Bernard Shaw's birthday. After a short discussion the COMMITTEE instructed the General Secretary to telegraph the congratulations of the Society to Shaw on his 90th birthday and to wish him a century.

1. Approval of Minutes.

(a) E.C. of 24.6.46 - E.C. (46) 8th meeting.

In connection with Item 9 - the visit to Czechoslovakia - Hughes reported that the Czechs had now agreed to pay the fares of the party and at present those who were likely to go were himself, Parker, Callaghan, Carol Johnson, Hilarado, Sheila Newsome, Ernest Davies. In the course of a short discussion it was agreed that:-

- (i) A publisher should be approached.
- (ii) The attention of the International Bureau Advisory Committee should be drawn to the project and that they should be invited to nominate the remainder of the team up to a total acceptable to the Czech authorities and to include, at their discretion, a member of the staff as secretary to the mission.
- (iii) Invited the group to appoint an editor from amongst their number to take general charge of the publication subsequent to the visit.
- (b) E.C. of 29.6.46 - E.C. (46) 9th meeting.

- (i) In connection with Item 2, the Executive Committee confirmed the appointment of the Vice-Chairman and Honorary Secretary, and appointed John Parker and Margaret Cole to these posts.
- (ii) Instructed the General Secretary to approach Professor Inslid to become a co-opted member of the Executive Committee and its Chairman.
- (iii) Invited the officers to write to Cudlipp to continue to be a co-opted member of the Executive Committee.

(c) Finance & General Purposes Committee of 5.7.46 - P.G.P.C. (46) 6th meeting.

These minutes were approved.

(d) Autumn Programme Committee of 28.6.46 - A.P.C. (46) 3rd meeting.

After a short discussion it was agreed that Sir Stafford Cripps should be asked, if Mr. Morrison were unwilling to deliver the first lecture on the Professional Man in the Socialist State; and that if Priestly were unable to speak on



the artist, instructed the General Secretary to invite Herbert Reid or Philip Hendy in that order; and instructed the General Secretary to invite Citrine, Clay or Dukes to give the lecture on the Trade Unionist in the Socialist State, subject to Callaghan's agreement to this course.

(e) Indian Affairs Group of 10.7.46 - I.A.G. (46) 3rd meeting.

These minutes were approved subject to the addition of Julian Snow to the Advisory Committee. It was also agreed to invite the Finance & General Purposes Committee to review the finances of the Group as soon as circumstances justified such a course.

(f) Local Societies Committee of 15.7.46 - L.S.C. (46) 7th meeting.

These minutes were approved.

2. Co-options.

After a short discussion it was decided to instruct the General Secretary to invite Geoffrey Wilson, Arthur Lewis, Michael Stewart, Jack Gray and E. Fletcher to become co-opted members of the Executive.

3. The Committee's Agenda And Membership of the Society's main Committees - E.C. (46) 11.

The Committee had before them a note by the General Secretary, suggesting certain simplifications in the structure of committees under the Executive Committee and simplification of the Agenda. It was necessary to decide on these matters before re-appointing two of the committees. The Committee:-

(a) Agreed to continue the Research Planning Committee.

(b) Agreed to continue a single Economics and Industrial Committee, at least until such time as sufficient industrial members could be recruited.

(c) Decided that the minutes of the main committees should continue to be sent to all members of the Executive Committee as soon after meetings as convenient, but that these minutes would not be placed on the Agenda of the Executive Committee unless there were reference to the Executive Committee or unless a member of the Executive Committee informed the General Secretary of his wish to consider a particular item, with the exception of the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee which were to be placed on the Executive Committee's Agenda.

(d) Re-appointed Committees as indicated. (This will be circulated to members shortly).

4. Time and date of Next Meeting.

It was agreed to continue for the present meeting on the fourth Monday of each month at 4.30 p.m. There would be no meeting in August and the next meeting will therefore be on 23rd September, 1946.

5. Elected Members of the Society's Committees - E.C. (46) 13.

The Committee had before them a letter from Iver Montagu to the General Secretary, protesting against the fact that he had been

singled out in the June Fabian News as a candidate who might be ineligible for election to the Society's Executive. After a short discussion the Committee instructed the General Secretary to reply to Ivor Montagu that no precedent had been created by the action taken in this case.

6. Lord Snell Memorial Appeal.

The General Secretary informed the Committee that a letter had been received from the Ethical Union inviting the Society to circulate to its members an appeal for the memorial to Lord Snell and for a subscription on behalf of the Society. The Committee instructed the General Secretary to forward a cheque for £10.10.0d to the Fund and to announce the fact in the Fabian News, but agreed that it was undesirable to circularise members of the Society in this regard.

7. Pamphlet on Placing of Disabled Persons.

The Committee were informed that Professor Hermann Levy had expressed his willingness to write a pamphlet on the placing of disabled persons if he could be given a suitable fee. A letter from Dr. Robson in support of this proposal was also read. The Committee agreed that a fee of up to £10.10.0d should be offered for a pamphlet of not more than 9,000 words, subject to the right of the Society to modify any of the conclusions reached.

The Committee then appointed Robson, Mikardo and George Brown as readers.

8. Appointment of Readers.

Christopher Mayhew and David Worswick were appointed as readers for the pamphlet on Structural Unemployment.

9. Colonial Controversy Series - E.C. (46) 12.

The Committee considered a suggestion by Rita Hinden for a series of Colonial Controversy Pamphlets of which the first was to be the more important speeches made at a conference organised by the Colonial Bureau. The Committee:-

- (i) Approved the series.
- (ii) Agreed that as Horrabin and Monck had approved the first, it should now be published.
- (iii) Agreed that the second should be read for the Executive Committee by Faringdon and Horrabin.

BOSWORTH MONCK.  
General Secretary.

LABIAN SOCIETY :: 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, WESTMINSTER, LONDON, S.W.1.

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, 23rd September, 1946 at P.E.P., 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.

A G E N D A:

1. To approve Minutes:-
  - (a) E.C. of 22nd July, 1946 - E.C. (46) 10th meeting (already circulated).
  - (b) F.G.P.C. of 16th September, 1946 - F.G.P.C. (46) 7th meeting (enclosed). To consider:-

Items 1 (b)(ii); 4(i); 7; 8(a).
  - (c) Summer Schools & Conferences Committee of 13th September, 1946 - S.S. (46) 6th meeting (enclosed). To consider:-

Items 4(u); 7.
2. Signatures on the Society's cheques. Statement by Treasurer.
3. Jubilee Celebrations. Statement by General Secretary.
4. Speakers for Local Societies. Statement by General Secretary.
5. Reprints of Social Security and Public Enterprise. Statement by Dr. Robson.
6. Appointment of readers:-
  - (a) World Food Situation by Margaret Digby. Statement by General Secretary.
  - (b) Consumer Research by a group of the Association of Scientific Workers. Statement by General Secretary.
  - (c) Five Tracts on Socialism Today and Tomorrow by Mayhew, Young, Hughes, Lindsay and Jeffries.
  - (d) Report of mission to Czechoslovakia.
  - (e) Yugoslavia by Doreen Warriner.
  - (f) Foreign Policy Symposium by Ziliacus, Crossman and Mary Saran.
  - (g) Colonial Controversy Series by various authors.
  - (h) Duma by Major P. Marshall.
7. Publications approval:-
  - (a) Pakistan. Statement by General Secretary.
  - (b) Dambe Valley Authority. Statement by General Secretary.
8. Society's membership figures - E.C. (46) 17 (enclosed).
9. Conference on Labour's Second Five Years. Statement by General Secretary.

DOSWORTH MONCK.  
General Secretary.

E.C. (46) 11th meeting

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 FABIAN SOCIETY : : 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1.  
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Conclusions of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, 23rd September, 1946 at P.E.P., 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.

Present: Parker (chair); Barou, Davies, Durbin, Gray, Horrabin, Hughes, Lewis, Mayhew, Mikardo, Robson, Stewart, Wilson, Woolf, Young.

Staff: Monck.

Apologies from: Blackett, Margaret Cole, Faringdon, Griffiths, Postgate, Ellen Wilkinson. *W. Kington*.

1. Approval of Minutes.

(a) E.C. of 22nd July, 1946 - E.C. (46) 10th meeting.

In connection with Item 2, the General Secretary said that neither Fletcher nor Cudlipp were able to accept the invitation to become coopted members of the Executive; and that Postgate had offered his resignation, since it was unlikely that he would be able to attend meetings if they were held at 4.30 on Mondays. After a short discussion, the COMMITTEE:-

- (i) accepted Postgate's resignation with regret:
- (ii) instructed the General Secretary to invite D.N. Chester to become a coopted member of the Executive.

(b) F.G.P.C. (46) 7th meeting.

In connection with these minutes the COMMITTEE:-

- (i) decided that the distinction between 42/- and 42B members should be continued:
- (ii) agreed that the £1,000 should be made available to the Webb Trustees for the purchase of Pasture Wood, on the understanding that the Society should ask for the right to nominate a member to the Management Committee, and that the sum be made available, preferably as a loan at 3 per cent:
- (iii) agreed to the continuation of the Indian Affairs Group for the immediate future:
- (iv) took note with approval of the arrangements in connection with the staffing of the Colonial Bureau.
- (c) S.S. (46) 6th meeting.

In connection with the minutes of the meeting of the Summer Schools Committee, the COMMITTEE:-

- (i) decided not to proceed with the proposal to publish a collection of songs, etc., for the Fabian Summer Schools:

- (ii) agreed to hold a School at Frensham, if possible at New Year.

2. Signature on the Society's cheques.

In connection with the minutes of the F.G.P.C., the Treasurer said that that Committee were now agreed that the General Secretary should be authorized to be the second signatory on the Society's cheques. After a short discussion, the COMMITTEE:- agreed to this proposal.

3. Jubilee Celebrations.

The General Secretary said that Sir Hartley Shawcross had now agreed to give the final lecture in the series. The COMMITTEE:-

- (a) instructed the General Secretary to send two free seats for the Rally to each member of the Executive;
- (b) instructed the General Secretary to arrange for Durbin to take the chair at the Chancellor's lecture, for Mikardo to take the chair at Professor Blackett's lecture, for Cudlipp or Horrabin to take the chair at Kingsley Martin's lecture, for Laski or Hughes to take the chair at Priestly's lecture and for Geoffrey Wilson to take the chair at Sir Hartley Shawcross' lecture;
- (c) agreed that Professor Laski should give the postscript on the B.B.C., if the Society were invited to nominate a speaker for this purpose, and that the Officers should, if possible, view the script before it was given;
- (d) agreed that members of the Committee would attend the reception given by the Central London Fabian Society on November 3rd, and took note that Barou, Hughes and Mikardo agreed to be present.

4. Speakers for Local Societies.

The General Secretary reported that at the last meeting of the Local Societies Committee, it had been agreed to recommend to the Executive that each member of the Committee should give at least two dates a year at which they would speak to Local Societies. The COMMITTEE:-

- (a) agreed that it was desirable for each member of the Executive to address at least two meetings a year of Local Societies, and
- (b) instructed the General Secretary to circulate a suitable form to members of the Executive with a view to securing suitable dates.

5. Reprints of Social Security, Public Enterprise, Fabian Essays.

Dr. Robson said that with regard to Social Security and Public Enterprise, he wished to be offered fees for certain work, and pointed out that the Society had on

these two works already received some £500 in royalties and made, perhaps, £200 profit on bookshop sales. The General Secretary said that although Bernard Shaw had agreed to contribute a new Essay to Fabian Essays, Allen & Unwin said they were unable to secure paper from the publishers' pool without a letter in support from a Cabinet Minister member of the Executive. The COMMITTEE:-

- (a) invited Dr. Robson to offer up to £50 to Lord Beveridge for a new final chapter on Social Security;
- (b) authorized Dr. Robson to offer a fee to Sir Henry Bunbury, either for a chapter on New Towns in Vol. 1, or for a pamphlet on the same subject; and agreed that fees might be offered to those who were revising other chapters and took note that Dr. Robson would raise the point again if further decisions were required;
- (c) instructed the General Secretary to submit a draft letter to Ellen Wilkinson in support of the allocation of paper for the reprint of Fabian Essays.

#### 6. Appointment of Readers.

The Committee appointed the following readers:-

- (a) World Food Situation - in addition to Leonard Woolf, Michael Young;
- (b) Consumer Research - in addition to Hughes, Moss and Abrams;
- (c) Tracts on Socialism Today and Tomorrow - G.D.H. Cole or Laski as readers for all five; and Dr. Lewis for that by Mayhew, Mikardo for that by Young, Stewart for that by Hughes, Gray for that by Lord Lindsay, and Dr. Barou for that by Jeffries;
- (d) Czechoslovakia - Ernest Davies and Kosteletsky;
- (e) Yugoslavia - in addition to Leonard Woolf, Horrabin;
- (f) Foreign Policy Symposium - in addition to Leonard Woolf, Geoffrey Wilson;
- (g) Colonial Controversy Series - to be raised again;
- (h) Burma - Horrabin and Maung Ohn.

#### 7. Publications approval.

The General Secretary said that at a previous meeting of the Committee the question of the timeliness of the publication of pamphlets dealing with Pakistan and the Danube Valley Authority had been deferred for further consideration. The COMMITTEE:-

- (a) appointed Leonard Woolf and Julian Snow to read the revised pamphlet on Pakistan, and invited them to recommend whether the moment was still apt for publication;
- (b) agreed to the publication of the Danube Valley Authority, if necessary as a pamphlet.

8. Society's Membership Figures - E.C. (46) 17.

The Committee had before them a report by the General Secretary on the Society's present paid-up membership, which showed that the net membership of the Society was decreasing; and that, according to the membership records, the annual value of membership subscriptions was about £3,800. On the other hand, the accounts showed that receipts from membership subscriptions for the year ending August 31st totalled £4,900; and that receipts for the period 1st May to 31st August exceeded by £1,000 those for the corresponding period of 1945. The COMMITTEE:- took note of the figures shown.

9. Conference on Labour's Second Five Years - E.C. (46) 16.

The General Secretary reported that the proposed Conference had now been postponed to November 9/10, and that so far only some 10 members of the Executive had agreed to be present, and that only 3 out of some 30 others who had been invited had accepted. The COMMITTEE:-

(a) agreed that the Conference should be held, irrespective of the number attending:

(b) invited members to forward to the General Secretary the names of any others they suggested should be asked.

25th September, 1946.

BOSWORTH MONCK,  
General Secretary.

EC(46)12th Meeting

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 FABIAN SOCIETY :: 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1.  
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A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, 28th October, 1946, at 4.30 p.m., at P.E.P., 16 Queen Anne's Gate, S.W. 1.

A G E N D A

1. To approve Minutes:-

(a) E.C. of 23rd September, 1946 - EC(46)11th Meeting  
 (already circulated)

(b) Finance and General Purposes Committee of 21st  
 October 1946 - EC(46)8th Meeting  
 (circulated herewith)  
 To consider:

Items 1(d); 1(f); 3. (EC(46)19 - already  
 circulated)

2. Paper supplies for reprints of Fabian Essays, Public Enterprise and Social Security.  
 Statement by the General Secretary.

3. Appointment of readers: Revised edition of "Facts for Socialists" edited by Mark Abrams.

4. Reappointment of the Summer Schools and Conferences Committee - EC(46)21 (circulated herewith).

5. Labour's Record and American Opinion - EC(46)23  
 (circulated herewith)

6. Removal of June-dated Subscribers from the Society's Records - EC(46)22 (circulated herewith)

7. Economic Planning and Nationalisation in Czechoslovakia - EC(46)24 (circulated herewith).

23rd October, 1946

GENERAL SECRETARY



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FABIAN SOCIETY :: 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, WESTMINSTER, S.W. 1.

Conclusions of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, 28th October, 1946, at P.E.P., 15 Queen Anne's Gate, S.W. 1.

Present: Laski (chair); Parker, Davies, Lewis, Wilson, Skeffington, Warington, Margaret Cole, Robson, Woolf, Barou, Stewart, Hughes, Gray, Mikardo.

Staff: Monck, Pliatzky, Anne Whyte.

Apologies from: Blackett, Ellen Wilkinson, Strachey, Horrabin.

1. Approval of Minutes.

(a) EC(46)11th Meeting.

In respect of these minutes, the COMMITTEE:-

- (i) instructed the General Secretary to circulate for consideration at their next meeting an analysis of the attendance of different members of the Executive since the last elections:
- (ii) agreed to consider the question of further co-options at their next meeting:
- (iii) instructed the General Secretary to write again to D.N. Chester:
- (iv) instructed the General Secretary to amend the record copy of the minutes of the last meeting to show Skeffington's apology for inability to attend.

(b) FGPC(46)8th Meeting.

In connection with these minutes the Committee had a full discussion on the general financial position, with particular reference to the membership campaign and the publications programme. In the light of the discussion, the COMMITTEE:-

- (i) invited the Finance Committee to circulate for the consideration of the Committee a statement of the Society's financial position:
- (ii) invited Mikardo, in conjunction with Leonard Woolf, to examine the Society's publications accounts with a view to making recommendations for the future control of these activities:
- (iii) decided against further collaboration with the Association of Scientific Workers in respect of the proposed pamphlets on "Consumer Research", "Mechanisation of Agriculture" and "Engineering and Technological Advances in United Kingdom Industry":
- (iv) decided to postpone but not to cancel publication of the work on the Danube Valley Authority:

- (v) decided against the proposal to pay for and publish a pamphlet on New Zealand's Ten Years of Labour Government, and against paying Professor Hermann Levy for a pamphlet on either "Absenteeism" or "The Placing of Disabled Persons":
- (vi) instructed the General Secretary to thank Sir Ernest Simon for his contribution to the Society's funds, and agreed to ear-mark this for research work other than those items specified in (v) above:
- (vii) agreed that abnormal items of expenditure such as that proposed for the membership campaign should be decided in future by the Executive and not by the Finance Committee:
- (viii) although one of the prime objects of the membership campaign was to attract new members to the Labour movement, agreed to cancel the proposed circulation of aldermen and councillors:
- (ix) agreed that a suitable list in substitution thereof should be procured from Transport House, of co-operatives, trade unions, Divisional Labour parties, etc.:
- (x) authorised the use of an overdraft of up to £1500 from the Society's bankers for the purpose of the membership campaign and the autumn lecture programme:
- (xi) endorsed the conclusion of the Finance Committee that, pending Mikardo's report, the cost of the publications programme exclusive of periodicals should be halved, and decided that no further work should be commissioned until the existing programme had been worked off.

2. Paper Supplies for Reprints of Fabian Essays, Public Enterprise and Social Security.

The General Secretary reported that Allen & Unwin were now seeking endorsement of the above reprints with a view to securing paper from the publishers' pool instead of from their own allocation. Miss Wilkinson had, in reply to a letter from the General Secretary, said that while she appreciated the importance of republishing Fabian Essays, she could not herself endorse the publication with a view to securing thereby paper from the publishers' pool.

The COMMITTEE:-

Invited the Chairman to pursue the matter with Messrs. Allen & Unwin with a view to using their own paper stocks, and, if this failed, invited him to approach the President of the Board of Trade for paper supplies.

3. Appointment of readers for the revised edition of Facts for Socialists, edited by Mark Abrams.

The COMMITTEE:- appointed Barna Dr. Lewis, Kaldor and Gray.

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4. Reappointment of the Summer Schools and Conferences Committee. - BC(46)21.

The Committee had before them a report by the General Secretary giving the present membership of the Summer Schools and Conferences Committee and asking for its reappointment to have charge of all schools and conferences etc. open to all members of the Society and the public. After a short discussion the COMMITTEE:-

- (a) agreed that the Committee should in future be called the Schools and Social Committee:
- (b) agreed that each branch of the Society should, however, organise their own conferences, schools, meetings, etc.:
- (c) agreed that the autumn lecture programme would remain the province of the Executive:
- (d) reappointed the existing members of the Summer Schools and Conferences Committee to the new Schools and Social Committee and, in view of their past association with the Society's schools, on the proposal of Margaret Cole, added Parker and Hughes to it; on the proposal of Parker, added Stark Murray to it; and on the proposal of Hughes added Hugh Jenkins to it.

5. Labour's Record and American Opinion. - BC(46)23.

The Committee had before them a suggestion by Geoffrey Wilson that a number of K.P.s. should be invited to prepare a book for publication in America dealing with Labour's past record and aims. After a short discussion, the COMMITTEE:-

Invited John Parker to find out if Maurice Edelman was working on a proposal of this kind, and to report at their next meeting.

6. Removal of June-dated Subscribers from the Society's Records. - BC(46)22.

The Committee had before them a report by the General Secretary giving the names and addresses of those members of the Society whose subscriptions were due in June but who had not paid despite three reminders. The COMMITTEE:-

- (a) instructed the General Secretary to write again to Mrs. Lloyd, in view of her husband's long association with the Society:
- (b) invited John Parker again to approach Mr. Mitchell and Hughes to approach Mr. Driberg, with a view to their continuing their membership of the Society:

- (c) instructed the General Secretary to write again to the Yeovil and West Leyton Divisional Labour Parties to maintain their subscriptions:
- (d) agreed to the removal of the balance from the Society's membership records:
- (e) invited John Parker and Hughes to go through some 700 names of those whose subscriptions were already in arrears as at June 1946 and, subject to their views, authorised the General Secretary to inform the balance of their impending removal from the Society's list of members.

7. Economic Planning and Nationalisation in Czechoslovakia -  
BC946)22.

The committee considered a suggestion by Michael Young for the appointment of a Czechoslovak to work on the above subject in conjunction with an English economist (to be appointed) in Czechoslovakia. A grant for the purpose might be procured from the Emigrant Trust. After a short discussion the COMMITTEE:-

accepted the proposal put forward by Michael Young.

8. Evidence to a possible Royal Commission on the Newspaper  
Industry.

Jack Gray suggested that consideration should be given by the Research Planning Committee to the submission of evidence to any Royal Commission appointed to consider the newspaper industry. After a short discussion the COMMITTEE:-

invited Jack Gray to report further on this proposal.

29th October, 1946

BOSWORTH MONCK  
 General Secretary

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FABIAN SOCIETY :: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET, WESTMINSTER, S.W. 1.

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, 25th November, 1946, at 4.30 p.m., at P.E.P., 16 Queen Anne's Gate, S.W. 1.

A G E N D A

1. To approve Minutes of previous meetings:
  - (a) Executive Committee of 28th October  
(EC(46)12th Meeting - already circulated)  
(N.B. FGPC(46)24, already circulated, is relevant.)
  - (b) Finance Committee of 18th November  
(FGPC(46)9th Meeting - circulated herewith)
  - (c) International Bureau Advisory Committee of  
13th November  
(FIB/AC(46)6th Meeting - circulated herewith)  
  
To consider: Item 19.
  - (d) Schools and Socials Committee of 8th November  
(SSC(46)1st Meeting - circulated herewith)  
  
To consider: Conclusions 2.(k) & (l).
2. The Rally and Autumn Lectures - statement by the General Secretary.
3. Appointment of readers:
  - "Location of Industry" by Scott Elliott
  - "Steel" by William Stewart
4. The Society's Executive:
  - (a) Attendance of Members (EC(46)26 - circulated herewith)
  - (b) Further co-options
5. The Society's work:
  - (a) Functions of the Society (EC(46)33 - circulated herewith)
  - (b) Work of the Society offices (EC(46)34 - to be circulated at meeting)
  - (c) Conference on Labour's Second Five Years  
(EC(46)27 - circulated herewith)

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- (d) Labour Party's proposals (EC(46)31 - to be circulated at meeting)
- (e) Group on "Trade Unions in a Planned Economy" (EC(46)32 - circulated herewith)

## 6. The Society's publications:

- (a) Finance of Publications (EC(46)28 - circulated herewith)
- (b) Fabian Publications Ltd. (EC(46)29 - circulated herewith)

## 7. The Society's Membership:

- (a) Removal of July-dated Subscribers from the Society's Records (EC(46)30 - circulated herewith)
- (b) Progress of the Membership Drive - statement by the General Secretary.

BOSWORTH MONCK  
General Secretary

21st November, 1946

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EC(46)13th Meeting

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 FABIAN SOCIETY :: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET, WESTMINSTER, S.W. 1.  
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Conclusions of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, 25th November, 1946, at P.E.P., Queen Anne's Gate, S.W. 1.

Present: Laski (Chair), Margaret Cole, Davies, Durbin, Farington, Gray, Hughes, Lewis, Mikardo, Robson, Stewart, Wilson. *Skellington*

Staff: Monck, Pliatzky, Rita Hinden, Anne Whyte.

Apologies from: Barou, Blackett, Horrabin, Parker, Wilkinson, Woolf, Young.

1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

- (a) Executive Committee, 28th October - EC(46)12th Mtg.

In connection with these minutes, the COMMITTEE:-

- (i) agreed to continue collaboration with the Association of Scientific Workers on specific subjects, publication to be subject to the usual approval of EC readers;
- (ii) agreed that the moratorium on publications could now be rescinded, provided that this did not cause an increase in the overdraft already authorised by the Executive.

- (b) Finance Committee, 18th November - FGPC(46)9th Mtg.

In connection with these minutes, on the proposal of the Treasurer, the COMMITTEE:-  
 agreed to continue ad interim the present basis of payment to the General Secretary.

- (c) International Bureau Advisory Committee, 13th November - FIB/AC (46) 6th meeting.

In connection with these minutes, the COMMITTEE:-  
 approved the despatch of a party to Norway, on the assumption that there would be no cost to the Society, and invited the Advisory Committee to form the party, to include if possible, at least one M.P. and one member of the Executive - who could be the same person.

- (d) Schools and Socials Committee, 8th November - SSC(46)1st meeting.

In connection with these minutes, the COMMITTEE:-  
 approved that the Directors, when appointed for the Society's summer schools, should become co-opted members of the Committee, and that it was desirable for members of the Executive to lecture at the Society's summer schools.

2. The Rally and Autumn Lectures:

After a short discussion, the COMMITTEE:-

- (i) instructed the General Secretary to write to the Chairman of the Daily Herald, thanking them formally for their collaboration and sponsorship of the Albert Hall Rally;
- (ii) in view of the fact that Sir Hartley Shawcross was unlikely to be available to give the last of the Autumn Lectures, invited the Chairman to ask Sir Frank Soskice to lecture in his place, and, failing him, instructed the General Secretary to invite Sir John Stopford.

3. Appointment of Readers:

- (a) "Location of Industry" by Scott Elliott.

The COMMITTEE:- appointed Margaret Stewart and Hkardo;

- (b) "Steel" by William Stewart.

The COMMITTEE:- appointed R.W.B. Clarke, Jack Jones, M.P., and Dr. Lewis.

4. The Society's Executive - EC(46)26

The Committee had before them a report by the General Secretary indicating the attendance of members to date. Miss Wilkinson, Mr. Strachey and Professor Blackett had not attended four consecutive meetings of the Executive. It was, nevertheless, agreed that these should continue as members of the Executive. After a short discussion, the COMMITTEE:-

- (i) instructed the General Secretary to accept Mayhew's resignation with regret;
- (ii) see \* below
- (iii) instructed the General Secretary to invite Mark Abrams, G.D.N. Worswick, Patrick Gordon-Walker and Sir Ernest Simon to become co-opted members of the Executive.

5. The Society's Work - EC(46)33, 34, 27, 31, 32.

The Committee had before them 5 papers dealing with possible programmes of work, both generally and in the light of Labour's Second Five Years; a summary of the Labour Party's tentative proposals to the Society; a proposal for the formation of a group on Trade Unions in a planned economy; and a summary of the work of the Society's offices for a week, indicating that no further work could be undertaken with the present staff.

\* agreed that, in view of Chester's inability to attend regularly, the invitation to him to become a co-opted member of the Executive should not be pressed.



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After a full discussion, the COMMITTEE:-

- (i) invited the Chairman to circulate for consideration at their next meeting a possible synopsis of a new volume of Fabian Essays, including essays on colonial and international subjects;
- (ii) invited Margaret Cole to draw up an order of priority of work which might be undertaken by the Society and other bodies in connection with Labour's Second Five Years;
- (iii) agreed to review the programme of the Society's work at a special meeting, both in the afternoon and evening, on the Monday immediately before the reassembling of Parliament in January;
- (iv) agreed to hold a conference at Buscot Park, subject to the agreement of Lord Faringdon, on the impact of foreign economic developments on the home economic position;
- (v) agreed that the finance of further research should be considered at the special meeting in January;
- (vi) agreed that, should a group on Trade Unions be formed at their meeting in January, Dukes should be invited as Chairman and George Brown as Honorary Secretary;
- (vii) instructed the General Secretary to reply to the Labour Party in due course that the Executive would consider in detail what the role of the Society in regard to the Second Five Year Programme should be, at their meeting in January, and meanwhile to inform Transport House that the Executive welcomed in principle the idea of undertaking special work for the Party in connection therewith.

The Society's Publications - EC(46)28 and 29.

The Committee had before them a report by Mikardo on the method he suggested for financing publications, and a report by John Parker and the General Secretary advocating the use of Fabian Publications Ltd. to handle all the Society's publications.

The COMMITTEE:-

- (i) agreed to the use of Fabian Publications Ltd. for the purposes outlined;
- (ii) appointed as Directors Davies, Margaret Cole, Horrabin, Parker, Mikardo, Mark Abrams and Hugh Pilcher;
- (iii) instructed the General Secretary to report further on the arrangements required at their next meeting.

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7. The Society's Membership - HC(46)30

The Committee had before them a report by the General Secretary on those whose subscriptions had become due in July and who had not yet paid. The General Secretary reported that the results of the membership drive to date, from the 1st November, were 215 new members and a total value of £208. 9s.

The COMMITTEE:-

- (i) invited Hughes to contact Tom Smith, to ask him to continue his membership of the Society;
- (ii) agreed to the removal of the balance from the Society's records.

8. Date of Future Meetings:

The COMMITTEE:- agreed in future to meet on the third instead of the fourth Monday in each month, at 4.30 p.m.

DOSWORTH MONCK  
General Secretary

26th November, 1946

EC(46)14th Meeting

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 A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, 16th December, 1946, at 4.30 p.m., at P.E.P., 16 Queen Anne's Gate, S.W. 1.

A G E N D A

1. To approve minutes:-
  - (a) Executive Committee of 25th November -  
 EC(46)13th Meeting (already circulated)  
 to be taken in conjunction with EC(46)37  
 (circulated herewith).
  - (b) International Bureau Advisory Committee of  
 9th December - (circulated herewith)  
 IIB/AC(46)22 7th Meeting.  
 To consider Items 23. and 25.
  - (c) Colonial Bureau Advisory Committee of 26th Nov. -  
 PCB(46)4th Meeting. (already circulated).  
 To consider Item 1.(a).
2. Report on Fabian Biographical Tracts -  
 EC(46)35 (circulated herewith).
3. Labour's Record and American Opinion - EC(46)23  
 (circulated previously)  
 Statement by John Parker.
4. The Society's Representative on the London Labour  
 Party Women's Advisory Committee:  
 Statement by the General Secretary.
5. Proposal to hold a Conference at Buscot Park on  
 Foreign Economic Developments:  
 Statement by the General Secretary.
6. Cost of Fabian Pamphlets - EC(46)36  
 (circulated herewith).
7. Appointment of Readers: "Foreign Trade in a  
 Planned Economy".

11th December, 1946

BOSWORTH MONCK  
 General Secretary

FABIAN SOCIETY :: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1.

Conclusions of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, 16th December, 1946, at P.E.P., Queen Anne's Gate, S.W. 1.

Present: Laski (Chair), Abrams, Barou, Davies, Faringdon, Hughes, Lewis, Parker, Robson, Skeffington, Wilson, Woolf, Young.

Staff: Anne Whyte, Pliatzky, Monk.

Apologies from: Margaret Cole, Horrabin, Stewart, Ellen Wilkinson. *Jack Gray*

1. Approval of Minutes of previous meetings.

(a) Executive Committee, 25th Nov. - EC(46)13th Mtg.

These minutes were approved, subject to the provision that no further commitments as regards publications should be entered into prior to the special meeting of the Executive to be held in January. It was also agreed that the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee should be held at 4 p.m. on Thursday, 16th January, in lieu of the date previously notified, and that there would not be separate meetings of the Executive for routine and special business, but that the Executive would meet on Monday, January 20th, both in the afternoon and evening, to dispose of routine and special business.

(b) International Bureau Advisory Committee, 9th December - IIB/AC(46)7th Meeting.

In connection with item 23. - the proposed visit to Norway - it was agreed provisionally that Monk should be the member of the staff to go, and that invitations might be issued by the International Bureau to the other members. It was also agreed that when the draft paper on Foreign policy - IIB/AC(46)1C - had been revised it should be circulated to the Executive. In regard to item 25., it was agreed that W.N. Ewer should be co-opted to the International Bureau Advisory Committee.

(c) Colonial Bureau Advisory Committee, 26th November - CB(46)4th Meeting.

The co-optation of Dr. Audrey Richard and Colonel Rees-Williams, M.P., was approved. In connection with both the International and Colonial Bureaux Advisory Committees, it was agreed that the attendance records of members of the Advisory Committees would be reviewed by the Committees concerned and then by the Executive.

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2. Report on Fabian Biographical Tracts - EC(45)35.

The Committee had before them a report by Margaret Cole on the biographical tracts published by the Society. After a short discussion, the COMMITTEE:-

- (i) accepted with thanks the Chairman's offer to revise and rewrite the biographical tract on John Stuart Mill, with the inclusion of two hitherto unpublished manuscripts;
- (ii) invited the Publications Committee to consider whether two volumes could be published, the first dealing with pioneer British Socialists and the second with Socialist pioneer thinkers abroad.

3. Labour's Record and American Opinion - EC(46)23.

The Committee reconsidered a paper by Geoffrey Wilson suggesting that a composite book by a number of M.P.s on Labour's Home Record should be published in America. John Parker reported that Maurice Adelman and Michael Foot had both declined offers from American publishers. After a short discussion, the COMMITTEE:-

- (i) instructed the General Secretary to invite David Williams to draft a synopsis and chapter headings for their consideration;
- (ii) instructed the General Secretary subsequently to invite Lionel Elvin to undertake the editing of such a publication.

4. The Society's Representative on the London Labour Party Women's Advisory Committee.

The General Secretary reported that Mrs. Joan Thompson had indicated that she was unable to continue as the Society's nominee on this Committee. After a short discussion the COMMITTEE:-

agreed to nominate Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas for this post, subject to confirmation by the Women's Group of the Society.

5. Proposed Conference at Buscot Park on Foreign Economic Developments.

The General Secretary said that at the last meeting of the Committee it had been agreed, subject to Lord Faringdon's concurrence, to hold a conference with the above title at Buscot Park. It seemed difficult to separate economic considerations entirely from foreign policy, and it had been suggested by members of the International Bureau Advisory Committee that the draft paper on this subject - IIB/AC(45)18 - might form the basis of at least one session. Since this paper was in the main opposed to the present foreign policy, a conference on this basis might lead to certain institutional difficulties.

Lord Faringdon said that it had been previously discussed by the Executive that he could hold conferences at Buscot Park for which the Society would be nominally responsible, and that one such conference on Arts and Amenities had been proposed by the Parliamentary Group on this subject. After a short discussion, the COMMITTEE:-

- (i) agreed that Lord Faringdon could use the name of the Fabian Society for conferences he might arrange at Buscot Park;
- (ii) invited Hughes to arrange for the collaboration of the Society's Arts and Amenities Group in the proposed conference arranged by the Parliamentary Group on this subject;
- (iii) endorsed the suggestion for a conference on foreign economic policy, to include foreign policy, to be held early in March.

6. Cost of Fabian Pamphlets - EC(46)36.

The Committee had before them a report by the General Secretary indicating the number of pamphlets which would have to be sold to cover the cost of free distribution in various cases. The COMMITTEE:-

invited Barou and Woolf to submit a paper on their views to the next meeting of the FGPC on the finances of the Society's publications.

7. Appointment of Readers: "Foreign Trade in a Planned Economy."

The COMMITTEE appointed: Gilpin, R.W.B. Clarke and Mark Abrams as readers for this publication.

8. Home Research Secretary.

The Chairman said that it was with great regret that the Society had received the resignation of the Home Research Secretary to take up an appointment in the Civil Service. The COMMITTEE:-

- (i) accepted the resignation of the Home Research Secretary with regret, and expressed their thanks to him for the excellent service he had given;
- (ii) authorised the General Secretary to advertise the post, and invited the officers and Hughes to prepare a short list of applicants and to act as interviewing committee.

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9. The Laski Fund.

The Treasurer said that a donation of £5 had been given to the Laski Fund, and after a short discussion it was agreed that a further 15 guineas should be sent.

10. Transport Broadsheet.

The General Secretary reported that arrangements were now in hand for the preparation by the Society on behalf of the Labour Party of a broadsheet on transport. These arrangements were approved.

11. Enabling Legislation for Civic Theatres, etc.

The General Secretary reported that the Society's Arts and Amenities Group wished to submit a memorandum to Ministers on enabling legislation in this field. The Committee agreed that this might be done.

BOSWORTH MORICE  
General Secretary

17th December, 1943

FABIAN SOCIETY :: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET, WESTMINSTER, S.W. 1.

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, 20th January, 1947, at 4.30 p.m. at P.E.P., 16 Queen Anne's Gate. (A buffet supper will be served during the meeting.)

A G E N D A

1. Labour's Record and American Opinion  
(EC(47)5. - to be circulated.)
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:-
  - (a) last Executive Committee, 16th December, 1946  
(EC(46)14th Mtg. already circulated.)
  - (b) Finance & General Purposes Committee, 16th January, 1947. (FGPC(47)1st Mtg., to be circulated.)
  - (c) Publications Committee, 7th January, 1947.  
(PC(47)1st Mtg., circulated herewith.)
  - (d) Colonial Bureau Advisory Committee, 17th December, 1946. (FCB(46)5th Mtg., circulated herewith.)
  - (e) Schools & Social Committee, 9th January, 1947.  
(SSC(47)1st Mtg., circulated herewith.)
3. Working Class Children's Movement.  
(EC(47)6 - (to be circulated.)
4. Removal of August and September dated Subscribers from the Society's Records.  
(EC(47)7 - to be circulated.)
5. Proposed Dominions Bureau.  
(EC(47)8 - to be circulated.)
6. Readers' Reports on: "Steel" and "Location of Industry". Statement by General Secretary.
7. Appointment of Readers: Speech by Creech-Jones on December 14th, 1946.
8. Future Work of the Society:
  - (a) Summary of Research (EC(47)3 - already circulated.)
  - (b) Functions of the Society (EC(46)33 - previously circulated.)
  - (c) New Fabian Essays (EC(47)4 - circulated herewith.)
  - (d) Labour's Second Five Years: Buscot Park Conference.  
(EC(47)1 - already circulated.)
  - (e) Future Work of the Society (EC(47)2 - already circulated.)
9. Proposals of the Labour Party  
(EC(46)37 - previously circulated.)

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BOSWORTH MONCK  
General Secretary.



FABIAN SOCIETY :: 11 DAREMOUTH STREET, WESTMINSTER, S.W. 1. (19)

Conclusions of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, 20th January, 1947, at P.T.P., 16 Queen Anne's Gate, S.W. 1.

Present: Laski (Chair), Stewart, Hughes, Faringdon, Wilson, Davies, Margaret Cole, Robson, Lewis, Horrabin, Abrams, Durbin, Woolf, Gray, Barou, Skeffington, Mikardo, Young.  
David Williams (for Item 1. only).

Apologies from: Parker, Blackett, Ellen Wilkinson, Gordon-Walker.

1. Labour's Record and American Opinion - EC(47)5.

The Committee had before them a number of headings suggested by David Williams for the subject matter of a book to appeal to American progressive opinion about Labour's policy and record. Williams said that he welcomed the initiative of the Society in this matter and thought the project well worth while. In reply to a question from the Chairman as to whether the emphasis had best be on policy or personalities, Williams said that the latter would perhaps not be what was expected from the Society. He thought that the book had better be predominantly domestic and imperial policy rather than foreign policy. Though this could not in a general sense be omitted, Palestine for example need not be covered in detail. Robson thought that the emphasis in the synopsis before the Committee was too much on the world position of Great Britain and not enough on the economic, social, educational, town-planning etc. aspects of domestic policy. Stewart suggested that the book should include a chapter on what sort of people made up the Labour Party, and what its organisation was. It was recognised that the points put forward by Williams were primarily those needed from the American point of view, and that it would be for suitable members of the Executive to consider what ought to be included from the British point of view. Accordingly the COMMITTEE:-

appointed a sub-committee to discuss with David Williams and report to the Committee in due course, the sub-committee to consist of Michael Stewart, Mark Abrams and Billy Hughes.

2. Approval of minutes of previous meetings.

(a) Last Executive Committee, 26th Dec. - EC(46)14th Mtg.

In connection with Item 1.(b) - minutes of International Bureau Advisory Committee - the General Secretary reported that the visit to Norway had now been postponed until April, and that further particulars would be discussed in due course by the Advisory Committee.

- (b) (see Item 3. below)
- (c) Publications Committee, 7th Jan. - PC(47)1st Mtg.

The minutes suggested postponing publishing a book of biographies until Margaret Cole's book was published. This was agreed.

- (d) Colonial Bureau Advisory Committee, 17th Dec. -  
PCB(46)5th Mtg.

In connection with these minutes, the Committee approved in principle the despatch of a party organised by the Society to visit Palestine and the Middle East, on the assumption that the party would be free to consult with Arabs and Jews alike.

- (e) Schools & Social Committee - 9th Jan. -  
SSC(47)1st Mtg.

These minutes proposed that, subject to the views of the Executive, a school should be organised in Denmark. After discussion this proposal was not, however, approved by the Executive for the year 1947.

3. General Secretaryship of the Society. - PGPC(47)1st Mtr.

This matter was fully considered by the Executive and, after a full discussion, the COMMITTEE:-

- (i) unanimously approved the withdrawal by the Finance & General Purposes Committee of the recommendation proposed by that committee on the secretaryship of the Society;
- (ii) authorised an announcement in the following terms to be inserted in the ensuing issue of Fabian News:

"Bosworth Monck, General Secretary of the Fabian Society, has found it necessary, for personal reasons, to resign his post. In order to assist the Society in the interval between this resignation and the appointment of a successor, Mr. Monck has been good enough to agree to continue in his post for a period of three months. Further, the Executive have unanimously invited Bosworth Monck to become a co-opted member of the Executive for the remainder of the year from the time his resignation becomes effective";

- (iii) authorised the General Secretary to insert a notice in Fabian News advertising the post of General Secretary at a salary of from £500 - £700 p.a. according to qualifications, of which £100 would be by way of allowance;

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- (iv) authorised the General Secretary to advertise in Fabian News for an Assistant Secretary in the Home Research Department, at the present salary;
- (v) took note with approval that the Finance and General Purposes Committee would meet as a matter of urgency to consider the general level of salaries and wages of the Society's staff.

4. Working class children's movement - BC(47)5.

The Committee had before them a letter from the National Secretary of the Woodcraft Folk, asking for the co-operation of the Society in encouraging working class children's movements in this country. After a short discussion the COMMITTEE:-

instructed the General Secretary to reply that this seemed rather outside the Society's sphere of activities.

5. Removal of August and September lated subscribers from the Society's Records - BC(47)7.

The Committee had before them a report by the General Secretary showing the names of those who had not responded to three reminders to pay their subscriptions. The COMMITTEE:-

agreed to the removal of all except Harold Wilson, M.P., S.C. Leslie, W.A. Carnie (Keffington), Harold Davies, M.P. (Hughes), the West Ham Trades Council, the Dagenham Labour Party (Parker), Nur Osman (Gray), and Mr. and Mrs. Chandler of Aldershot (Treasurer).

Action to be taken by those named in brackets above.

6. Proposed Dominions Bureau - BC(47)8.

The Committee had before them a report by the General Secretary indicating that a disappointing response had been received to the proposal previously authorised by the Executive of an attempt to establish something in the nature of a Dominions Bureau. After a short discussion the COMMITTEE:-

agreed to consider later in the year the question of holding a weekend conference on this problem.

7. Readers' Reports.

- (a) "Steel". The General Secretary said that the manuscript submitted on this subject had been turned down by one of the two readers, and that in the circumstances the author asked if the Society would submit it to the Minister of Supply. After short discussion the COMMITTEE:-

decided against this course.

- (b) "Location of Industry". The General Secretary reported that this draft by Scott-Alliot had been adversely reported on as to style, and as to its over-lapping

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with "Taking Work to the Worker" by Margaret Stewart. Scott-Elliott had objected to the latter on the ground that an inevitable overlap was recognised when he was invited to prepare the pamphlet. Douglas Jay had written to Durbin in support of Scott-Elliott's view. After a short discussion the COMMITTEE:-

agreed that in the circumstances the best course would be to consider revision of Margaret Stewart's pamphlet in six months' time, together with the possibility of including in the revision any new material contained in Scott-Elliott's draft.

8. Appointment of Readers.

Speech by the Colonial Secretary on December 14th 1946:  
The General Secretary said that Mr. Creech-Jones proposed to include with his speech a revision of an article by him in Fabian Quarterly on the Colonial Civil Service. It was proposed that the speech should be published in the Colonial Controversy series. After a short discussion the COMMITTEE:-

appointed Horrabin as reader, and instructed the General Secretary to see if Transport House would consider distribution of this speech.

BOSWORTH MONCK  
General Secretary

21st January, 1947

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EC(47)2nd Meeting

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 FABIAN SOCIETY :: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET, WESTMINSTER, S.W. 1.  
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A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, 3rd February, 1947, at 4.30 p.m. at the House of Commons, Room 7 (booked in Billy Hughes' name). Arrangements will be made for members of the Committee to have dinner in the Strangers' Dining Room half way through the meeting.

A G E N D A

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1. Future Work of the Society
  - (a) Summary of Research - EC(47)3, already circulated.
  - (b) Functions of the Society - EC(46)33 - already circulated.
  - (c) New Fabian Essays - EC(47)4, already circulated.
  - (d) Labour's Second Five Years - EC(47)1, already circulated.
  - (e) Future Work of the Society - EC(47)2, already circulated.
  
2. Proposals of the Labour Party - EC(46)37, already circulated.

BOSWORTH MONCK  
 General Secretary

21st January, 1947.

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 FABIAN SOCIETY :: 11 DARNMOUTH STREET, WESTMINSTER, S.W. 1.  
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Minutes of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE on Monday, 3rd February, 1947, at 4.30 p.m. in the House of Commons:-

Present: Parker (Chair), Davies, Gray, Faringdon, Mikardo, Lewis, Abrams, Robson, Cole, Skeffington, Barou, Stewart, Stewart, Hughes.

Apologies from: Blackett, Durbin, Morrabin, Young, Woolf, Laaki.

1. Membership of the Committee

The General Secretary reported that Professor Blackett had written saying that it was so difficult for him to attend meetings of the Committee that he felt it better to offer his resignation. Miss Wilkinson had written in similar terms. The General Secretary reported that Sir Ernest Simon had been unable to accept the invitation to become a co-opted member, while Worswick and Chester had both said it would be difficult to attend meetings, and that in these circumstances neither felt able to accept the Committee's invitation. The COMMITTEE:-

- (i) instructed the General Secretary to accept Professor Blackett's resignation with regret;
- (ii) instructed the General Secretary to write to Miss Wilkinson asking her to remain as a member of the Executive for the present;
- (iii) instructed the General Secretary to invite Charles Smith to become a member, and to find out if Jack Diamond, M.P., were willing to serve if invited;
- (iv) agreed to reconsider at a later meeting the question of both Worswick and Chester.

2. Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee (EGPC(47)2nd Meeting).

The Committee gave brief consideration to these minutes and took note of the conclusions with approval.

3. Proposed Summer School in Denmark - EC(47)11.

The Committee considered a report from the Schools and Social Committee asking the Executive to reconsider its decision against holding a summer school in Denmark, on the grounds that the cost would be less than that originally proposed; that the W.T.A. were prepared to co-operate both as regards filling the transport places and the school if need be; that the profit might aggregate about £400; and that the school was unlikely to draw off students from schools in the U.K. The COMMITTEE:-

agreed that arrangements for the school in Denmark should proceed, and instructed the Schools and Social

Committee to make the best financial arrangements they could, and that a deposit of £2 per head should be called for.

4. Labour's Record and American Opinion - EC(47)10.

The Committee had before them a report from Hughes, Stewart and Abrams outlining the chapter headings and suggesting authors for a book to be published in America on what the Labour Government was doing. Abrams said that the publishers Simon Schuster had been approached, and that the circulation to be aimed at would be something like 40,000 - that is to say, circulation among American progressives on a scale comparable to the Society's membership in this country. In the course of discussion it was suggested that chapter 9. should be expanded to include a piece on individual liberty, possibly by Lawney; that a number of American correspondents in this country might be invited to consider chapter 12; that chapter 2. should include an analysis of the place of Labour in the English political system; that chapter 7. on budgetary policy should be included in chapter 3., as budgetary policy could be used as an instrument of social progress; and that the book ought to be written in a more popular style to give the impression of a dynamic in this country comparable to that of the New Deal. The COMMITTEE:-

invited the sub-committee to meet again, taking into account the points made in the discussion, on the assumption that the book should appeal to readers of, say, the New Republic, and agreed that Plietzky should be added to the sub-committee.

5. Future Work of the Society - EC(47)9.

The Committee considered a paper by Robson and Woolf suggesting that the Society's work should aim primarily at the elite of the Labour movement, and making a number of other suggestions. After a lengthy discussion, the COMMITTEE:-

- (i) agreed that no record of their discussion need appear in these minutes;
- (ii) invited Robson and Harou to submit general resolutions for consideration at the next meeting of the Executive, to the general effect that the prime business of the Society was to educate the elite;
- (iii) agreed that at their next meeting the balance of papers on this subject should be the first item on their agenda;
- (iv) agreed that voluntary work should continue to be the basis of the Society's work;
- (v) agreed that reasonable rates of pay to the staff should be a first charge on the Society's resources, and that there should be ad hoc payment for research done by outsiders;
- (vi) agreed that the work in hand - EC(47)3 - was too much, and that stricter limits should be imposed by the committees concerned, whose existence should continue;

- (vii) agreed to consider the possibility of raising funds for special research projects from new sources;
- (viii) agreed on the desirability of a Publications Secretary also to <sup>deal</sup> with public relations of the Society, in preference to an Assistant Home Research Secretary;
- (ix) while not altogether endorsing the proposals of the General Secretary and other members of the staff in paragraph 10. of EC(47)2, agreed that the specific public or individuals to be aimed at in each project should be settled before work on new projects was started.

### 3. Proposals of the Labour Party - EC(46)37.

The Committee had before them a letter from the Secretary of the Labour Party, offering the Society £500 for a work on one of four projects - Leisure, the Chemical Industry, Commercial Insurance, or Distribution.  
The COMMITTEE:-

- (i) instructed the General Secretary to reply to the Labour Party agreeing to undertake Commercial Insurance;
- (ii) invited the Finance and General Purposes Committee to review the scale of payment to be offered to a special research worker to be engaged for this project;
- (iii) invited the interviewing committee for the Home Research Secretaryship to bear in mind the need for such an individual in considering applications for the Home Research Secretaryship.

### 7. Pamphlet on the Future of Germany.

The General Secretary reported that the International Bureau Advisory Committee had approved in principle a draft by Anne Whyte on the Future of Germany, for circulation to the appropriate groups of the Parliamentary Party, and that Leonard Woolf and himself, as readers for the Advisory Committee, recommended publication by March 1st so as to precede in time the Moscow Conference. Margaret Cole supported publication, to include by way of annexes, for example, the Potsdam Agreement and the Level of Industries Agreement. The COMMITTEE:-

agreed to publication, as a matter of priority, for issue in March.

ROSWORTH MONCK  
General Secretary



EC(47)3rd Meeting (15)

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A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, 17th February, 1947, at 4.30 p.m. at P.B.P., 16 Queen Anne's Gate, S.W. 1.

A G E N D A

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1. Membership of the Committee -  
 statement by the General Secretary.  
 (previous reference: EC(47)2nd Meeting, item 1.(iii).)
2. Rates of Pay and the Society's Administration:
  - (a) Rates of Pay - FGPC(47)4th Meeting, item 2.,  
 circulated herewith.  
 (FGPC(47)8, circulated herewith for  
 information, is also relevant.)
  - (b) Administration of the Society:  
 statement by the General Secretary.
3. Future Work of the Society:
  - (a) Work in Hand - Summary of Research: EC(47)3. already  
 circulated.  
 (previous minutes of the EC, -  
 EC(47)2nd Meeting, item 5., already  
 circulated, is also relevant.)
  - (b) Functions of the Society - EC(46)33, already  
 circulated.
  - (c) New Fabian Essays - EC(47)4. already circulated.
  - (d) Labour's Second Five Years - EC(47)1. already  
 circulated.
  - (e) Future Work of the Society - EC(47)2. already  
 circulated.
  - (f) Aims of the Society - EC(47)13, circulated herewith.
4. Readers' Reports:
  - (i) Discussion Series No. 2., by Lord Lindsay:  
 statements by the Chairman, Jack Gray and  
 Margaret Cole.
  - (ii) Secondary Education for All, by Joan Thompson:  
 statement by General Secretary.
5. Foreign Fabian Societies - EC(47)12, circulated herewith.

BOSWORTH MONCK  
 General Secretary

14th February, 1947

FABIAN SOCIETY :: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET, WESTMINSTER, S.W. 1.

Conclusions of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, 17th February, 1947, at 4.30 p.m. in the House of Commons.

Present: Laski (Chair), Davies, Parker, Skeffington, Mikardo, Stewart, Gray, Young, Durbin, Robson, Barou, Hughes. *Fanning Day*

Colonies: Woolf, Morrabin, Wilson, Gordon-Walker, Margaret Cole.

Staff: Monck, Anne Whyte, Jolley

1. Membership of the Committee

The General Secretary was instructed to invite Jack Diamond, M.P., to become a co-opted member of the Committee for the rest of the current year.

2. Rates of Pay and the Society's Administration

(a) Rates of Pay:

The Committee considered the revised minutes of the last meeting of the Finance Committee (EGPC(47)4th Meeting, Revised). After discussion, the COMMITTEE:-

- (i) subject to the object of balancing the Society's revenue and expenditure, agreed that the aim should be to increase the rates of pay to be comparable with those of other organisations;
- (ii) agreed that the Indian Affairs Group should be continued, but that no permanent staff should be allocated to it;
- (iii) agreed to the remaining points.

Note. The Vice-Chairman has since agreed that Conclusion 1.(d) of the Finance Committee's minutes should be interpreted as meaning reduction of the clerical staff by one on account of the elimination of a half-time typist for the Indian Affairs Group and for the International Bureau.

(b) The Society's Administration:

After a short discussion, the COMMITTEE:-

invited the Finance and General Purposes Committee to make arrangements for quarterly revenue and expenditure accounts to be circulated to the Executive.

(c) Increases in Subscriptions:

The COMMITTEE:- agreed to discuss possible increases in subscriptions at a meeting at which Margaret Cole should be present.

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3. Future Work of the Society  
(EC(46)33; EC(47)3, 4, 1, 2, 13.)

After discussion, the Committee referred these papers to the Research Planning Committee, subject to additions in respect of EC(47)4 (New Fabian Essays) of a chapter on "The Moral Basis of Socialism" which Durbin could be asked to write, and a chapter on "Co-operatives" which Larou might be prepared to write.

4. Readers' Reports

(i) Discussion Series No. 2., by Lord Lindsay: The Committee, after a short discussion, invited the Chairman to inform Lord Lindsay of the substance of the three readers' opinions, and to ask him to revise the pamphlet in the light of these views.

(ii) Secondary Education for All, by Joan Thompson: The General Secretary said that the Chairman of the Society's Education Committee and Margaret Cole had both read and recommended the publication of this manuscript, and it was for the Committee to decide in these circumstances whether additional readers need be appointed. The COMMITTEE:-

endorsed publication on the present readers' opinions.

(iii) "Location of Industry" by Scott-Elliott: Durbin said that he wished to re-open this question on the grounds that Scott-Elliott's pamphlet in his view did cover the ground required better than the earlier pamphlet by Margaret Stewart, with which some overlap was recognised as inevitable. After a short discussion the COMMITTEE:-

instructed the General Secretary to write to Scott-Elliott saying that he was, of course, free to publish his manuscript elsewhere, but that the Society would be prepared to reconsider the question of publication in three months' time de novo.

5. Foreign Fabian Societies (EC(47)12.)

The Committee considered a report by Anne Whyte asking for guidance on proposals to form Fabian Societies abroad. After a short discussion the COMMITTEE:-

agreed that such applications should receive all help and sympathy; that no financial return need be looked for; and that small supplies of literature might be sent in advance of payment becoming possible; that rules and Local Society constitutions should be sent, but that such Societies would have an entirely autonomous relationship with the Society.

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6. Death of Ellen Wilkinson

It was agreed that the Chairman should be invited to write to Ellen Wilkinson's sister expressing <sup>the</sup> great regret of the Executive at Ellen Wilkinson's death, and expressing gratitude for her great service to the Labour Movement in general and to the Society and its Executive in particular.

BOSWORTH FONCK  
General Secretary

18th February, 1947

EC(47)4th Meeting

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FABIAN SOCIETY :: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET, WESTMINSTER, S.W. 1.  
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A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Thursday, 13th March, 1947, at 3.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street.

A G E N D A  
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1. Representation on London Labour Party Executive  
- EC(47)18, circulated herewith.
  
2. Interview of Candidates for Post of General Secretary.  
- EC(47)20, circulated herewith.

BOSWORTH MONCK  
General Secretary

10th March, 1947.

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 LABIAN SOCIETY :: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET, WESTMINSTER, SW.1.  
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Minutes of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE on Thursday, 13th March, 1947, at 3.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street.

Present: Laski (Chair), Davies, Parker, Barou, Skeffington, Margaret Cole, Gray, Diamond, Young.

Apologies: Lewis, Robson, Wilson, Stewart, Hughes, Farington, Abrams.

1. Representation on the London Labour Party's Executive  
 - EC(47)18.

The Committee considered a report by Skeffington to the effect that the London Regional Committee had made four nominations to fill the place of the Society's representative on the London Labour Party's Executive. After a short discussion the COMMITTEE:-

- (i) nominated Skeffington as the Society's representative for the year 1947/48;
- (ii) nominated as delegates to the London Labour Party Conference on March 29th Davies, Margaret Cole, Jack Diamond (of the Central London Labian Society) and Giles.

2. Arrangements for the Society's Administration.

Margaret Cole said that she thought some arrangements had best be made in case interim arrangements were necessary between the departure of the present General Secretary and the new General Secretary taking up his appointment. The COMMITTEE:-

- (i) invited Margaret Cole to act in the interim in conjunction with Monck and the other officers;
- (ii) thanked the General Secretary for his services, in particular since January.

3. Interview of Candidates for General Secretary -  
 EC(47)20.

The Committee had before them a report by the General Secretary giving the names of 7 candidates who had received three or more votes from members of the Executive who had inspected the list of some 53 applicants. The Committee also considered Hibbert's application in absentia. The COMMITTEE:-

- (i) instructed the General Secretary to invite Hawkins for interview by the Executive on March 17th;
- (ii) instructed the General Secretary to invite Filson and Pienburgh for re-interview of 10 minutes each following the balance of interviews on March 17th.

14th March, 1947.

BOSWORTH MONCK  
 General Secretary

(21)  
EC(47)5th Meeting

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FABIAN SOCIETY :: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1.  
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A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, 17th March, 1947, at 4.30 p.m., at P.E.P., 16 Queen Anne's Gate, S.W. 1.

A G E N D A

1. Approval of previous minutes:
  - (a) Last routine meeting of the Executive - EC(47)3rd Meeting. (already circulated).
  - (b) Research Planning Committee, 28th February - RPC(47)1st Meeting (already circulated) - items 2. and 3.
  - (c) Schools and Social Committee, 11th March - SSC(47)3rd Meeting (to be circulated).
2. Czechoslovakia: Six Studies in Reconstruction - EC(47)21 (circulated herewith).
3. Scope of the Insurance Group - EC(47)19. (circulated herewith).
4. "Co-operation in Labour Britain" - EC(47)16 (circulated herewith).
5. Removal of October and November dated Subscribers from the Society's Membership Records - EC(47)15. (circulated herewith).
6. Labour Party Annual Conference - statement by the General Secretary.
7. Appointment of Readers:
  - (a) Middle East Survey.
  - (b) Burma.
  - (c) East Africa.
8. Proposed Increase in Rates of Subscription - EC(47)17. (circulated herewith).
9. (at 5.30 p.m.)  
Further interviews for the post of General Secretary:
  - Eirene Lloyd Jones (5.30)
  - Hugh Walker (5.50)
  - Marjorie Green (5.10)

- EC(47)20, Annex II, is relevant.

11th March, 1947.

BOSWORTH MONCK  
General Secretary

## EC(47)5th Meeting

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 FABIAN SOCIETY :: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1.  
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Conclusions of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, 17th March, 1947, at P.T.P., 16 Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1. at 4.30 p.m.

Present Leski (Chair), Parker, Barou, Davies, Hughes, Smith, Abrams, Gray, Diamond, Skeffington, Faringdon, Robson, Woolf, Young, Wilson, Margaret Cole, Monck.

Apologies Durbin, Morrabin.

Staff Jolley.

1. Approval of previous minutes.

a) Research Planning Committee - RPC(47)1st Meeting.

i) In connection with item 2 - EC(47)13 - the COMMITTEE:- accepted the proposed outline by Dr. Robson for the future work of the Society, subject to the substitution of "vanguard" for "elite".

ii) In regard to Labour's Record and American Opinion - RPC(47)1, the COMMITTEE:- invited Abrams to discuss with Simon Schuster the publication of the work, and invited the Honorary Secretary to convene a meeting of the proposed authors before the work was started.

b) Schools and Socials Committee - SSC(47)3rd Meeting.

i) In regard to the Reception to the Delegates of the Supreme Soviet, the COMMITTEE:- invited the Honorary Secretary to arrange the preparation of sets of recent publications for each delegate, including those on Russia, if available; and to prepare a short summary of such publications and Dr. Barou to arrange to reproduce in Russian for the benefit of the delegates; and to invite Jim Griffiths and Creech Jones to the reception and to investigate the possibility of a loud speaker being installed at Heals.

ii) In regard to the Annual General Meeting and the following reception, the COMMITTEE:- approved the use of the Conway Hall for the former and invited the Finance and General Purposes Committee to review what arrangements should be made for the evening reception.

2. Czechoslovakia: Six Studies in Reconstruction - EC(47)21.

The Committee considered a report by Anne Whyte saying that Ernest Davies, as Executive reader, wished to omit the chapter by Sheila Grant Duff, while other members of the Executive in the Group felt that it should be published. After a short discussion, the COMMITTEE:- approved publication.

NOTE: SINCE THE COMMITTEE MET ON MONDAY, THE SOVIET DELEGATES HAVE CANCELLED ALL EXCEPT OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS, AND THIS FUNCTION IS THEREFORE NOW OFF.



3. Scope of the Insurance Group - EC(47)19.

The Committee considered suggestions by the General Secretary as to membership of the Group, and the short-synopsis prepared by Joan Thompson on the scope of the work. After a short discussion, the COMMITTEE:-

- i) agreed that the initial group should include Barna, Joan Clarke, Charles Fletcher Cooke, Parkin, D.N. Chester, Lafitte, L. Ginsburg, Barou;
- ii) agreed that the Labour Party should be invited to nominate a representative on the Group;
- iii) if the T.U.C. did not nominate a representative, that no official representative from each Union was desired;
- iv) invited the initial Group to review their membership and terms of reference and to report again to the Executive.

4. Co-operation in Labour Britain - EC(47)16.

The Committee had before them a synopsis of the work proposed by Dr. Barou, together with a request that he be authorised to offer up to £40 in all in respect of contributors to the work. The COMMITTEE:-

- i) agreed that Dr. Barou might offer a total of £40 to individual contributors to the proposed work;
  - ii) invited the Finance and General Purposes Committee to prepare a report of a practice to be adopted in future in regard to payment for outside work.
5. Removal of October and November subscribers from the membership records - EC(47)15.

The Committee considered a report by the General Secretary of those who failed to pay their subscriptions after three reminders, in respect of October and November. After a short discussion, the COMMITTEE:- agreed to the removal of those shown, and invited those named in brackets to pursue specific members as follows: Drzewieski (Barou), Hooper (Dorothy Fox), Ridsdale (Sheffington).

6. Labour Party's Annual Conference.

The General Secretary reported that nominations for the Society's delegate to the Annual Conference were required by April 11th; and that 4 places at a boarding house adjacent to the Conference had been reserved for the Society's delegate and any three other members of the Executive who wished to attend as visitors. After a short discussion; the COMMITTEE:- invited Arthur Lewis to be the Society's delegate, and failing him Monck, and agreed to consider who should use the balance of three places reserved at a future meeting.

7. Appointment of readers.

The following readers were appointed:-

- a) Middle East Survey - Leonard Woolf, Max Nicholson, Fisher (of L.S.E.),
- b) Burma - L. Dudley Stamp, Frank Owen
- c) East Africa - Leonard Woolf, Arthur Lewis.
- d) Workers' Control - Emil Davies, Michael Young.

8. Shareholders in Fabian Publications, Ltd.

The Treasurer proposed that a further issue of shares in this company be made, to be held on behalf of the Society by himself, Margaret Cole and Mikardo. The COMMITTEE:- approved this suggestion.

9. The post of General Secretary - EC(47)20.

The Committee interviewed Eirene Lloyd Jones, Hugh Walker, Marjorie Green, Allan Hawkins; and re-interviewed Filson and Fienburgh. After the interviews, the COMMITTEE:-

- i) agreed to eliminate all but Filson and Fienburgh;
- ii) decided that a two-thirds majority in favour of one of the candidates was desirable;
- iii) on a show of hands, Filson received 7 votes, and Fienburgh 5;
- iv) invited Laski, Parker, Margaret Cole and Young to interview Fienburgh as soon as possible;
- v) if a majority of them favoured Filson, agreed to appoint him;
- vi) if the majority favoured Fienburgh, or if they were equally divided, agreed to hold an emergency meeting of the full Executive to decide what should be done.

BOSWORTH MONCK.

The paper on proposed increases on rates of subscriptions - EC(47)17 was postponed for discussion at the next meeting.

E.C. (47) 6th meeting

FABIAN SOCIETY :: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET WESTMINSTER LONDON S W 1

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, 28th April, 1947, at 4.30 p.m. in Room 8 at the House of Commons. (Room booked in John Parker's name).

## A G E N D A

- 1 Approval of Minutes of last meeting of Executive Committee -  
EC (47) 5th meeting (already circulated)
- 2 Approval of Minutes of Finance and General Purposes Committee -
  - (a) FGPC (47) 5th meeting (already circulated)  
Item 6 - Negotiations with Staff Association
  - (b) FGPC (47) 6th meeting (already circulated)  
Item 7 - Signatures on cheques
  - (c) FGPC (47) 7th meeting (circulated herewith)
- 3 Approval of Minutes of other Committees:
  - (a) Colonial Bureau - FCB.(47) 3rd meeting (already circulated)
  - (b) Colonial Bureau - FCB.FPC.(47) 4th meeting (circulated herewith)
  - (c) International Bureau - FIB.AC.(47) 4th meeting (circulated herewith)
  - (d) Local Societies and Socialist Propaganda Committee  
- LSC (47) 3rd meeting (circulated herewith)
  - (e) Publications Committee (PC.(47) 4th meeting (circulated herewith)
- 4 Executive Committee membership - resignation of Geoffrey Wilson
- 5 Annual Report - draft enclosed (EC.(47) 23)
- 6 Autumn Lectures - Subject. (Suggested that a sub-committee should be appointed to work out details of the programme).
- 7 Possible increase of rates of subscription- EC (47) 17 (already circulated)
- 8 Internal Administration of the Society - EC.(47) 22 Revised - (already circulated)
- 9 Appointment of readers:
  - (a) Reform of the Higher Civil Service by Civil Service Group
  - (b) Towards a National Wages Policy by Bernard Armstrong
  - (c) A Policy for the Universities by Leo Plattsley

E.C. (47) 6th meeting.

JOHN PARKER  
Vice-Chairman

FABIAN SOCIETY : : 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S.W.1.

Executive Committee meeting, Monday 28th  
April, 1947, at 4.30 p.m.

ADDITION TO AGENDA

Item 3 Approval of Minutes of other Committees

- (f) Economics and Industrial Committee  
Minutes 24th April 1947 herewith

ANDREW FILSON.  
General Secretary.  
26.4.47.

E.C. (47) 6th meeting

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 FABIAN SOCIETY ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET WESTMINSTER LONDON S W 1  
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Conclusions of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, 28th April, 1947, in the House of Commons at 4.30 pm.

Present: Parker (Chair), Abrams, Margaret Cole, Davies, Diamond, Faringdon, Gordon Walker, Gray, Mikar, Robson, Skeffington, Smith, Stewart, Wilson.

Apologies: Laski, Barou, Durbin, Horrabin, Hughes, Monck, Woolf.

1 APPROVAL OF E.C. MINUTES (47) 5th MEETING HELD On 17th MARCH, 1947

Minutes approved.

Item 6 Labour Party's Annual Conference

It was proposed by I. Mikardo, seconded by E. Davies and agreed that

- (a) the resolution appointing the delegate should be rescinded and that the new General Secretary should be the Society's delegate.
- (b) the General Secretary should allot the remaining rooms booked for the Society at Margate.

2 MINUTES OF THE F.G.P.C. (47) 5th, 6th and 7th MEETINGS

(a) F.G.P.C. (47) 5th meeting held on 24th March, 1947

Minutes approved.

It was agreed to confirm

Item 1 - Appointment of General Secretary

Item 6 - Negotiations with Staff Association

(b) F.G.P.C. (47) 6th meeting held on 31st March, 1947

Minutes approved.

Item 3 Principles of Outside Payment

It was agreed that

Recommendation (i) should be approved.

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Recommendation (ii) (a) should be amended and (ii) (b) should be deleted so that the recommendation as approved should read:

- (ii) "That this principle could be interpreted so as to permit payment in cases where a writer's services are essential to a particular job and cannot be secured without payment."

Recommendation (iii) should be approved, subject to the understanding that the General Secretary would report all cases where a department recommended payments.

Item 7 Signatures on Cheques

Recommendation approved.

- (c) F.G.P.C. (47) 7th meeting held on 21st April, 1947

Minutes approved.

Item 3 - Hoel's bill

It was agreed to thank Arthur Skeffington for the work he had done.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OTHER COMMITTEES

The following were approved:

- (a) Colonial Bureau - FCB (47) 3rd meeting held 18th March, 1947  
 (b) Colonial Bureau - FCB.GPC.(47) 4th meeting held 1st April, 1947  
 (c) International Bureau - FIB.AC.(47) 4th meeting held 14th April, 1947  
 (d) Local Societies and Socialist Propaganda Committee - LSC (47) 3rd meeting held 24th March, 1947.

In connection with the second paragraph of Item 2, it was agreed that the resolution received from the Central London Fabian Society on this subject should be referred to the Local Societies Committee.

- (e) Publications Committee - P.C.(47) 4th meeting held on 24th March, 1947  
 (as amended by the correction slip)

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Item 4 - Current situation of pamphlets

It was agreed that

- (aa) The Publications Committee should continue to recommend names of possible readers, but should be instructed to suggest more than two names in each case.
- (bb) The Executive Committee Agenda should in future have one item covering all business concerned with the appointment of readers.
- (cc) With regard to the individual pamphlets mentioned
  - (i) 'Metropolitan Borough Councils' should be revised for publication by the General Secretary in consultation with W.A. Robson.
  - (ii) 'Workers' Control of the Railways' was not suitable for publication by the Society.
  - (iii) 'Future of the Universities' should be first sent to members of the Education Committee and then to W.A. Robson as reader.

Item 5 - Priorities for Publications.

It was agreed that the Publications Committee could legitimately draw up for its own guidance a provisional schedule for future publications but should make it clear that this programme was subject to the decisions of the Executive Committee and could in no way bind the Society.

(f) Economics and Industrial Committee

It was agreed that the recommendations of this Committee should in future be sent to the Research Planning Committee and not to the Executive Committee.

4 APPOINTMENT OF READERS

- (a) Reform of the Higher Civil Service: Readers - W.A. Robson together with E. Durbin and/or Lord Chorley and/or W.T. Wells, subject to the provision that at least two of the readers should be members of the Political and Local Government Committee.
- (b) Towards a National Wages Policy: Readers: Michael Young and A.J. Champion.
- (c) A Policy for the Universities: see 3 (c) above

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- (d) Consumer Research: Mark Abrams and L. Moss  
 (e) Handbook on Housing: Lord Simon and J. Diamond.

5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

It was reported that Mr. Geoffrey Wilson has resigned from the Executive Committee as he has become an established member of the Civil Service in the Cabinet Office.

6 ANNUAL REPORT - EC (47) 23

The Report was adopted subject to certain amendments which the General Secretary was instructed to insert.

7 AUTUMN LECTURES - SUBJECT

It was agreed that

- (a) The lectures should cover the problems of recovery and full production.  
 (b) The F.G.P.C. should work out a detailed programme.  
 (c) All members of the Executive should be asked to send in suggestions of subjects and speakers to the General Secretary.

8 POSSIBLE INCREASE IN RATES OF SUBSCRIPTION - EC (47) 17

Margaret Cole withdrew her memorandum, as it would be inopportune to propose any change this year.

It was, however, agreed that she should raise the problem at an appropriate point in the Annual General Meeting.

9 INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE SOCIETY - EC (47) 22 Revis-<sup>ed</sup>

It was agreed to defer consideration of the memorandum until the new General Secretary would be in a position to report his own views on the administration of the Society and on this memorandum.

10 NEXT MEETING

Monday, May 19th, at 4.30 p.m.  
 Place not yet decided.

Andrew Filson,

C(47) 7th Meeting.

FABIAN SOCIETY : : : 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1.

Note: Meeting will be held at P.E.P.

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, 19th May, 1947, at 4.30 p.m. in P.E.P.

A G E N D A

1. Approval of Minutes of last meeting of Executive Committee - EC (47) 8th meeting held on 28th April (already circulated).
2. Approval of Minutes of Finance and General Purposes Committee - FGPC (47) 8th meeting to be held on 12th May (to follow).
3. Approval of Minutes of other Committees:
  - (a) Colonial Bureau - ECB (47) 4th Meeting held on 22nd April - (herewith attached).
  - (b) Colonial Bureau - PCB. CPC (47) 5th Meeting held on 6th May - (herewith attached).
  - (c) Local Societies Committee - LSC (47) 4th meeting held on 18th April - (herewith attached).
  - (d) Publications Committee - PC (47) 5th Meeting held on 30th April - (herewith attached).
  - (e) Schools & Social Committee - SSC (47) 4th Meeting held on 7th May - (herewith attached).
  - (f) International Bureau - IIB.AC(47) 5th Meeting to be held on 12th May (to follow).
  - (g) Research Planning Committee - RPC(47) 2nd Meeting to be held on 13th May (to follow).
4. Fabian Essays - EC (47) 24 (herewith attached).
5. Removal of December, January and February dated subscribers from the Society's Membership Records.. - list to follow.
6. Annual General Meeting and Reception.

ANDREW WILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

9th May, 1947.



BIAN SOCIETY : : : 11 DARTMOUTH STREET WESTMINSTER LONDON S.W.1.

Minutes of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday 19th May, 1947, at 4.30 p.m. at P.E.P.

Present: Parker (chair), Barou, Davies, Faringdon, Gray, Mikardo, Monck, Robson, Skeffington, Wolf, Young, Wilson.

Apologies: Laski, Margaret Cole, Diamond, Durbin, Hornabin, Hughes, Smith, Stewart.

Staff: Jolley.

1. Approval of E.C. Minutes (47) 6th Meeting held on 28th April, 1947.

Minutes approved.

2. Minutes of E.G.P.C. (47) 8th Meeting held on 12th May, 1947.

Minutes approved.

- (a) Item 2 - Autumn Lectures.

(i) The General Secretary reported that the Caxton and Central Halls had been unobtainable and that he had made a provisional booking of the Conway Hall, seating 500, for Thursdays November 6, 13, 20, 27 and December 4 and 11. It was agreed that the booking should be confirmed.

(ii) The suggested list of lectures and speakers was discussed and criticised. It was agreed that the General Secretary should recast the programme in accordance with the discussion, circulate the new proposals to the members of the E.C. and, if further criticisms were made, refer the matter to the E.G.P.C.

- (b) Item 4 - Provisional Revenue Account - EGPC (47) 14.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that the Audited Balance Sheet had just arrived. It was agreed that the EGPC should be asked to draw up a new Budget in the light of the latest figures.

- (c) Item 6 - Staff Matters.

It was agreed that in future the section of the EGPC Minutes dealing with Staff Matters should not be separated from the rest of their Minutes.

- (d) Item 9 - Circulation of Fabian News.

It was agreed that Fabian News should not be sent to Local Societies as suggested but should be sold in bulk at preferential rates (6d per year).

- (e) Item 10 - Colonial Bureau Public Meetings.

Approved.

3. Minutes of Other Committees.

The Minutes of the following meetings were approved:-

- (a) Colonial Bureau - FCB (47) 4th meeting held on 22 April.
- (b) Colonial Bureau - FCB. GPC (47) 5th meeting held on 6 May.
- (c) Local Societies Committee - LSC (47) 4th meeting held on 18 April.
- (d) Publications Committee - PC (47) 5th Meeting held on 31st April.

Item 1. It was agreed that the "Reform of the Higher Civil Service" should be published in July if possible.

- (e) Schools and Social Committee - SC (47) 4th Meeting held on 7 May.

Item 3. Summer School in Denmark.

The General Secretary reported that the charge would now be £34.

Item 4. Fronsham and Dartington Schools.

The General Secretary reported that bookings had not gone very well as yet.

- (f) International Bureau - IIB.AC (47) 5th Meeting held on 12 May.
- (g) Research Planning Committee - RPC (47) 2nd Meeting held on 13 May.

Item 3. Work of the Home Research Deptment.

It was agreed that a Committee should be set up on the lines indicated; that its title should be the "Social Services and Amenities Committee"; that in due course a report should be submitted to the E.C. on its value; and that Joan Clarke, Graham Millar and Barnett Stross, M.P., should also be invited to join the Committee.

Item 5 (c). P.E.P.

Approved.

4. Fabian Essays - E.C. (47) 24.

It was agreed that a Sub-Committee consisting of Laski, Woolf, Abrams and Gray should draw up proposals for a new volume of Fabian Essays and that members of the E.C. should be invited to send in suggestions.

5. Removal of December, January and February dated subscribers from the Society Membership Records - E.C. (47) 25.

- (a) It was agreed that the names should be removed from the Records except in the following cases:-

Annex I	Mrs. M.R. Davies	to be approached by	Davies
	H. Delargy, M.P.	" " " "	Hughes.
	B. Levy, M.P.	" " " "	Hughes.
	Venkattasubbiach	" " " "	Parker.

Annex II	Mrs. M. Palmer	to be approached by	Davies.
	E. Scherer	" " "	Faringdon.
	J.P. Early	" " "	Parker.
	Allen Young	" " "	Gray.
	H. Croft	" " "	Young.
	R.A. Pestett	" " "	Ge. Secretary.

Annex III	Miss M. McKay	address to be checked.	
	Mrs. Mansell	to be approached by	Faringdon.
	C. Williams-Willis	" " "	Young.

(b) It was agreed that in future lists of members who were to be struck off should be accompanied by a statement of the numbers of new members who had joined the Society.

6. Annual General Meeting and Reception.

- (a) It was agreed that the Chairman should be asked to move the Annual Report.
- (b) It was agreed that Robson's summary of the Society's role should be put forward by the E.C. for endorsement by the A.G.M. and that copies of the Research Programme should be made available for those attending.
- (c) It was agreed that the General Secretary should check the Minutes of the last A.G.M. regarding Ivor Montagu in order that the E.C. should be able to carry out any promises then made.
- (d) It was noted that the Reception was planned merely as a function where members of the Society could meet members of the E.C. and that members of the E.C. should therefore make every effort to be present.

7. Indian Affairs Group.

It was agreed

- (a) that the Indian Affairs Group should be dissolved.
- (b) that Indian Affairs should become the responsibility of the International Bureau.
- (c) that Chris Boyd should be thanked for the work he had done and should be co-opted on to the I.B. Advisory Committee.

8. Appointment of Readers.

- (a) "Kenya": Faringdon and Horrabin.
- (b) "Policy for the Universities": Michael Stewart in place of Robson (who had asked to be relieved).

9. Royal Commission on the Press.

Following a report by Gray it was agreed that a group should not be set up to prepare evidence for presentation.

10. Place of future meetings of E.C.

It was agreed to meet in P.E.P., unless there was special business in the House.

ANDREW WILSON.

General Secretary.

May 21, 1947.

CHARGE OF MEETING PLACE  
IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

E.C.(47) 8th Meeting  
Supplementary Agenda

LABIAN SOCIETY :: 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, LONDON, S.W.1.

The meeting will take place at 4.30 p.m. on Monday, 16th June in House of Commons Committee Room 13. (booked in the name of John Parker) This change has been made as the business in the House may involve a number of divisions.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Note: Items 2, 3d and 5 were included in the Agenda circulated on 6th June. Relevant papers are now attached.

Items 3(e), 3(f) and 6 are new items.

2. Minutes of F.G.P.C.(47) 9th Meeting now attached.

Item 2 - Autumn Lectures - EC(47) 27 already circulated.

Item 3 - Annual General Meeting.

Eligibility for Office (Second Paper)  
EC(47)28 already circulated.

Minutes of A.G.M. 1946 now attached.

Item 4 - Treasurer's Report.

Item 5 - Budget 1947-48 - F.G.P.C.(47)15(revised) now attached.

Item 6 - Date of F.G.P.C. and E.C.meetings in July.

3(d) Minutes of P.L.G.C.(47) 1st Meeting - now attached.

New item. 3(e) Minutes of Publications Committee (47) 7th meeting held on 11th June - attached.

Item 2 - Timing of Publications.

Item 3(a) - Reform of the Higher Civil Service.

New item 3(f) International Bureau Progress Report F.I.B(47)22 (in lieu of minutes, as no meeting was held)

Item 5 - Conferences for Bureau Members.

Item 6 - Schools for Foreign Socialists.

5. Readers of Pamphlets - EC(47)31 now attached.

New item. 6. Insurance Group - E.C.(47)29 attached.

\* 4. Removal of March dated subscribers - E.C.(47) 30 attached.  
Membership records 1946-47 E.C.(47)32 also attached.

12th June 1947.

Andrew Wilson  
General Secretary.

EC (47) 8th Meeting.

BIAN SOCIETY : : : 11, D'ARMOUZE STREET, N.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A meeting will be held at 4.30 p.m. on Monday,  
18th June in P.E.P.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of EC (47) 7th Meeting held on 19th May -  
(already circulated).
2. Minutes of GPC (47) 9th Meeting to be held on 9th  
June-(to follow).  
(This will include several items of importance such  
as the G.M. and the Budget).
3. Minutes of Other Committees.
  - (a) Colonial Bureau - CCB (47) 5th Meeting held on  
20 May (attached).
  - (b) Local Societies Committee - LSC (47) 5th Meeting  
held on 19th May (attached).
  - (c) Publications Committee - PC (47) 6th Meeting held  
on 14th May. (attached).
  - (d) Political and Local Government Committee -  
PLGC (47) 1st Meeting, held on 4th June (to follow).
4. Removal of March dated Subscribers (list to follow).
5. Readers of Pamphlets. (details to follow).

ANDREW FILSON.

June 16, 1947.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

AI SOCIETY : : : : 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

Minutes of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday 19th ~~July~~ June at 4.30 p.m. in the House of Commons.

Present: <sup>with Jane</sup> Parker (Chair), Barou, Davies, Diamond, Durbin, Faringdon, Hughes, Mikardo, Robson, Skeffington, Smith, Stewart, Young, Wilson..

Apologies: Laski, Abrams, Margaret Cole, Gordon Walker, Gray, Horrabin, Monck, Woolf..

Staff: Margaret Locke.

1. Minutes of EC(47)7th Meeting.

Item 3(g) Research Planning Committee - NPC(47)2nd Meeting.

Reference was made to the project of a "Kite-flying pamphlet" on Labour's Programme for 1950, to be written by Douglas Jay.

It was agreed that Mikardo should also be invited to write a "Programme for 1950" and that these two programmes, which were expected to approach the problem from different angles, should be published together in the same pamphlet.

2. Minutes of EGPC(47)9th Meeting held on 9th June.

(a) Item 2. Autumn Lec' res.

It was agreed to invite the following to take the Chair:

Date.	Subject.	Speaker	Chairman
8 Nov.	Plans and Priorities.	Horrabin	Jay.
13 Nov.	Parliament and the People	Bing	Addison
20 Nov.	Paying Our Way Abroad	Wilson	Durbin
27 Nov.	Incentives	Mikardo	Tanner
6 Dec.	Foreign Affairs and Home Prosperity.	Crossman	Callaghan
13 Dec.	Efficiency of Government.	Laski	Inman.

It was agreed that in the event of refusals the General Secretary should invite the speakers to suggest Chairmen or should otherwise fill the vacancies.

(b) Item 3. Annual General Meeting, 1947.

(1) Time Table:- recommendations of EGPC approved.

(11) Minutes of AGM 1946:- the recommendation of the EGPC regarding the resolution on Eligibility for Office was not approved.

It was agreed that Skeffington should reply on behalf of the Executive to any questions from the meeting and should say that the EC had further considered the matter and had decided to take no action.

(iii) Annual Report:- as Laski would be unable to be present, it was agreed that Parker should move the report and Mikardo reply.

(iv) Resolution on the Aims of the Society: as Robson would be unable to be present, it was agreed that Woolf should move, the General Secretary second and Barou reply.

- (v) Research Programme of the Society:- it was agreed that the General Secretary should introduce this when seconding the resolution on the Aims of the Society.
- (vi) Reception:- the recommendation that Davies receive the Guests was approved. The General Secretary appealed for a good attendance and the following; promised to be present: Davies, Parker, Young, Sheffington, Smith, Stewart, Hughes, Diamond.
- (c) Item 4. Treasurer's Report.
- (i) It was moved by Davies, seconded by Mikardo and resolved to authorise the Trustees to furnish an undertaking to the Westminster Bank to charge the Debits of 11, Dartmouth Street if called upon to do so during the currency of the overdraft.
- (ii) It was moved by Davies, seconded by Young and resolved that Mikardo should replace Davies as a trustee of 11, Dartmouth St..
- (d) Item 5. Budget 1947-48 - EGPC(47)16 Revised.
- (i) The Budget was approved.
- (ii) It was agreed that the new EC should be recommended to appoint an ad hoc sub-committee to consider means of increasing membership.
- (iii) It was agreed that the new EC should be recommended to study the position of the Local Societies.
- (iv) The prospective Treasurer stated that each Quarter he would present a variation statement showing how far the Budget had been a correct prophecy.
- (v) The prospective Treasurer stated that a new system of Bookshop accounting would be introduced.
- (e) Item 6. Dates of Meeting in July.

It was agreed that:

the EGPC should meet on Monday 7th July.  
the EC should meet on Monday 14th July.

### 3. Minutes of Other Committees.

Minutes of the following were approved:-

- (a) Colonial Bureau - CB(47)5th Meeting.
- (b) Local Societies Committee - LSC(47)5th Meeting.
- (c) Publications Committee - PC(47)3th Meeting.

It was agreed that the Publications Committee should be asked to ensure that the wretched type of the Czechoslovakia and TU pamphlet should not be chosen again.

- (d) Political and Local Government Committee - PLGC(47)1st Meeting.

Item 2a. Reform of the Higher Civil Service.

It was agreed that the Chancellor of the Exchequer and/or the Lord President of the Council should be asked to receive a deputation; that the deputation should consist of Robson, Monck, Mrs. Giffard, Smith and Wells; that a precis should be made of the pamphlet; and that Monck should be warmly thanked for his offer to defray the cost.

(e) Publications Committee - PC(47)7th Meeting.Item 2: Timing of Publications.

The attention of EC members was specially drawn to this item.

Item 3. Reform of the Higher Civil Service.

The action of the Publications Committee was approved.

(f) International Bureau. Progress Report - IEB(47)22.

Received.

5. Removal of March dated Subscribers - EC(47)30. and EC(47)32.

It was agreed that the names listed should be removed except in the following cases:-

Miss Galton	Parker to write.
O'Brien	Hughes to contact.
Mordelon	Faringdon to inform office of his address.
Rushcliffe	Hughes to approach Lester Hutchinson.
Deakin	General Secretary to discover if this is Arthur Deakin.
Keynes.	General Secretary to write.

6. Readers of Pamphlets.

(a) Incentives: Mikardo, Sutherland (or Bowlby) and Lee (or G.A. Brown).

(b) Municipal Income Tax in Sweden: Joan Copeland, R.B. Thomas, (to be shortened) (reserves Callaghan and Chester)

(c) America's Colonial Policy: Faringdon.

(d) Reply to Crisis in Africa: Faringdon and Morabin.

(e) 'Socialism and Shortages.' Young to look at it and report to EC on 14th July.

7. Insurance Group - EC(47)29.

It was agreed (a) that L. Ginsburg, Francis Bacon and W.J. Moran should be asked to join the Insurance Group.

and (b) that Bacon, Diamond and Young should act as a special sub-committee to check on progress made.

8. Retirement of Hon. Treasurer.

The Acting Chairman paid a warm tribute to Emil Davies as this was his last EC meeting after a very long and successful record as a member and as Treasurer.

ANDREW FILSON,

GENERAL SECRETARY.

June 17, 1947.



(8)

EC(47)9th Meeting.

FABIAN SOCIETY

: : :

11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at approximately 4.30 p.m. on Saturday, 28th June, in the Conway Hall during the tea interval of the Annual General Meeting.

A G E N D A

1. Election of
  - (a) Chairman..
  - (b) Vice Chairman.
  - (c) Honorary Secretary.
  - (d) Assistant Honorary Treasurer.
2. Co-options to the Executive Committee.
3. Selection of Finance and General Purposes Committee..
4. Any Other Business..

ANDREW FILSON.

June 23, 1947.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

Notes:

- (a) Next Meetings.

FGPC Monday 7th July 4.30 p.m.  
EC Monday 14th July 4.30 p.m.

- (b) I think members of the EC should know that I am planning to take a holiday from Wednesday 16th July until Saturday 26th July. John Parker has agreed to act as General Secretary in my absence.

ANDREW FILSON.

AN SOCIETY

11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

Minutes of a Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday 28th June in the Conway Hall, during the tea interval of the A.G.M.

Present: Parker, Barou, Hughes, Mikardo, Monck, Skeffington, Young, Wilson.

Apologies: Laski, Margaret Cole, Durbin, Faringdon, Jay, Lewis, Robson.

1. Chairman for the Meeting.

It was agreed that Parker should take the Chair.

2. Elections of Honorary Officers.

The following were proposed, seconded and elected unanimously:-

Chairman:	Laski.
Vice-Chairman:	Parker.
Honorary Secretary:	Margaret Cole.

3. Position of L.A. Gosman.

The Committee considered the best method of giving a locus standi to Gosman who would in effect be Assistant Honorary Treasurer. After discussion it was agreed that he should be a member of the F.G.P.C., should be invited to EC Meetings when financial matters were under discussion and should formally be authorised to act as Mikardo's Assistant.

4. Co-options to EC.

(a) The Committee had before them names of persons who might be co-opted. This list (EC(47)33) consisted of:

- (i) Members of outgoing EC who had not been elected (i.e. Abrams, Davies, Diamond, Gordon Walker, Gray, Horrabin, Smith, Stewart, Woolf).
- (ii) The unsuccessful candidates at the Election (i.e. Callaghan, Gray, Yates, Stewart, Moore, Rood, Legge, Thomas, Seaton, Matthewson, Cook, Plant).
- (iii) Various names which had been informally suggested by members of the EC (i.e. G.L. Beales; Professor Ian Bowen or Professor A.J. Brown; Fred Lee, M.P. or A.J. Champion, M.P. or some other T.U. M.P.; Dorothy Archibald; Stark Murray; "A Young Lecturer in the field of Political Institutions"; "A young lecturer in the field of Sociology"; "A leading member of a Local Societies Regional Committee."

(b) It was agreed to co-opt Woolf and Horrabin.

(c) It was agreed to co-opt two further members and to leave the remaining vacancies to be filled at the EC Meeting of 14th July.

(3)

- (d) The following were proposed for the two vacancies:

Abrams, Diamond, Gordon Walker, Gray, Eirene Lloyd Jones, Stark Murray, Stewart.

A vote was taken and it was agreed to co-opt Gray and Stewart.

5. Selection of F.G.P.C.

- (a) It was agreed that the FGPC should consist of the Honorary Officers (Laski, Mikardo, Margaret Cole and Barker) plus five other members.
- (b) It was agreed that Gosman should be one of the five.
- (c) It was agreed to fill two of the remaining four places at this meeting and to leave two places to be filled at the EC Meeting of 14th July.
- (d) For these two places four names were proposed - Barou, Hughes, Monck and Skeffington. Barou and Monck withdrew their names and Hughes and Skeffington were therefore elected.

6. Circulation of the Gollancz Prospectus of forthcoming book by G.D.H. Cole.

The General Secretary reported that he had been asked by Gollancz to circulate with Fabian News a prospectus of G.D.H. Cole's forthcoming "Intelligent Man's Guide to the Post-War World." He stated that he had refused several similar applications, but as this was the work of the late Chairman he asked the EC for guidance.

It was agreed that the prospectus could be circulated provided (a) that Gollancz overprinted "Fabian Bookshop" in the space marked "Bookseller" and (b) that Gollancz met any additional costs incurred by the Society.

ANDREW WILSON.

July 1, 1947.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

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ABIAN SOCIETY

: : :

11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at  
4.30 p.m. on Monday, 14th July in P.E.P.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of EC(47)8th Meeting (already circulated).  
(Note: I must apologise that in the Minutes I stated the meeting was held on 19th May when in fact it was held on 16th June. Will members please be sure they bring the Minutes of the 8th, not the 7th, Meeting?)
2. Minutes of EC(47)9th Meeting (already circulated).
  - Item 4. Co-options to EC.  
(5 vacancies left).
  - Item 5. Selection of EGPC.  
(2 vacancies left).
3. Minutes of AGM 1947 - EC(47)36 (attached).  
For approval.
4. Appointment of Committees 1947-48 - EC(47)35 (attached)
5. Minutes of Schools and Social Committee - SSC(47)5th Meeting (attached).
  - Item 5. Programme of Conferences, Meetings, etc.  
5(c)(iii) and (iv) contain recommendations to the Executive.
6. Minutes of Local Societies Committee - LSC(47)6th Meeting (attached).
7. Minutes of Social Services and Amenities Committee - SSAC(47)1st Meeting (attached).

A Supplementary Agenda and relevant papers will follow: there will include (8) Minutes of EGPC Meeting of 7th July, (9) Minutes of EIB Advisory Committee Meeting of 7th July (10) Removal of April-dated Subscribers (21) Readers of Pamphlets.

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

July 5, 1947.

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EC(47)10th Meeting.

FIABIAN SOCIETY

: : :

11, D. RYLAUGH STREET, S. 1.

NOTE CHANGE OF PLACE.

NOT IN USE OF COMMO. S.

The meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will now take place in THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, Committee Room 13 (booked for John Parker) at 4.30 P.M. on Monday, 14th July.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGEND.

8. Minutes of ECPC(47)10th Meeting (attached).
  - Item 2. Membership Campaign.
  - Item 9. Office work on Saturdays.
9. Minutes of Fabian International Bureau - FI/AC(47)6th Meeting (attached).
  - Item 74. Fabian Delegation to Italy.
  - Item 77. Organisation of Conferences and Meetings.
10. Minutes of Colonial Bureau - CBAC(47)6th Meeting (attached).
11. Minutes of Publications Committee - PC(47)6th Meeting (attached).
12. Removal of April Dated subscribers - EC(47)27 (attached).
13. Readers.
  - (a) Readers Reports: "America's Colonial Policy."
  - (b) Readers to be appointed: "Parties and Politics in U.S.A." by David Williams.

ANDREW FISHER.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

July 10, 1947.

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held at 4.30 p.m. on Monday 14th July in the House of Commons.

Present: Laski (Chair), Barou, Margaret Cole, Farington, Jay, Hughes, Monck, Parker, Skoiffington, Woolf, Filson.

Staff: Jolley, Anne Whyte.

Apologies: Durbin, Gray, Lewis, Mikardo, Robson.

1. Minutes of EC(47) 8th meeting.

Approved with correction of date - 16th June instead of 15th May.

2. Minutes of EC(47) 9th meeting

Approved.

a) Item 4. Cooptions to the E.C.

It was agreed that Abrams, Callaghan, Diamond & Eirone Lloyd Jones should be coopted and that the one remaining vacancy should be left unfilled for the time being.

b) Item 5. Selection of FGPC

i) The General Secretary reported the receipt of a letter from Monck who had urged that the FGPC should be kept small and confined primarily to financial matters.

It was however agreed that the FGPC should also act as the General Purposes Committee and that the two remaining vacancies should be filled.

ii) It was agreed to add Barou and Diamond.

3. Minutes of AGM 1947 - EC(47)36.

Accepted as a true record.

4. Appointment of Committee 1947-48. EC(47)55 & EC(47)36.

It was agreed

a) that the four new members coopted at the meeting should be asked which committees they would like to join.

b) that Margaret Cole should as Honorary Secretary receive papers of all Committees, even if not formally a member.

c) that the existing committees be reappointed with the following changes:-

i) Research Planning

ii) Economic & Industrial

iii) Political & Local Government

add Jay

delete Margaret

Cole, R.W.B. Clarke,

L.J. Edwards,

W.B. Reddaway.

add Parker

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- iv) Social Services & Amenities add Margaret Cole
- v) International Bureau no change
- vi) Colonial Bureau " "
- vii) Local Societies add H. Hynd, Swinglor  
delete "Etkinson,  
Davies, Orbach,  
Parker.
- viii) Schools & Social delete Margaret Cole  
(committee composition  
to be reconsidered  
in the Autumn)

5. Minutes of Finance & General Purposes Committee -  
FGPC (47) 10th meeting  
 Approved.

- a) Item 2 - Membership Campaign  
 It was agreed
  - i) that the plans should be approved
  - ii) that the FGPC should act as the organising committee.
  - iii) that the FGPC should conduct an enquiry into the causes of resignations.
- b) Item 9 - Office work on Saturdays.  
 It was agreed that the General Secretary should operate the proposed scheme during July, August and September and report on its working.

6. Minutes of Schools & Social Committee - SSC(47) 5th meeting.

Item 5. Programme of Conferences, Meetings etc.

It was agreed that.

- a) that the EC will take on the Busset Conference of 17-18 January. Subject to be decided later.
- b) that the plan for schools in November, February and May should be approved, and that the dates should be offered to Departments.
- c) that four Fabian versus Tory Debates should be held January - April (on the understanding no votes be taken) and that the Local Societies Regional Committees be encouraged to arrange similar debates.

7. Minutes of Local Societies Committee - LSC(47) 6th meeting.

Approved.

8. Minutes of Social Services & Amenities Committee -  
SSAC(47) 1st Meeting.

Approved.

9. Minutes of Fabian International Bureau -  
FIBAC(47) 6th meeting.

- a) Item 74 Fabian Delegation to Italy
  - i) it was agreed that the invitation should be accepted if it was formally issued, provided that no cost fell on the Society. If the Italian Government was unwilling to pay fares to and from Italy, the members of the delegation would therefore be asked to pay their own fares.

ii) It was agreed that Woolf, Parker and Anne Whyte should draw up the list of subjects to be studied, working on the following basis:- International Problems; The Political Scene; The Civil Service and Local Government; The Legacy of Fascism; Economic, Financial and Industrial Problems (including Trade Unionism and Cooperation); Food and Agriculture and a general essay by Woolf.

iii) It was agreed that Parker should lead the delegation, that Anne Whyte should be Secretary and that Woolf, Parker and Anne Whyte should select the delegation on the basis of the names suggested by Woolf.

10. Minutes of Colonial Bureau - CBAC (47) 6th Meeting.

Approved.

11. Minutes of Publications Committee - PC(47) 8th Meeting.

Approved

12. Removal of April dated Subscribers - EC(47)37

It was agreed that all except the following should be removed from the records:-

42/B	Andersen	to be	approached	by	Monck.
	Crabb	" "	" "	"	Colonial Bureau
	Wilson	" "	" "	"	" "
21/-	Bagnari	" "	" "	"	Barou
	Butcher	" "	" "	"	Parker
10/6	Dorington	" "	" "	"	M.I.Colo
	Lowcock	" "	" "	"	Jolley
	Dr.P.Rusholme	" "	" "	"	Parker
					(via its M.P.)

13. Readers of Pamphlets.

a) Reports from Readers.

- i) 'America's Colonial Policy' - Reports favourable. Pamphlets to be published, if possible without the name of the American Author. Reports unfavourable. Pamphlet rejected.
- ii) 'Towards a National Wages Policy'

b) Readers appointed.

'Parties and Politics in U.S.A. Laski, Spry, Roserbo E. Davics.

14. Prospective Parliamentary Candidates.

The General Secretary reported on correspondence he had had with a member who had been pressing for the E.C. to make recommendations for the L.P. panel of Prospective Parliamentary candidates.

It was agreed to endorse the answer given by the General Secretary that the E.C could not make any such recommendations.

Andrew Filson  
General Secretary.

NEXT MEETING: 4.30 p.m. Monday 15th September.



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EC(47) 11th Meeting.

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 FABIAN SOCIETY ::::: 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, LONDON, S.W.1.  
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4.30 p.m. Monday 15th September in P.E.P.

Supplementary Agenda

6. Financial Position of the Society - EC(47)38 already circulated
7. FGPC (47) 11th Meeting - notes in lieu of minutes (attached)  
     Item 3. Membership meeting.
8. Fabian v Tory Debate. - FGPC(47) 19 (attached)
9. Readers of Pamphlets - EC (47)39
10. "Facts for Socialists".  
     Report by General Secretary
11. Minutes of Publications Committee - PC(47) 9th Meeting (attached)
12. International Bureau.

The Advisory Committee is meeting at 11 a.m. on Monday  
 15th September and may submit a special report to the E.C.

11th September 1947.

Andrew Filson  
 General Secretary.

EO(47) 11th Meeting.

FABIAN SOCIETY 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A meeting will be held at 4.30 p.m. on  
Monday 15th September in P.E.P.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of last meeting - EO(47) 10th Meeting already circulated.

Item 1(a) Buscot Conference January 1948

Subject to be chosen. Suggested possibilities:-

- (a) International Economic Problems (b) Commonwealth  
Relations (c) Machinery of Central Government  
(d) Some aspects of Trade Unionism.

2. Minutes of Economic & Industrial Committee, 2nd Meeting (attached)

Item 2(c) Distribution of Industry

3. Minutes of Fabian Colonial Bureau Advisory Committee 7th Meeting  
(attached)

4. Minutes of Local Societies Committee 7th Meeting (attached)

5. Chairman of Schools & Socials Committee.

Mikardo has resigned. Stark Murray and Margaret Yates have  
been suggested as possible successors. There is one vacancy  
on the S.C. if it is wished to coopt either.

6. A supplementary Agenda will follow with the Minutes of the  
F.G.P.C. of 8th September, the Minutes of the Publications  
Committee of 10th September, a paper on readers of pamphlets  
and a list of members who have not paid their subscriptions.

8th September 1947

Andrew Filson  
General Secretary.

EC(47)11th Meeting.

FABIAN SOCIETY : : : 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, WESTMINSTER SW1.

Minutes of a Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, 15th September at 4.30p.m. in P.E.P.

Present: Laski (Chair), Barou, Callaghan, Margaret Cole, Diamond, Gray, Corrobin, Jay, Monck, Parker, Woolf, Young and (by invitation) Gossman.

Staff: Filson, Jolley, Anna Whyte.

Apologies: Abrams, Durbin, Faringdon, Hughes, Eirene Jones, Lewis, Robson, Staffington, Stewart.

1. Minutes of EC(47)10th Meeting.

Approved.

2. Financial Position of the Society - EC(47)38.

It was agreed

- (a) that the Hon. Treasurer should be authorised to take such steps as were necessary to meet the immediate commitments of the Society.
- (b) that the E.C.P.C. should be instructed to work out and report to the next meeting a plan for increasing Members' subscriptions on the understanding that (i) the E.C. would like to see salaries covered by subscriptions (ii) the E.C. would like an increase in subscriptions to take effect from January 1948.
- (c) that the E.C.P.C. should also consider how administration expenses could be decreased.
- (d) that efforts should be made to secure donations, etc. from Trade Unions.
- (e) that a report on the financial arrangements regarding the Insurance project should be submitted to the next E.C.

3. Minutes of the Economics and Industrial Committee - EIC(47) 2nd Meeting.

Item 2c. Distribution of Industry.

It was agreed that Mr. W. Scott-Elliot, M.P. should be asked to let his Mes. be published by the Society.

4. Minutes of Fabian Colonial Bureau - FCBC(47)7th Meeting.

Approved.

5. Minutes of Local Societies Committee - LSC(47)7th Meeting.

Approved.

6. Minutes of Publications Committee - PC(47)9th Meeting.Item 2(a) "Future of the Universities."

It was agreed that, as the pamphlet was shorter than anticipated by the Publications Committee, it should be priced at 1/- and issued to 21/- members.

7. Finance and General Purposes Committee (47)11th Meeting.Item 3. Membership Meeting.

The recommendations regarding the Membership Meeting were adopted.

The Chairman agreed to ask Morgan Phillips for a special message which could be read out to the Meeting.

8. Chairman of Schools and Socials Committee.

It was agreed to invite Margaret Yates to accept the Chairmanship of the Schools and Socials Committee and to become a co-opted member of the S.C.

9. Buscot Conference, January 1948.

It was agreed that the subject of the Conference should be "The Machinery of Central Government" and that the Chairman, Monck and the General Secretary should draw up a programme.

10. Fabian v. Tory Debates - FGPC(47)19.

It was agreed

(a) that the subjects and speakers should be:

"Have the Tories a Policy?"	- Hale v. Hogg.
"Finance"	- Callaghan v. Eccles.
"Freedom"	- Foot v. Hollis.
"Food"	- Castle v. Grant..

(b) that Callaghan and the General Secretary should settle the titles of the debates.

(c) that each pair of speakers should be asked to agree on time limits of speeches, etc.

(d) that selection of Chairmen should be postponed to a later meeting.

11. Delegation to Italy.

Parker reported that the Italians had not so far agreed to pay travelling expenses to and from Italy and suggested that expenses should be paid by the Society and be recovered from royalties.

It was, however, agreed (a) that the Society could not take the risk (b) that if all members of the Delegation were willing to pay for their own fares the Society should pay Anne Whyte's fare (c) that the venture would not be worth while if the size of the party was decreased (d) that Parker should inform the Italians that the Society could not embark on the expedition unless the costs of travel were met for us.

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12. Readers of Pamphlets - EC(47)39.(a) Changes of Readers.

It was agreed to approve the action of the General Secretary in replacing Warington (absent in U.S.A.) by Woolf as reader of "Kenya" and Stewart (absent in South America) by Skeffington as reader of "Future of the Universities."

(b) Appointment of Readers.

It was agreed to approve the action of the General Secretary in asking Gray, and Margaret Cole to read R.W.G. Mackay's "Britain's Economic Future."

(c) Readers' Reports.

- (i) "Kenya": approved by both readers and sent to the printers.
- (ii) "Future of the Universities": approved by both readers subject to many amendments, revised and sent to the printers.
- (iii) "Incentives": criticised by the three readers and now returned to the Group for revision and rewriting.
- (iv) "Municipal Income Tax in Sweden": as one favourable and one unfavourable report has been received it was agreed to ask Lady Simon to revise her paper and to send the revised version to Brinley Thomas for reading.
- (v) "Britain's Economic Future": rejected by both readers.
- (vi) "Co-operation in Labour Britain": Barou reported on his negotiations with Gollancz. It was agreed to sanction publication provided that certain alterations were made after discussions between Gray and Jay.

(d) Readers appointed.

- (a) "Twenty Years On" by Stephen Taylor: (i) Margaret Cole and (ii) Monck.
- (b) "Labour Movements in Latin America": (i) Woolf (ii) Humphries or Trend.

13. Pamphlet on "Foreign Policy."

Woolf reported the views of the International Bureau advisory Committee. It was agreed (a) that the pamphlet should be published in November (b) that Monck and Woolf should discuss certain modifications desired by Monck (c) that other members of the FIBAC should be asked to send their suggestions to Woolf (d) that Ewer should be asked to write (i) an appendix or failing that (ii) a rival pamphlet for publication in December subject to the FIBAC approving its quality.

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14. "Facts for Socialists."

It was agreed that Gray should be asked to take over and complete the new edition began by Abrams.

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

September 17, 1947.

NEXT MEETING.

MONDAY, 20TH OCTOBER

4.30 in P.E.P.

EC(47) 12th Meeting.

FABIAN SOCIETY : : 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A meeting will take place at 4.30 p.m.  
on Monday, 20th October in the House of Commons.  
The room number will be announced when the  
Agenda and relevant Papers are circulated  
next week.

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

October 8th, 1947.

E.C. (47) 12th Meeting.

BIAN SOCIETY

11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

NOTE: SIDNEY WBBB will be cremated at 3 p.m. on Friday,  
October 17th at Woking Crematorium.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A Meeting will be held at 4.30 p.m. on Monday,  
20th October in the House of Commons, Room 7 (book-  
ed by John Parker).

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of EC(47)11th Meeting (already circulated).  
All outstanding points covered in the following Agenda.
2. Members' Subscriptions - EC(47)46.
3. Minutes of FGPC(47)12th Meeting - attached.  
Items 10 and 11 require approval.  
Items 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 9a to be noted.  
Item 3 has been covered by Item 2 on this Agenda.
4. Minutes of FGPC(47)13th Meeting - attached.  
Item 9 - paper for E.C. by Monck.  
Items 4 and 8 to be noted.  
Items 5, 6 and 7 have been covered by Item 2 in this Agenda.
5. Minutes of Schools and Social Committee (47) 8th Meeting -  
attached.  
Item 4(d) requires approval.  
Items 2, 3, 4, 5a and 6 to be noted.
6. Minutes of Colonial Bureau A.C. (47) 8th Meeting - attached.  
Item 52(a) requires approval.  
Item 52(c) to be noted.
7. Minutes of Social Services and Amenities Committee (47) 2nd  
Meeting - attached.
8. Minutes of Economics and Industrial Committee (47) 3rd Meeting -  
attached.



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9. Minutes of Local Societies Committee (47) 8th Meeting - attached.
10. Minutes of International Bureau A.C. (47) 8th Meeting - attached.

Item 95(b) requires a decision.

11. Schools and Social Committee - Appointment.

- (a) Appointment of Chairman. Margaret Yates has declined the invitation. I suggest Margaret Room.
- (b) Appointment of Committee for 1947-48. The retiring members are:-

Mrs. D. Archibald, C.R. Blanco-White, L.J. Callaghan, M.I. Cole, Lyndal Evans, E.D. Hughes, H. Humphreys, Ian Mikardo, H. Jenkins, Stark Murray, John Parker, Zena Parker, Margaret Room, Margaret Yates.

12. Pamphlets - October 1947 - EC(47)43 - attached.
13. Removal of June-dated Subscribers - EC(47)44 - attached.
14. Insurance Group - EC(47)45 - attached.
15. Membership Meeting of 27th September - EC(47)42 - attached.

Report circulated for information and in case members of the E.C. wish to make any special comments.

16. Resignation of Michael Stewart from the E.C.

17. Day and Time of Meetings.

The Chairman has asked if the E.C. could meet at 4 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. Will any member who is likely to be absent from this meeting of the E.C. let me know if he can or cannot manage this suggested time?

ANDREW WILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

October 15th, 1947.

NOTE: The Minutes of this Meeting will be circulated with the Agenda for the next meeting. (Hitherto Minutes have been issued shortly after the Meeting in question).

FABIAN SOCIETY

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11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee held at 4.30 p.m. on Monday, 20th October, in the House of Commons.

Present: Parker (Chair), Abrams, Diamond, Horrabin, Hughes, Eirone Jones, Lewis, Monck, Mikardo, Robson, Skeffington and (by invitation) Gossman.

Staff: Filson, Anne Whyte.

Apologies: Laski, Barou, Callaghan, Margaret Cole, Durbin, Gray, Faringdon, Jay, Stewart, Young, Woolf.

1. Minutes of E.C. (47) 12th Meeting.

Approved.

Item 10. Fabian Versus Tory Debates.

It was reported that Callaghan had had to withdraw from the Finance Debate. It was agreed that the General Secretary should invite Jay and Crosthwaite-Eyre and failing them that he should have authority to choose an alternative subject and pair of speakers.

2. Minutes of the Schools and Social Committee - SSC(47)6th Meeting.

(a) Schools in England - 1948.

It was agreed that Dartington and Pasture Wood should each be (provisionally) booked for 3 weeks.

(b) School in Denmark - 1947.

It was agreed that when the final accounts were available a full report on the venture should be submitted to the E.C.

(c) Continental School in 1948.

It was agreed that the possibility of another Continental Summer School should be considered if any Exchange Agreements are concluded with Continental countries.

3. Schools and Social Committee - 1947-78.

It was agreed that

- (a) Margaret Room should be invited to be Chairman.

- (b) The existing Committee should be re-appointed except for Mikardo (resigned), Callaghan (now a Minister) and Humphries (in Birmingham).
- (c) an appropriate member of the Labour Party Staff should be invited to join the Committee.
- (d) the Committee should have power to co-opt three additional members.

4. Vacancy on E.C.

It was agreed that Margaret Room should be invited to join the E.C. if she accepted the Chairmanship of the S.S.C.

5. Membership Subscriptions - EC(47)46.

It was agreed

- (a) to approve the following increases recommended by the F.G.P.C.:-  
10/6 to 21/-, 21/- to 30/-, 42/- to 50/- (without rights to opt for the Bureaux), 42/6 to 60/- (with Bureaux Membership included), Colonial Bureau 10/d to 20/- and International Bureau 7/6 to 15/-.
- (b) not to approve the proposal that there should be a new category at 5/- (or 7/6) open to all applicants and entitling them to Fabian News only.
- (c) to retain a student category as defined in the existing Rule 11, but with the subscription raised from 5/- to 10/- and with the limitation that a member can remain in the student category for not more than 3 years from the date of joining.
- (d) to approve the proposal that a Special General Meeting be convened for 22nd November, 1947.
- (e) to instruct the General Secretary to amend the Resolution submitted regarding the new Rule 11, so as to incorporate the decisions of paras a - c above.
- (f) to amend the Second Resolution so as to read "That the new Rule 11 operate in respect of all subscriptions falling due on or after 1st January, 1948.
- (g) to appoint Mikardo to move the Resolutions and to instruct the General Secretary to find a speaker to second them from the floor.
- (h) to approve the 'Explanatory Circular' provided that (i) the penultimate paragraph was amended (ii) a reference was made to the expansion of services rendered over recent years and (iii) the notice convening the S.G.M. was printed on the back.

- (i) to send out to Bureau Members as soon as possible after the S.G.M. an announcement regarding the increase in Bureau subscriptions.

6. Free Issue of Pamphlets.

- (a) It was agreed NOT to approve the F.G.P.C. recommendation that the Colonial and International Bureaux each be limited to the free circulation of only 3 pamphlets per year to members.
- (b) It was agreed to review the question of limiting the free issue of pamphlets after (i) certain investigations had been completed in regard to the profits and losses of the last 18 months (ii) it was possible to see the financial effect of the increase in Members' subscriptions.

7. Economics in Administration.

- (a) It was agreed that the Chief Clerk and Membership Departments should be combined and that the following new establishment should be approved.
- (i) Chief Clerk in charge of both Departments (£5.10.0).
- (ii) Schools Secretary (£4.12.6), Part-Time Clerical assistant and Junior.
- (iii) Membership Secretary (£4.12.6) and part-time clerical assistant.

The change would bring a saving of about £225 a year.

- (b) It was agreed that the establishment of the Local Societies Department should be reduced by one part-time clerical assistant.

The change would bring a saving of about £117 a year.

- (c) It was agreed that the Honorary Treasurer should prepare a statement showing the costs of the main activities of the Society so that the E.C. could discuss priorities for reductions if it became necessary to make further cuts.

8. Next Meeting.

It was agreed to hold a Special Meeting at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 5th November to consider the remainder of the Agenda.

ANDREW PILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

October 24th, 1947.

FABIAN SOCIETY

: : :

11, DARTMOUTH ST., S.W.1.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A Meeting will be held at 4.30 p.m. on  
Wednesday, 5th November in the House of Commons, Room  
13 (booked by John Parker).

## A G E N D A.

1. Minutes of E.C. (47) 12th Meeting - attached.

NOTE: all the Minutes and Papers mentioned in the following  
items (except for the Minutes of the Publications  
Committee Item 16) were circulated for the last meeting.  
Please bring your copies with you.

2. Minutes of F.G.P.C. (47) 12th Meeting.

Items 10 and 11 require approval.

Items 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 9a to be noted.

Item 3 dealt with last meeting.

3. Minutes of F.G.P.C. (47) 13th Meeting.

Item 9 to be discussed.

Items 4, 5, 6(a) and 6(c), 7 and 8 dealt with last meeting.

4. Minutes of Colonial Bureau A.C. (47) 8th Meeting.

Item 52(a) - as this item was not reached at the last E.C.  
I told the Bureau to proceed with the co-options.

Item 52(c) - the Bureau Advisory Committee is now uncertain  
about the value of this change.

5. Minutes of Social Services and Amenities Committee (47) 2nd  
Meeting.

3. Minutes of Economics and Industrial Committee (47) 3rd Meeting.

7. Minutes of Local Societies Committee (47) 8th Meeting.

8. Minutes of International Bureau A.C. (47) 8th Meeting.  
 Item 95(b). As this item was not reached at the last meeting I had to act on behalf of the E.C. and decided not to approve the proposal for a reception.
9. Pamphlets - October 1947. - EC(47)43.  
 Add to paragraph 1 "Readers To Be Appointed"  
 (b) "Britain's Food Shortage": book by Jack Blitz. Readers suggested Mark Abrams and Charles Smith.  
 (c) "Incentives in Industry": revised pamphlet by Group. Readers suggested: Eirne Jones and Aplin.
10. Removal of June-dated Subscribers - EC(47)44.
11. Insurance Group - EC(47)45.
12. Membership Meeting of 27th September - EC(47)42.  
 Report circulated for information and in case members of the E.C. wish to make any special comments.
13. Resignations from the E.C.  
 (a) Michael Stewart has resigned.  
 (b) Jack Gray has offered to resign owing to absence abroad.
14. Day and Time of Meeting.  
 The Chairman has asked if the E.C. could meet at 4 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. Will any member who is likely to be absent from this meeting of the E.C. let me know if he can or cannot manage this suggested time?  
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- NEW ITEMS.
15. General Secretary.  
 The terms of my appointment were that it should be subject to review on either side at the end of a period of six months. The six months ended on 28th October.
16. Minutes of Publications Committee - PC(47) 15th Meeting - attached  
 Item 2 - Finance. (an item of considerable importance).

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

October 30th, 1947.

EC (47) 13th Meeting.

FABIAN SOCIETY : : : 11, DARTMOUTH ST., WESTMINSTER, S.W.1.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee held at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 5th November in the House of Commons.

Present:: Laski (Chair), Barou, Diamond, Faringdon, Eirene Jones, Jay, Lewis, Mikardo, Monck, Parker, Robson, Skeffington.

Staff: Filson.

Apologies: Abrams, Callaghan, Durbin, Margaret Cole, Hughes, Horrabin, Margaret Room, Woolf, Young.

1. Minutes of EC(47)12th Meeting.

(a) Item 3 - Schools and Social Committee.

It was reported that Margaret Room had accepted the invitation to be Chairman of the S.S.C. and a member of the E.C.

(b) Item 7(a) - Administrative Changes.

It was agreed to confirm the decision that the employment of the Chief Clerk, Stuart Scott, should be terminated on 1st December.

(c) Item 7(c) - Further Economies.

A discussion was initiated but was adjourned until a detailed statement by the Treasurer was available.

Special General Meeting of 22nd November.

In this discussion consideration was also given to Monck's paper on "The Link between Finance and Status" (FGPC(47)25) and the Report on the Members' Meeting of 27th September (EC(47)42).

(a) It was agreed that Mikardo should move the resolutions. The General Secretary reported that Hugh Jenkins had agreed to second from the floor.

(b) The Chairman agreed to follow with a speech from the Chair describing the functions and future tasks of the Society.

(c) It was agreed that efforts should be made to secure publicity for the Chairman's speech through Kingsley Martin, Kimcho, Cudlipp and Eirene Jones (Manchester Guardian).

(d) See item 3(b) below.

3. Sidney Webb,

It was agreed

- (a) that a letter of condolence should be sent on behalf of the E.C. to Barbara Drake, who would be asked to convey the message to his relatives.
- (b) that a formal resolution be drafted by the officers and submitted to the Special General Meeting of 22nd November.

4. Susan Lawrence.

It was agreed

- (a) that a letter of condolence should be sent on behalf of the E.C. to the relatives of Susan Lawrence.
- (b) that Faringdon should write a Memoir for Fabian News.
- (c) that Clara Rackham (sister of her, Pethwick Lawrence or Stansgate) should be asked to write an article on her for Fabian Quarterly.

5. Minutes of FGPC(47)12th Meeting.

- (a) Item 10 - Honorary Life Membership of the Society.

It was agreed that Douglas Cole and Emil Davies should be offered Honorary Life Membership of the Society.

- (b) Item 11 - Staff - Wordy Masel.

It was agreed that the ex gratia payment should be increased from £10 to £14 in accordance with the request of the Staff Association.

6. Minutes of FGPC(47)13th Meeting.

- Item 9 - "The Link between Finance and Status" - FGPC(47)25.

It was agreed to confirm the recommendations of the FGPC

- (a) that steps should not be taken to establish a Club
- (b) that the proposal for a new category of member selected on a basis of achievement should be rejected.

7. Minutes of Colonial Bureau AG(47)8th Meeting.

- (a) Item 52(a) - Co-options.

It was agreed to approve the action of the General Secretary in authorising the Bureau to proceed with the co-options.

- (b) Item 52(f) - "Empire".

It was noted that the Advisory Committee was now uncertain about the value of changing the name of "Empire" to "Colonial Comment".



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8. Minutes of Social Service and Amenities Committee (47) 2nd Meeting.  
Noted.
9. Minutes of Economics and Industrial Committee (47) 3rd Meeting.  
Noted.
10. Minutes of Local Societies Committee (47) 8th Meeting.  
Noted.
11. Minutes of International Bureau (AC)(47) 8th Meeting.

It was agreed to approve the action of the General Secretary in deciding that the reception to Dominion Leaders should not be held.

12. Minutes of Publications Committee - PC(47)10th Meeting.  
Item 2 - Finance.

In view of the need (a) to give pamphlets a higher price than in the past and (b) to maintain a reasonable flow of pamphlets to the different categories of membership, it was agreed to authorise the General Secretary to make exceptions to the rule about the distribution of pamphlets so that e.g. a pamphlet could be priced at 1/- instead of 6d but could still be sent free to 10/6d members.

13. Pamphlets - October 1947 - EC(47)43.

(a) Readers Appointed.

"Films": Diamond and George Archibald.

"Incentives in Industry": - Eirene Jones and Aplin.

"Britain's Food Shortage" (book): - Abrams and Charles Smith.

In the case of "Britain's Food Shortage" it was agreed (i) that the Readers should be asked to consider and report whether the Book would be factually out of date by June 1948 (likely date of publication) (ii) that the author should have facilities for revising statistics before publication (iii) that the Readers' Reports should be accompanied by a synopsis of the Book.

(b) "Twenty Years On".

The General Secretary reported that Gallanz had rejected the pamphlet and that Stephen Taylor had asked for an opportunity to think over the next step. It was agreed that the General Secretary should be authorised to take any steps necessary for publication in agreement with Stephen Taylor.

(c) "Record of the House of Lords."

Robson reported a recommendation from the P.L.G.C. that as parts of the projected booklet on the House of Lords had been completed they should be published without delay.

It was agreed that R.S.W. Pollard's section on "The Record of the House of Lords" and Hardie's "Constitutional Conflict" should be printed with an additional section by H.J. Laski on the Composition, etc., of the House of Lords.

14. Removal of June-dated subscribers - EC(47)44.

It was agreed that the General Secretary should have authority to remove the members named from the records of the Society with the exception of T. Driborg, who would be approached by Mikardo.

15. Insurance Group - EC(47)45.

It was agreed

- (a) that Joan Thompson should be asked if she would agree to complete as much of her report as possible by 31st December and then accept a retaining fee until the results of foreign inquiries justified a resumption of her full-time employment.
- (b) that the General Secretary should ask the Labour Party to state the form in which they would like the report presented and to allow the Society to have publication rights.

16. Membership Meeting of 27th September - EC(47)42.

It was agreed that the detailed suggestions made by members should be referred to the F.G.P.C.

17. E.C. - Resignations and Co-options.

- (a) The Committee accepted with regret the resignation of Michael Stewart following his appointment to the Government.
- (b) The Committee accepted with regret the offer of Jack Gray to resign in view of his six-month absence abroad.
- (c) The Chairman was asked to approach John Strachoy.
- (d) It was agreed to co-opt L. Gossman.
- (e) It was agreed to leave one vacancy and to note if anyone at the S.G.M. of 22nd November showed himself to be an obvious candidate.

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18. Future Meetings - Day and Time.

It was agreed

- (a) to hold a meeting at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 26th November.
- (b) to hold a meeting at 4.30 p.m. on Monday, 15th December.
- (c) to hold meetings at 4.30 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month from January 1948 onwards.

19. General Secretary.

The appointment had been made subject to a review at the end of six months. It was agreed to confirm the appointment.

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

November 7th, 1947.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Executive Committee will take place at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 26th November in the House of Commons, Room 6 (booked by John Parker).

## A G E N D A

It was decided that this meeting should be devoted to a discussion of the Finances of the Society on the basis of the Mikardo-Gossman Report (Item 8 below), but I hope it will be possible to dispose of Items 1-7 beforehand.

1. Minutes of EC(47)13th Meeting (attached).

General Secretary to report on miscellaneous points arising.

2. Removal of July and August dated Subscribers - EC(47)47(attached).3. National Executive Committee of the Labour Party.

I have received a letter from the Secretary of the Haldane Society, who refers to the fact that the R.A.C.S. has in practice always nominated the representative of Division II of the Party and he asks whether the Society would let him know "whether they would favour inviting the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society to discuss the matter with representatives of the five bodies in Division II with a view to seeing whether an amicable agreement could not be arrived at whereby once in every few years at least the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society allowed a nomination of one of the other five bodies to be elected, or alternatively an amendment of the Constitution which would limit Division II to professional and other bodies affiliated to the Party and constitute some separate arrangement for the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society."

May I have instructions please?

4. Easter School.

The S.S.C. has recommended that the Easter School be devoted to the study of some particular aspect of economics. May this be approved in principle so that a detailed programme can be worked out through the Home Research Department?

5. Minutes of the FGPC(47)14th Meeting - attached.

Item 1(d) to be approved.

Items 3, 4, 6 and 7 to be noted.

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6. Minutes of the Publications Committee - PC(47)11th Meeting (attached).  
Item 6(d) to be approved.
7. To Receive Minutes of
- (a) Colonial Bureau Advisory Committee (47) 9th Meeting (attached).
  - (b) International Bureau Advisory Committee (47) 9th Meeting - (attached).
  - (c) Political and Local Government Committee (47) 2nd Meeting - (attached).
  - (d) Local Societies Committee (47) 9th Meeting - (attached).
- (Note: I have withheld the Minutes of the SSC(47)7th Meeting as they will lead to discussions).
8. Finances of the Society by Mikardo and Gossman (already circulated).

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

November 20th, 1947.NEXT MEETINGS.

- 4.30 p.m. on Monday, 15th December in the House of Commons.
- 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 28th January in the House of Commons.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of a meeting held at 4.30 p.m.  
on Wednesday, 26th November, 1947, in the House of  
Commons.

Present: Parker (Chair), Barou, Margaret Cole, Callaghan,  
Diamond, Paringdon, Gossman, Horrabin, Hughes,  
Jay, Eirene Jones, Lewis, Mikardo, Monk, Robson,  
Margaret Room, Skeffington, Woolf.

Staff: Filson, Rita Himen, Marjorie Nicholson, Anne  
Whyte.

Apologies: Laski, Abrams, Young.

1. Minutes of EC(47)13th Meeting.(a) Item 5(a) - Honorary Life Membership.

It was reported that G.D.H. Cole and Emil Davies  
had accepted the offers.

(b) Item 13(b) - "Twenty Years On".

It was reported that Stephen Taylor had placed his  
Mss with Future Publications.

(c) Item 17 - E.C. Resignations.

It was reported that John Strachoy had resigned.

2. Removal of July and August dated Subscribers - EC(47)47.

It was agreed that the General Secretary should have  
authority to remove the names listed from the records of the Soc-  
iety with the following exceptions:

Subscriber:	To be approached by:
Ford, W.T.	Margaret Room.
Cannock D.L.P.	Hughes via local M.P.
East Ham South D.L.P.	Parker " " "
Wimbledon L.P.	Mikardo " " "
Bocheran, P.	" " "
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Cripps, F.	Hughes.

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<u>Subscriber:</u>	<u>To be approached by:</u>
Miles, D.	Filson.
Cowes T.C.	"
Wandsworth T.C.	"
Alger, W.T.	Parker.
Crossland, E.	"
Stokes, R.N.	Mikardo.
Wholan, M.	Parker.
Borte, T.	"
Levy, J.	"
Parsons, J.K.	Filson.

3. N.E.C. of the Labour Party.

It was agreed that the Society should support the attempt of the Haldane Society to secure either (a) an amicable arrangement with the R.A.C.S. or if that failed (b) an amendment to the Constitution regarding Division II of the N.E.C.

4. Easter School.

It was agreed to approve the recommendation of the S.S.C. that the Easter School be devoted to some particular aspect of economics.

5. Minutes of F.G.P.C.(47)14th Meeting.

Item 1(d) - Mrs. Stowell.

It was agreed that an ex-gratia payment of £25 be made to Mrs. Stowell.

6. Minutes of Publications Committee - PC(47)11th Meeting.

(a) Item 6(c) - "Public Enterprise".

It was agreed that a new agreement with Allon and Urwin would not be necessary.

(b) Item 6(d) - "Labour Britain Explained."

It was agreed that this project should be abandoned.

7. The following Minutes were read:-

- (a) Colonial Bureau Advisory Committee (47) 9th Meeting.
- (b) International Bureau Advisory Committee (47) 9th Meeting.
- (c) Political and Local Government Committee (47) 2nd Meeting.
- (d) Local Societies Committee (47) 9th Meeting.

8. Finances of the Society - paper by Mikardo and Gossman.

- (a) Mikardo referred to para 3(11) which stated that one of the reasons why the figures had been difficult to draw up was the lack of a stock valuation. Stock had been

valued since the writing of the paper and in consequence certain figures in Appendix I could be altered:-

penultimate item: for £1060 road, £560.  
 total: for £7627 road £7127.  
 deficit: for £2215 road £1715.

- (b) Mikardo stated that as a result of further discussions he could modify the picture drawn for the 6 months October 1947-March 1948 (para 11 of the paper).

<u>Plus:</u>	D.S.T.:	£
	D.S.T. Recoverable Income Tax:	300
	Conferences, etc:	700
	Royalties:	100
	Subscriptions:	200
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£2600.

<u>Minus:</u>	Donations:	£
	Schools:	200
	Staff:	50
	Printing:	100
		100

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£1150

Therefore the deficit for the second six months would be £1715 less £2600 plus £1150, i.e. £265. Therefore the total deficit for 1947-48 would be £1715 plus £265 i.e. £1980 and the estimated deficit on the trading account would be £1980 plus £228 brought forward for 1946-47 i.e. a total of £2208 at 31st March, 1948.

- (c) In estimating the figures for 1948-49 Mikardo suggested:

- (i) that the likely increase in revenue due to the raising of subscriptions would probably be balanced by the need to increase salaries.
- (ii) that Summer Schools and some other items should yield an increased revenue of say £500.
- (iii) that even if donations were substantial any balance on £2,000 should be put in a Donations Equalisation Fund, i.e. the spendable revenue from Donations would be down £790.
- (iv) that no hopes of help from the Sidney Wobb estate should be entertained for 1948-49.

Therefore it was reasonable to estimate an increased deficit of £790 less £500, i.e. £290 and the deficit for 1948-49 would therefore be £2270.

- (d) These estimates made by Mikardo (sub paras a-c) were in general accepted by the Committee though some members had reservations on particular details.



- (c) Para 13 of the Mikardo-Gossman paper was disputed and it was agreed that objections by members of the Committee or staff should be taken to Mikardo or Gossman and then be discussed by the F.G.P.C.

9. Consideration of Economics.

It was moved that the F.G.P.C. be asked to consider and report how the Society could cut expenditure in 1948-49 by £2,000.

It was moved as an amendment that the figure £1,000 be substituted for the figure £2,000.

The motion as amended was put to the vote and negatived by 6 votes to 4.

The original motion was put to the vote and negatived by 8 votes to 4.

10. Committee to consider methods of increasing revenue.

It was agreed (a) that an ad hoc Committee be appointed to consider and report suggestions for increasing revenue (b) that it should consist of Dorothy Archibald, Barou, Callaghan, Diamond, Gossman, Hughes, Eirene Jones, Mikardo, Monck, Margaret Room, Skeffington, plus the Officers ex officio (Laski, Parker, Margaret Cole) (c) that it should have the right to co-opt and (d) that its first meeting should be at 5.0 p.m. on Monday, 1st December.

11. Reference to F.G.P.C.

It was agreed that the F.G.P.C. should be asked

- (a) to clear up para 13 of the Mikardo-Gossman Paper (see B(c) above).
- (b) to work out some system of budgetary control.

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

December 1st, 1947.

FABIAN SOCIETY

: : :

11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1

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 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
 

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A Meeting will be held at 4.30 p.m.  
on Monday, 15th December in the House of Commons,  
Committee Room 13, booked by John Parker.

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 A G E N D A .
 

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1. Minutes of EC(47)14th Meeting (attached).  
General Secretary to report on points arising.
2. Minutes of Revenue Committee - RC(47)1st Meeting (attached).
 

Items 3 - 5:	To be noted.
Item 6:	To be approved.
Item 7:	To be noted.
Item 8(a):	To be approved.
Item 9:	To be considered.
Items 10 - 15:	To be noted.
3. Minutes of FGPC(47)15th Meeting (attached).  
Items 1(c), 1(g), 2 and 4 to be noted.
4. Removal of September dated Subscribers - EC(47)48.
5. Minutes of Research Planning Committee - RPC(47)3rd Meeting.

Item 2 to be noted.
Item 2(b) to be approved.
Item 3 to be noted (with RPC(47)5 attached to Minutes).
Item 3(a) of Minutes to be approved.

6. Minutes of the Schools and Social Committee - SSC(47)7th Meeting  
(attached).

Item 7(a)L Report on Summer School in Denmark.

(As the Bill has not yet arrived from Denmark a full financial statement must be postponed. The Committee may, however, wish to receive the detailed report annexed to the Minutes of the S.S.C. as the conclusions of the report are unlikely to be affected by the final bill).

Item 8: Financial Report on Frensham and Dartington.

Final figures will be submitted to the next meeting of the S.S.C. and I suggest that discussion be deferred until the S.S.C. report to the E.C.

Item 9: Planning of Summer Schools, 1948.

To be noted.

7. To receive the Minutes of

- (a) International Bureau - IIB(47)10th Meeting (attached).
- (b) Colonial Bureau - CCB(47)10th Meeting (attached).
- (c) Colonial Bureau - CCB(47)11th Meeting (attached).
- (d) Local Societies Committee - LSC(47)11th Meeting (attached).
- (e) Publications Committee - PC(47)12th Meeting (attached).

8. Readers of Pamphlets.

- (a) Management (by a joint Fabian-Assot Group): the pamphlet may be ready before the next E.C. meeting. May readers be appointed? Suggestions (by myself) Mikard and Monk.
- (b) Handbook on Housing: part of the proposed book edited by Abrams may be published separately and will require readers. In the summer the E.C. appointed Diamond and Lord Simon as readers for the book, if the book had been completed. For the separate parts I suggest Diamond or Hughes & Joan Copeland.
- (c) Democracy in the Railways: manuscript offered by F.V. Pickstock, ex-N.U.R., ex-W.E.A. Scholar at Oxford, now Assistant Secretary Oxford Board of Extra Mural Studies. Readers suggested (by myself) Young and Champion.

9. Nature of E.C. Agenda.

It is generally agreed that the E.C. Agendas are too full and that too many papers are circulated - but what can be cut out?

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Is it still desired that Minutes of all Committees should be circulated or would it be possible merely (a) to report urgent points requiring a decision or publicity and (b) to circulate at, say, quarterly intervals reports on the Home Research, the Bureaux, Local Sections, Schools (this might give a more intelligible picture of activities and problems).

Are too many Memoranda circulated? If so, which recent ones have been superfluous? Will members of the E.C. be content with verbal statements and reports?

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

December 11th, 1947.

NEXT MEETING.

4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28th, 1948.

EC(47)15th Meeting: Minutes.

FABIAN SOCIETY

: : :

11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of a Meeting held at 4.30 p.m. on  
Monday, 18th December in the House of Commons.

**Present:** Laski (Chair), Barou, Callaghan, Margaret Cole, Durbin,  
Faringdon, Gossman, Hughes, Mikardo, Monck, Parker, Marg-  
aret Room, Skeffington, Woolf.

**Apologies:** Diamond, Horrabin, Young.

**Staff:** Filson, Jolley, Anne Whyte.

1. Minutes of EC(47)14th Meeting.

Approved.

2. Co-options.

It was agreed that the Chairman should invite Lord Inman to  
become a member of the E.C.

3. Minutes of Revenue Committee (47)1st Meeting.(a) Item 1(a): Chairmanship.

It was agreed that if Diamond was unable to accept Lord  
Inman should be invited to take the chair.

(b) Item 6: Dual Subscriptions Scheme.

Callaghan promised to obtain an informal opinion on the  
legality of the scheme from Inland Revenue experts.

(c) Item 8: Library and Bookshop.

The recommendation to sell the library except for essen-  
tial works of reference was approved in principle.

The Chairman promised to advise on the books to be re-  
tained and on the pricing and disposal of valuable books, etc.  
to be sold.

(d) Item 9: Special Drive by Members of the E.C.

The suggestion made by Woolf was approved. It was agreed  
that each member of the E.C. should be asked to send to the Gen-  
eral Secretary a list of wealthy subscribers he was willing to  
approach so that overlapping could be avoided.

(e) Item 15: Estimated Prospects.

It was agreed

(a) that in case the drive for Revenue should not succeed the  
F.G.P.C. should prepare a report on possible economies  
and cuts.

- (b) that in March the F.G.P.C. and E.C. should consider the Budget for 1948-49 realistically and should have ready for the A.G.M. a full statement of the position and prospects together with plans for balancing the budget.

10,000 Membership Committee.

It was agreed that an ad hoc Committee should be set up to investigate and report on the possibility of increasing the Membership to (say) 10,000 so that regular income and expenditure could be balanced and that the Committee should consist of Monck and Young with powers to co-opt.

Removal of September-dated Subscribers - EC(47)48.

(The title on EC(47)48 was erroneously given as 'July dated Subscribers')

It was agreed that the members listed should be removed except for the following:-

<u>Category</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>To be approached by</u>
42B	Lord Fley	Farrington.
"	Stewart	Filson to ask Skinnard.
"	Szapiro	Parker.
"	Wook, Mr. & Mrs.	"
21/-	Hirsch	Mikardo.
"	London T.C.	Filson to ask Aplin.
10/6d	Hall	Mikardo.
"	Lewin.	Jolley.
"	Picklos.	Laski.

Minutes of RPC(47)3rd Meeting.

- (a) Item 2(a): Work of the Home Research Department.

It was agreed that the new procedure should be approved on the understanding that volunteers for Group secretarial work should be carefully vetted and that new Groups should not be launched without an assurance of proper secretarial assistance being available.

- (b) Item 2(b) ii: Co-options to RPC.

It was agreed that Fletcher and Goodman should be invited to join the RPC.

- (c) Item 3(a) i: "Socialism and Democracy".

It was reported that Laski was seeing Lindsay and that Laski had provisionally offered to write the pamphlet if Lindsay withdrew. It was agreed to accept this offer if Laski could still find the time but otherwise to ask Stephen Taylor to write the pamphlet.

Minutes of Schools and Social Committee(47)7th Meeting.

- Item 7: Report on Summer School in Denmark.

The report was received subject to a financial statement being submitted later when figures were available. It was agreed that no Foreign Summer School should be held in 1948.

8. Minutes of International Bureau Advisory Committee (47) 10th Meeting.

- (a) Item 113: Visit to Norway.

Project approved on the understanding that no cost fall on the Bureau.

- (b) Item 114: Membership of the Committee.

It was agreed that the General Secretary should write to Doroon Warriner on behalf of the Executive and ask her to reconsider her decision.

- (c) Item 115: Russian Economic Policy in Eastern Europe.

Bureau promised assistance.

- (d) Item 118: Lectures at Danish Summer School.

It was agreed that Hughes and Anne Whyte should further discuss the use to be made of these lectures.

9. The following Minutes were noted:

- (a) Colonial Bureau - FCB(47)10th Meeting.  
 (b) Colonial Bureau - FCB(47)11th Meeting.  
 (c) Local Societies Committee - LSC(47)11th Meeting.  
 (d) Publications Committee - PC(47)12th Meeting.

10. Readers of Pamphlets.

- (a) Management: Mikardo and Menck.  
 (b) Democracy on the Railways: Young and Champion (on the understanding that there might be a policy announcement by the British Transport Commission which would make it not worthwhile to publish the pamphlet).  
 (c) Handbook on Housing. It was agreed that (i) the project of the book should be dropped (ii) Hughes should rewrite the chapter on Direct Labour for publication in the March Quarterly (iii) Hughes should ask Bowen to revise his chapter for publication in the June Quarterly.

11. Nature of E.C. Agenda.

It was agreed that the Minutes of the E.I.C., P.L.G.C., S.S.A.C., C.B.A.C., F.I.B.A.C., S.S.C. and L.S.C. need not in future be circulated to the E.C. and that instead the General Secretary should arrange a series of Quarterly reports on the understanding that items calling for early decision or publicity should be submitted as they arise.

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

December 31st, 1947.

LABOUR SOCIETY

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11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A meeting will be held at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 28th January in the House of Commons Room 11, booked by John Parker.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of EC(47)15th Meeting (already circulated).  
General Secretary to report on points arising.
2. International Bureau Report - F.I.B.(48)4 - (attached).
3. Colonial Bureau Report - F.C.B.(48)1 - (attached).
4. Removal of October-dated Subscribers - EC(48)2 (attached).
5. Publications Report January 1948 - EC(48)3 (attached).
6. Membership Committee Report - EC(48)4 (attached).
7. Minutes of Revenue Committee - RC(48)1st Meeting (attached).
8. Minutes of Revenue Campaign Council - RCC(48)1st Meeting (attached).
9. Minutes of FGPC(47)16th Meeting (attached).
10. Minutes of FGPC(48)1st Meeting (attached).
11. Membership of the E.C.  
Resignation of Arthur Lewis. There are now 4 vacancies or 3 if Lord Inman accepts our invitation.
12. London Labour Party.
  - (a) Delegates to the Annual Conference.
  - (b) Representative on Education Sub-Committee.
  - (c) Representative on E.C. of L.L.P.
  - (d) Communication from Socialist Medical Association.
13. Labour Party Annual Conference.  
Appointment of Delegate.
14. Any Other Business.

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

January 21st, 1948.

NOTES.

- A. NEXT MEETING 4.30 p.m. Wednesday, 25th February.
- B. Meetings of the following Committees have been held since the last E. but Minutes have not been circulated in accordance with the decision then made: Economics, Social Services, International Bureau, Colonial Bureau, Schools (twice), Local Societies and Publications.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of a Meeting held at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 28th January, 1948, in the House of Commons.

- Present: Parker (Chair), Callaghan, Margaret Cole, Diamond, Faringdon, Gossman, Hughes, Eirene Jones, Mikardo, Monck, Margaret Room, Skeffington, Young.
- Staff: Filson, Rita Hindon, Jolley, Margaret Locke, Marjorie Nicholson, Anne Whyte.
- Apologies: Laski, Abrams, Barou, Horradin, Woolf.

Minutes of EC(47) 15th Meeting.

- (a) Special Drive by Members of the E.G. (Item 4).

The General Secretary gave a progress report. It was agreed that the officers should write to the members who had not so far co-operated.

- (b) Co-options to R.P.C. (Item 6(b)).

The General Secretary reported that Goodman had accepted and Fletcher declined the invitation.

- (c) Socialism and Democracy. (Item 6(c)).

The General Secretary reported that Laski was still negotiating with Lindsay.

- (d) Membership of the I.B. Advisory Committee (Item 8(b)).

The General Secretary reported that Dorcon Warriner had not changed her mind.

Inter national Bureau Report - I.B.(48)4.

Approved.

Colonial Bureau Report - C.B.(48)1.

It was agreed that the Advisory Committee should be asked to consider the possibility of a book on "Education in the Colonies".

Removal of October-dated Subscribers - E.C.(48)2.

- (a) It was agreed to delete the names except for the undermentioned who would be approached as stated:-

<u>Category</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>To be approached by</u>
42B	A.S.S.E.T. Osband E. Osband S.	Mikardo. " "
42/-	Bentley. Stevenson.	" Parker.
21/-	Bishop. Eburne Dumpleton. Wilson.	Mikardo. Parker. Hughes. Gen. Sec.
10/6d.	Austin. Dushinsky. Loyton T.C. Millington. Munro. Soars.	Eirene Jones. Parker. Gen. Sec. (via Sorenson), Hughes. Parker. Mikardo.

(b) It was agreed that in future the Losses and Gains Statement should indicate the net financial gains or losses.

#### 5. Summer Schools.

##### (a) Denish School 1947.

The General Secretary reported that no charge had been made for places not used so that the School would show a slight profit.

##### (b) Dartington Prices 1948.

The General Secretary reported that Dartington prices would be up 10/- per student per week.

It was agreed (i) to cancel the booking for the third week (14th-21st August) (ii) to add the 10/- to students fees.

##### (c) Foreign Summer School 1948 - EC(48)5.

It was agreed that further inquiries should be made, that the S.S.C. should be authorised to take a decision subject to ratification by the F.G.P.C., that details should be announced at the same time as details of the home Summer Schools and that the International Bureau should be consulted in the framing of the programme.

##### (d) Home Summer Schools Programmes.

It was agreed that one week should be devoted to the subject "Labour's Domestic Programme for 1950"

#### 6. Publications Report - January 1948 - EC(48)3.

##### (a) Readers' Reports.

##### (i) Britain's Food Shortage (Item 2(a)).

It was agreed that Charles Smith should be asked to consider whether this book could be condensed into a booklet with the addition of the three points noted in his Reader's Report and that Jack Blitz should then

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be approached according to Smith's answer.

- (11) "Parties and Politics in U.S.A." (Item 2(b)).

It was agreed to reject the pamphlet.

- (b) Readers Appointed.

- (i) "Catholicism as a Political Force in Europe" (Item 3)

Woolf, Barbara Ward and Healey.

- (ii) "Films".

Joe Polo in lieu of George Archibald if the latter should be in America.

- (c) Insurance Group (Item 4).

It was agreed to defer consideration of suitable readers, one of whom should be a lawyer.

- (d) "Fabian Futures" (Item 6).

Referred to R.P.C.

Membership Committee: First Report - EC(48)4.

- (a) Topical Tracts (Item 11).

It was agreed (i) to ask the Membership Committee to report further on possible subjects, writers, length and circulation of such tracts. (ii) to authorise the M.C. to publish a tract before the next E.C. if they so wished.

- (b) Work on Programme for 1950. (Item 16(b)).

Referred to R.P.C. with approval in principle.

- (c) Biographies of Living Leaders. (Item 13).

Referred to F.G.P.C. with approval in principle.

- (d) Improvement of Layout, etc. (Item 14).

Approved in principle. Michael Middleton of Labour Party to be asked for advice.

- (e) Turns tile Press.

It was agreed to ask the Turnstile Press to share sponsorship of our pamphlets with "Fabian Publications".

Minutes of Revenue Committee (48)1st Meeting

Approved.

Minutes of the Revenue Campaign Council (48)1st Meeting.

It was agreed to approve the winding-up of the Revenue Committee and the handing-over of responsibility to the elected Revenue Executive Committee.

10. Minutes of the F.G.P.C.(47)16th Meeting.

- (a) Fabian Quarterly and Fabian News. (Item 3).

It was agreed to defer a decision until dummies were available and that Michael Middleton should be consulted.

- (b) Tea Party for Staff (Item 4).

It was agreed that the Staff should be invited to a tea-party before the next meeting of the E.C. (25th February) and that the Officers should arrange it.

11. Minutes of the F.G.P.C.(48)1st Meeting.

- (a) Annual Report (Item 3).

It was agreed that a special meeting of the E.C. should be held in mid-April to consider the Annual Report.

- (b) Annual General Meeting (Item 4).

It was agreed not to approve the recommendation that there should be a two-day A.G.M. this year and instead to test the feelings of members as to whether they would like a two-day A.G.M. or a residential conference or no change.

- (c) Staff Sick Leave - S.A.(48)1 (Item 6).

Approved.

- (d) Circulars and Monthly Despatch.

It was agreed to make an exception (which would not constitute a precedent) in the case of the special quarterly document issued by the N.P.C.

12. Membership of the E.C.

- (a) It was reported that Robson had confirmed his resignation but would continue to act as Chairman of the P.L.G.C.

- (b) It was reported that Arthur Lewis had resigned on taking up his appointment as Professor of Economics in Manchester University. It was agreed that a congratulatory message should be sent to him.

- (c) It was reported that Laski had not yet had an answer from Inman regarding the invitation to join the E.C.

- (d) It was agreed not to fill the vacancies existing.

13. Day and Time of Future Meetings.

It was reported that Woolf could not manage Wednesdays and might have to resign.

It was agreed that the General Secretary should approach Laski and find out if any day other than Wednesday would be suitable.

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14. London Labour Party.

Items on Agenda referred to F.G.P.C.

15. Labour Party Annual Conference.

Items on Agenda referred to F.G.P.C.

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

January 30th, 1948.

EC(48)2nd Meeting: AGENDA.

FABIAN SOCIETY

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11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

t There will be a meeting at 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 25th February, 1948, in the House of Commons Committee Room 6, booked by Parker.

A G E N D A.1. Minutes of EC(48)1st Meeting (attached).

Matters arise on items 1(a), 1(c), 5(c), 10(a) and 13.

2. Removal of November-dated Subscribers - EC(48)6 (attached).3. Local Societies Report - LSC(48)1 (attached).4. Schools, Conferences, Meetings - EC(48)9 (attached).Party to Norway.

Should fare and/or expenses of Secretary (anno Whyto) be paid?

5. Future Plans for Research and Publications - EC(48)7 (attached).7. Publications - February 1948 - EC(48)8 (attached).8. Minutes of FGPC(48)2nd Meeting - (attached).

Items 2(a) and 3(a).

9. Minutes of FGPC(48)3rd Meeting (attached).

10. Any Other Business.

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

February 18th, 1948.

EC(48)2nd Meeting: MINUTES.

FABIAN SOCIETY

11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of a Meeting held at 5.0 p.m. on Wednesday,  
25th February, in the House of Commons.

Present: Parker (Chair), Barou, Diamond, Farington,  
Gossman, Margaret Room, Skeffington, Eirene  
White, Young.

Staff: Filson, Dorothy Fox, Rita Hindon, Jolley,  
Marjorie Nicholson, Anne Whyte.

Apologies: Callaghan, Margaret Cole, Horrabin, Mikardo,  
Monck, Woolf.

1. Minutes of EC(48)1st Meeting.

(a) Special Drive by Members of the EC - Item 1(a).

Parker reported he would be writing to individual members of the EC.

(b) "Socialism and Democracy" - Item 1(c).

The General Secretary reported he had not yet heard whether Laski had received an answer from Lindsay.

(c) Fabian Quarterly and Fabian News - Item 10(a).

Referred to FGPC.

2. Removal of November-dated Subscribers - EC(48)6.

Category:	Name:	To be Approached by:
42B	Benson.	Rita Hindon.
"	Donnelly.	Eirene White.
"	Grundy.	Parker.
"	Harrison.	Parker.
"	Holigh-Morgan.	Parker.
"	Mallinson.	Parker.
"	Roy.	A member of the Staff.
21/-	Matthowson.	Margaret Room.
"	Noble.	Eirene White.
"	Silverman.	Parker.
"	Sington.	Parker.
"	Wise.	Filson.
10/6d.	Herron.	Parker.

3. L.S.C. Report - LSC(48)1.

Received.

4. Schools, Conferences, Meetings 1947-48 - EC(48)9.(a) Summer Schools 1947 - Item 2(a).

It was reported that the profit on Denmark would be £200 instead of £100, as the previous accountant had entered one item of expenditure in two places.

(b) Buscot Park Conferences - Item 4(d)i.

It was agreed that normally guests should be charged though exceptions could be made, especially when a Conference was a business one composed of volunteer workers for the Society.

(c) Meetings - Item 5(d).

It was agreed that for lectures and debates the practice of two prices should be approved and that the lower one should be (say) 1/6d.

(d) Financial Summary - Item 7.

As a consequence of sub-para (a) above the profits in the third column should be amended £546 instead of £446 and £908 instead of £808.

5. Party to Norway.

It was agreed that as the Italian expedition had fallen through the Society should instead pay the fare and expenses of Anne Whyte in the Norway Expedition up to £35.

6. Future Plans for Research and Publications - EC(48)7.(a) Work on Programme for 1950 - Item 2.

(i) It was agreed that the Elm Grant Trust should be asked for a grant to subsidise work on "Socialist Philosophy of Education" (a synopsis was circulated at the Meeting) and that if a grant was received the F.G.P.C. should be empowered to engage a Research Assistant.

(ii) It was agreed that the Elm Grant Trust should also be asked to give a subsidy for work on "Integration of Colonial and Economic Policies".

(iii) It was reported that arrangements had been made to start work on "Policy for Leisure", "Housewives' Charter" and "Policy for Agriculture" and that an author had been found for "Nationalisation of the Building Industry".



(b) Fabian Futures - Item 3.

It was agreed to approve the series except for the pamphlets "The Jews" and "The Negro", which should be referred back to the R.P.C.

(c) Biographies of Living Leaders - Item 4.

It was reported that Foot and Webb were unwilling to write, that Mallalieu would write at a later date and that Wyatt would write only one (instead of four) profiles.

It was agreed that priority should be given to finding an author for the set on Foreign Affairs (Eirene White promising to help with the search for an author).

(d) Topical Pamphlets - Item 6.

It was agreed that the Membership Committee should be asked to reconsider their plans for a pamphlet on the Iron and Steel Industry.

(e) Laymen Readers for Pamphlets - Item 8(c).

It was agreed that in future, when time permitted, an additional layman reader should be appointed to report on obscurities and osotericisms and that such readers should be found by the Office Staff.

7. Publications - February 1948 - EC(48)8.(a) Readers' Reports.

- (i) "Industrial Democracy on the Railways": it was agreed to reject this.
- (ii) "Incentives": it was agreed to submit this to a layman reader.

(b) Readers Appointed.

	<u>Title:</u>	<u>Readers.</u>
(i)	"Programme for 1950":	Young and Hughes.
(ii)	"Costing and Accounting in a Socialised Industry:	J.F. Moade and Gossman.
(iii)	"Towards a National Wages Policy":	M.I. Colo and Ben Roberts.
(iv)	"Foreign Economic Policy":	Durbin (or Jay) and Douglas Colo.
(v)	"Russian Economic Policy in Eastern Europe":	Woolf, Barou, Doreen Warriner, Rostas.
(vi)	"B.B.C." (by Robson):	Margaret Room and A.N. OTHER.
(vii)	"Insurance Report":	Diamond, Cherley, Joan Clarko.

8. Groups' Methods of Working.

It was agreed that the Home Research Department should prepare a Memorandum on "How a Group should Work".

9. Minutes of F.G.P.C.(48)2nd Meeting.

(a) Resolution of S.M.A. for London Labour Party Conference - Item 2(a).

Amendment suggested by F.G.P.C. was approved.

(b) Labour Party Annual Conference - Item 3(a).

It was agreed that the General Secretary should be the Delegate.

10. Minutes of F.G.P.C.(48)3rd Meeting.

Received.

11. Co-options to E.C.

It was agreed to co-opt Gray and Allan Flanders.

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

February 28th, 1948.

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EC(48)3rd Meeting: AGENDA.

FABIAN SOCIETY

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11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A Meeting will take place at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 24th March, 1948, in the House of Commons, Committee Room 15 booked by John Parker.

A G E N D A

Note. the Main Business is Item 5.

1. Minutes of EC(48)2nd Meeting (attached).
2. Publications, March 1948 - EC(48)10 (attached).
3. Removal of December-dated Subscribers - EC(48)9 (to follow).
4. Home Research Department - HR(48)1 (attached).
5. Minutes of FGPC(48)4th Meeting submitting Preliminary Budget for 1948-49 - (to follow).
6. Any Other Business.

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

March 17th, 1948.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 14th April in order to consider the Draft Annual Report.

The NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 28th April, unless the Committee decides to revert to Mondays, in which case it will be on Monday, 26th April.

EC(48)3rd Meeting: SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA.

FABIAN SOCIETY

: : :

11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Meeting at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 24th March, 1948.

The Agenda has already been circulated. I am enclosing the following additional papers:

For Item 3: Removal of Decomber-dated Subscribers - EC(48)9.

For Item 5: Minutes of FGPC(48)4th Meeting with Preliminary Budget 1948-49 - FGPC(48)6.

For Information: Membership 1947-49 - EC(48)11.

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

March 19th, 1948.

EC(48)3rd Meeting: MINUTES.

FABIAN SOCIETY

: : :

11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of a Meeting held in the House of Commons  
at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 24th March, 1948.

**Present:** Parker (Chair), Barou, Margaret Cole, Diamond,  
Durbin, Flanders, Gossman, Hughes, Mikardo, Monk,  
Margaret Romm.

**Staff:** Filson and (for items 1-4) Jolley.

**Apologies:** Faringdon, Gray, Herrabin, Jay, Laski, Skeffington,  
Eirene Jones, Woolf, Young.

1. Minutes of E.C.(48)2nd Meeting.(a) "Socialism and Democracy" - item 1(b).

It was agreed that as Laski was now in America  
the General Secretary should approach Lindsay.

(b) Elmgrant Trust - item 6(a).

It was reported

(i) that the Trust had allotted the Society £450  
that the F.G.F.C. had engaged Joan Thompson for a  
year to work 3/4 time for £300 and that a further  
£50 would be spent on research work in connection  
with this project.

(ii) that the Trust was unable to subsidise the work  
on the Integration of our Colonial and Economic  
Policies.

(c) London Labour Party Conference (item 9(a)).

It was reported that the Amendment had been  
ruled out of order.

(d) Co-options to the E.C. - item 11.

It was reported that Flanders and Gray had  
accepted the invitations.

2. Publications March 1948 - EC(48)10.(a) Readers' Reports.

(i) Mikardo - "Next Five Years": Readers (Hughes  
and Young) favourable. Pamphlet being printed.

(ii) Group - "Incentives": layman reader very unfav-  
ourable. Pamphlet rejected and subject referred  
to E.I.C.

- (iii) Group - "Management by Consent": Readers - M'ack favouring publication, Mikardo critical. Pamphlet referred to Margaret Cole.
- (iv) Group - "Films". Readers (Diamond and Cole) favouring publication after certain revisions. Pamphlet to be published after revision. Price to be decided after negotiations with Elvin of A.C.T.
- (b) Readers appointed.

	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Readers Suggested</u>
(i)	Marjorie Nicholson	"Communal Problems in the Colonies".	Faringdon and Sorenson.
(ii)	Mrs. Bin-yan.	"S. Africa before U.N.C.".	Horrabin and Eirno White.
(iii)	Various	"Future of Ex-Italian Colonies".	Faringdon and Greenidge.
(iv)	H. Barham	"Nationalisation of the Building Industry".	Diamond and G.D.H. Cole.
(v)	G.D.H. Cole.	"National Coal Board"	Robson and E. Dixon.

3. Removal of December-dated Subscribers - EC(48)9.

Names listed to be removed except :-

<u>Category</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>To be approached by</u>
42B	Pionburgh Liverman Tarrant	Filson. Room. Mikardo.
21/-	Goker Goodman Harry Samuels	Dorothy Fox Room Gwyneth Morgan. Tarker.
10/6d	Green Moldrum Minns Tape	Sybil Trinsky. Mikardo. Room. Sybil Trinsky.
5/-	Schultz	Tarker.

4. Home Research Department - HR(48)1.

Received.

5. Minutes of FGPC(48) 4th Meeting.

(a) Preliminary Budget.

See Item 7 below.

(b) Amendment to Rule 11 - Item 9.

Deferred till Special Meeting of 14th April.

6. Membership 1947-48 - EC(48) 11.

Received.

7. Preliminary Budget 1948-49 - FGPC(48) 6.

(a) Mikardo introduced the Budget. Parker spoke on the D.S.T., Gosman on the Revenue Campaign Council and Margaret Cole on the Sidney Webb Will.

(b) The principles of the Budget were approved with Monck adding his view that there should also be a political assessment of the objects and functions of the Society.

(c) It was reported that certain friends of the Colonial Bureau might be willing to raise funds to meet the cost of the salary of the Assistant Secretary of the Bureau. It was agreed that the sum required should be put at £400 in order to meet the oncosts as well as the basic salary, and that negotiations should be left to the F.G.P.C.

(d) It was agreed that the officers should meet the Staff, explain the position and hear their views.

(e) It was agreed that the Budget should be accepted, that the F.G.P.C. should be authorised to take any necessary action and that the position should be reviewable should there be any change in the finances of the Society or of any particular department or should alternative courses of action be suggested.

8. Revenue Campaign Council.

(a) May Time Ball on May 6th.

All members of the E.C. were asked to attend.

(b) Garden Party.

It was agreed that the Officers would approach the Prime Minister if a suitable place for the party was found.

9. Home Research Secretary.

It was reported that Leo Jolley might be appointed Research Secretary of A.S.S.E.T.

It was agreed that he should be replaced by an Assistant General Secretary at the rate £450-500.

10. Day and Time of Future Meetings.

It was agreed to continue to meet at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

April 5th, 1948.



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EC(48) 4th Meeting: AGENDA.

FABIAN SOCIETY

: : :

11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A Meeting will be held at 4.30 p.m. on  
Wednesday, 14th April, 1948, in the House of Commons  
Committee Room 11 booked by John Parker.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of EC(48) 3rd Meeting - attached.
2. Draft Annual Report - 1947-48 - EC(48) 12 - attached.
3. Resolutions for A.G.M. - EC(48) 13 - attached.
4. Any Other Business.

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

P L E A S E   R E M E M B E R

4.30 p.m.	Wednesday	April	28th	-	E.C.
7.00 p.m.	Thursday	May	6th	-	May Time Ball.
2.30 p.m.	Saturday	June	26th	-	A.G.M.
8.00 p.m.	Saturday	June	26th	-	A.G.M. Reception.

FABIAN SOCIETY

: : :

11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held at 4.30 p.m. on  
Wednesday, 14th April, 1948, in the House of Commons.

Present: Parker (Chair), Barou, Margaret Cole, Diamond, Faringdon, Flanders, Gossman, Horrabin, Monck, Margaret Room, Eireno White, Young.

Apologies: Abrams, Laski, Callaghan, Hughes, Mikardo, Skeffington, Woolf.

Staff: Filson and (except for item 6) Dorothy Fox, Margaret Hayward, Rita Hindon and Jolley.

1. Minutes of EC(48)3rd Minutes.

- (a)
- London Labour Party Conference - Item 1(c).

It was reported that the S.M.A. Resolution had been passed.

- (c)
- Readers of "Future of Ex-Italian Colonies" - Item 2(b)(11)

It was agreed to replace Greenidge by Leonard Woolf.

2. Readers of "Facts For Socialists".

It was agreed to appoint Margaret Cole, Gray and Hughes instead of Gray, Barna, Kaldor and Lewis, who had been appointed in 1946.

3. Draft Annual Report. - EC(48)12.

It was agreed

- (a) that the main body of the Report should be approved subject to certain revisions.
- (b) that Margaret Cole should draft an introduction and conclusion for approval at the next meeting of the E.C.

4. Letter from Bosworth Monck. - EC(48)14.

This letter from Monck was circulated at the meeting as he was unable to be present until the end of the meeting.

- (a) Some of the detailed points were incorporated.
- (b) In regard to the general points it was agreed
- (i) that no Minority Report could be allowed.
- (ii) that Monck, Young and Filson should submit to the next meeting of the E.C. a Questionnaire which

if approved, could be sent to members on 1 June and be used as a basis for discussion at the A.G.M.

5. Resolutions for A.G.M. - EC(48)13 and F.G.P.C.(48)4.

It was agreed

- (a) to approve the new Rule 11 suggested in FGPC(48)4.
- (b) to submit no other resolution, unless one arose out of the discussion on the Questionnaire (para 5(b)11 above).

6. Economy Cuts - Alternative Suggested - FGPC(48)5.

- (a) It was agreed to approve the recommendations made in regard to the Home Research Department (para 2), the Colonial Bureau (para 3) and the Assistant General Secretary (para 5).
- (b) It was agreed that Gossman and Filson should investigate the Turnoll scheme of re-organisation with a view to increasing staff salaries.

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

P L E A S E   R E M E M B E R

Thursday	6th	May:	MAYTIME BALL.
Wednesday	26th	May:	E.C.
Wednesday	23rd	June:	E.C.
Saturday	26th	June:	A.G.M. (2.30 p.m.)
			Reception in the evening.

April 16th, 1948.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A meeting will be held at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, in the House of Commons, Committee Room 11, booked by John Parker.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of EC(48)4th Meeting - attached.
2. Colonial Bureau Quarterly Report FCB(48)9 - attached.
3. International Bureau Quarterly Report - to follow.
4. Report on Publications 1946-48 - FCB(48)19. - attached.
5. Readers of Pamphlets.
  - (a) Reports of Readers.
    - (i) Management by Consent - revised by Margaret Cole and sent to the printers.
    - (ii) Communal Problems - approved by readers and sent to the printers.
    - (iii) Towards a National Wages Policy - readers of balance unfavourable.
    - (iv) B.B.C. - readers unfavourable.
  - (b) Readers to be Appointed.
 

"National Wages Policy" - results of a Questionnaire circulated by Birmingham Fabian Society. Analysis of answers by Mass Observation and a comment by the Tavistock Clinic.
6. Annual Report - Introduction and Conclusion - EC(48) 17 - attached.
7. Questionnaire for members - to follow.
8. Nomination of Ivor Montagu for EC - EC(48) 15 - already circulated.
9. Annual General Meeting 1948 - EC(48) 16- attached.
10. Autumn Lectures 1948.
  - (a) Selection of subject (Suggestion: "Programme for 195").
  - (b) Appointment of sub-committee to submit programme: (Suggestion - Mikardo, Young, Gray).
11. Any Other Business.

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 PABLAN SOCIETY : : : 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.  
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of a Meeting held at 4.30 p.m.  
 on Wednesday, 28th April in the House of Commons.

- Attendance: Parker (Chair), Barou, Margaret Cole, Faringdon, Flanders, Gossman, Gray, Hughes, Mikardo, Margaret Room, Skeffington, Eirene White, Young.
- Staff: Filson, Rita Hinden, Margaret Locko, Marjorie Nicholson, Anno White.
- Apologies: Laski, Diamond, Durbin, Horrabin, Monck, Woolf.

1. Minutes of EC(48)4th Meeting.

Home Research Secretary - item 6(a).

It was agreed

- (a) that a short list should be selected by a subcommittee composed of members of the E.C. attending the Scarborough Conference.
- (b) that the short listed candidates should be interviewed by the Sub-Committee plus Margaret Cole and Durbin.

2. Autumn Lectures.

It was agreed that the subject should be "Programme for 1950" and that a detailed plan should be drawn up by Mikardo, Young and Skeffington with Gray to be consulted.

• Colonial Bureau Quarterly Report - FCB(48)9.

It was agreed that full-time Colonial students, wherever resident, could subscribe at half-rates.

A verbal addition was made to the Report regarding recent Bureau Correspondence in the press.

International Bureau Quarterly Report - FIB(48)22.

Received.

Report from Publications Committee - PC(48)19.

It was agreed that Woolf, Eirene White, Mikardo or Gossman and Edith Moore should be asked to attend a meeting of the Publications Committee in order to examine this Report and make recommendations to the F.G.P.C.

6. Readers of Pamphlets.(a) Readers' Reports.

- (i) Management by Consent - revised and sent to the printers.
- (ii) Communal Problems - approved and sent to the printers.
- (iii) Towards a National Wages Policy - readers in balance unfavourable. Pamphlet rejected.
- (iv) Foreign Economic Policy - readers favourable provided some revisions are made. Publication approved.
- (v) South Africa - Bureau staff reported Mss not good enough to go to readers. Pamphlet rejected.
- (vi) B.B.C. - Reader reported the approach was out of date. Pamphlet rejected.

(b) Readers Appointed.

- (i) National Wages Policy - (Birmingham Fabian Society). Readers appointed: Mikardo and Flanders.
- (ii) Report on Norway - Woolf or Margaret Cole and Inman.

7. Annual Report - Introduction and Conclusion.

- Draft by Margaret Cole - EC(48)17.
- Comments by Monck - EC(48)19  
(Circulated at the Meeting).

- (a) Draft approved subject to revisions which Margaret Cole would make in the light of the discussions on the two documents.
- (b) It was agreed that if Monck still did not wish to sign the revised report the following sentence should be added "One of the Members of the Executive Committee, Besworth Monck, does not subscribe to this Report."

8. Questionnaire - EC(48)18.

Consideration was also given to some additional suggestions submitted by Monck and to a revised Questionnaire which incorporated some of the points made by Monck and others to the General Secretary.

It was agreed:

- (a) that the Questionnaire (2nd Edition) should be circulated after agreed revisions had been incorporated.
- (b) that it should be circulated to all National full (not Associate) members and the Secretaries of Local Societies for distribution to their members.

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9. Nomination of Ivor Montagu - EC(48)15.

It was agreed that no action be taken and that the situation be explained to Morgan Phillips.

10. Resolution for A.G.M.

It was reported that Monck recommended the E.C. to submit for discussion, without endorsement, two resolutions (a) repealing the self-denying ordinance (b) turning local societies into branches. It was agreed that no such resolutions should be submitted.

11. Time Table for E.C. - EC(48)16.

It was agreed that the A.G.M. should start at 2.15 p.m. and should if necessary go on till 7 p.m. and that the Reception should be held.

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

May 3rd, 1948.

EC(48) 6th Meeting. AGENDA.

FABIAN SOCIETY : : : 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A meeting will be held at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 26th May, 1948, in the House of Commons Committee Room 7, booked by John Parker.

A G E N D A

- 1. Minutes of EC(48)5th Meeting.
- 2. Report of Local Societies Department.
- 3. Report on Schools, Conferences, Meetings.
- 4. Report on Bookshop.
- 5. Removal of January-dated subscribers.
- 6. Minutes of F.G.P.C.(48)5th Meeting.
- 7. A.G.M. - Programme, Speakers and Timetable.
- 8. Autumn Lectures 1948.
- 9. Any Other Business.

Papers will follow. Owing to Whitsun they may not reach you till Tuesday, 25th May.

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

May 13th, 1948.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday,  
26th May in the House of Commons.

Present: Parker (Chair), Margaret Cole, Diamond, Faringdon,  
Gossman, Gray, Hughes, Mikardo, Monck, Skeffington  
Eirene White, Young.

Staff: Filson, Dorothy Fox.

Apologies: Barou, Durbin, Margaret Room.

1. Minutes of EC(48)5th Meeting.(a) Home Research Secretary - item 1.

It was agreed that the Interviewing Committee should have the authority to appoint.

(b) Colonial Bureau - item 3.

It was agreed that all full time students - not merely Colonial Students - should be entitled to join the Bureau at half rate.

2. Local Societies Department Quarterly Report - LSC(48)2.

Received.

3. Schools, Conferences, Meetings - Quarterly Report - SSC(48)18.Summer Schools - item 4.

It was reported that Bookings were reasonably satisfactory for the English Summer Schools but very bad for the Dutch School

4. Bookshop Report.

Received.

5. Removal of January-dated subscribers - EC(48)22.

## (a) The following to be approached: by:

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Lee.  
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| 21/- | Macrao.<br>Mason.<br>Williams, W.<br>(address to be checked) | Mikardo.<br>Margaret Colo.<br>Eirene White. |
| 42B  | Choctwynd.<br>Wigg.  | Mikardo.<br>Mikardo.                        |
| 42/- | Boales.<br>Fry.  | Margaret Colo.<br>Eirene White.             |

(b) It was reported that a full statement of gains and losses would be given to the next E.C.

6. Minutes of F.G.P.C.(48) 5th Meeting.

(a) Joint Consultation - item 2.

(1) It was reported that the Staff had accepted points (b), (c) and (d) but asked that the Staff members should not be a Sub-Committee of the Staff Association.

It was agreed to accept the Staff's suggestion.

(ii) It was agreed that the E.C. members should be Margaret Colo, Gossman and Hughes.

(b) Annual Report - Item 6.

It was agreed to confirm the action of the FGFC.

7. Ivor Montagu - Attitude of the Labour party - 17(48)23.

It was agreed to approve the action taken by the Chairman.

8. A.G.M. - Agenda, Speakers, Timetable - EC(48)20.

(a) It was reported that the Resolution on the Mandating of Delegates from Local Societies had been withdrawn.

(b) It was agreed that no effort should be made by the E.C. to secure the withdrawal of Resolutions.

(c) The following arrangements were approved:

<u>Time:</u>	<u>Item.</u>	<u>Speakers:</u>
2.15-2.30.	Minutes of 1947 AGM. Results of Postal Ballot. Approval of Time-Table.	Papers to be circulated at meeting.
2.30-3.00	Annual Report.	Chairman to move formally
3.00-3.20	Treasurer's Report Appointment of Auditors.	Mikardo move, Gossman wind up. Mikardo move.
3.20-3.40	Amendment to Rule 4.	Chairman to move & reply
3.40-4.00	New Rule 11.	Margaret Colo to move, Parker to reply

Time:	Item:	Speakers:
4.00-4.20	Resolution on Co-opted Members	Skoffington to follow mover and seconder and ask it be referred to E.C. for discussion at Buscot. Hughes to reply if necessary.
4.20-4.40	Resolution on M.P. Members	Eirone White to reply.
4.40-5.20	Tea Interval.	
5.20-6.30	Discussion on Future of the Society.	Chairman to open discussion, Hughes to wind up.

- (d) It was agreed that if possible there should be dancing and drink at the Reception.

9. Autumn Lectures 1948 - EC(48)21.

- (a) The following programme was approved.

Programme for 1950

The Challenge of 1950	Dalton.	-
Next Steps in Nationalisation.	Colo.	Reserve Mikardo.
Public Control and Private Enterprise.	Mikardo.	Reserves Diamond, Crosland, Lewis.
Charter for Women.	Lady Simon.	Eirone White, Margaret Horbison.
Title to be chosen by speaker.	Laski.	A lecture to cover the basic problems and principles of securing friendship between Americans, Russians and ourselves.
Title to be chosen by speaker.	Young.	subject - active democracy.

- (b) It was agreed that the lectures if suitable and consistent with the rest of our programme should be published as pamphlets, not as a book.

10. Evidence to be submitted to Board of Trade Committee.

It was reported that the Board of Trade had asked the Society to submit evidence to a Committee inquiring into Rosale Price Maintenance, that a member of the old Distribution Group had prepared a memorandum, that it had been read and approved by Douglas Jay and F.A. Cobb and that Cobb was prepared to present it on behalf of the Society.

It was agreed to allow the evidence to be presented.

11. Readers of Pamphlets.(a) Nationalisation of the Building Industry.

Reports received from G.D.H. Cole, who favoured publication after drastic revision and Abrams, who was severely critical.

It was agreed to ask Diamond to act as a third reader.

(b) Ex-Italian Colonies.

It was agreed that if the readers (Faringdon and Wolf) disagreed it should be submitted to Eirone White.

12. Revenue Campaign Council.

It was agreed that inquiries should be pursued regarding a drink licence.

13. Day of Meeting.

It was agreed that the next E.C. should be asked to reconsider whether meetings should be held on Mondays or Wednesdays.

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

June 1st, 1948.

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EC(48)7th Meeting: AGENDA.

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11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A Meeting will take place at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday,  
23rd June in the House of Commons, Committee Room 6, booked by  
Parker.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of EC(48)6th Meeting - attached.
2. Minutes of FGPC(48)6th Meeting - attached.
3. Minutes of RPC(48)2nd Meeting - attached.
4. New Series of Discussion Pamphlets - EC(48)23 - attached.
5. Publications June 1948 - EC(48)24 - attached.
6. Reorganisation of FGPC - EC(48)25 - attached.
7. Scheme for organising discussions on Programme for 1950 (to follow)
8. Removal of February-dated Subscribers (to follow).
9. Membership Records (to follow).
10. A.G.M.

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

June 16th, 1948.

FABIAN SOCIETY

11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday, June 23rd at  
4.30 p.m. in the House of Commons.

Present: Laski (Chair), Margaret Cole, Faringdon, Gossman, Gray,  
Hughes, Mikardo, Monck, Margaret Room, Skeffington, Eirene  
White, Young.

Apologies: Barou, Durbin, Flanders, Horrobin, Parker.

Staff: Filson, Chapman, Marjorie Nicholson, Anne Whyte.

2. Minutes of EC(48)6th Meeting.(a) Homo Research Secretary - item 1(a)

It was reported that the Interviewing Committee  
had appointed Donald Chapman.

(b) Dutch School. - item 3.

It was reported that owing to lack of bookings  
the Dutch School had been cancelled. This action was confirmed.

(c) Autumn Lectures - item 9.

It was reported that Cole had refused, that Mikardo  
had taken his place, that Diamond had taken Mikardo's place and  
the other lecturers had accepted.

(d) Nationalisation of the Building Industry - item 11(a).

The General Secretary reported that he had asked  
Joan Copeland to take Diamond's place as third reader since  
Diamond was overbusy. The action was approved.

Donations.

- (a) The Chairman reported that he had received a donation of £75  
from an American and he was warmly thanked.
- (b) It was reported that the Sara Hall Trust would be giving the  
Society £250.

Minutes of F.G.P.C.(48)6th Meeting.

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Home Research Department.

- (a) The General Secretary reported that he had not submitted the Quarterly Report which was due from the Home Research Department as the relevant information was contained in the Research Planning Committee Minutes.
- (b) The E.C. agreed to thank Mrs. Watson who has left the Society after five years service for her long and loyal work.
- (c) the E.C. agreed to thank Miss Hine and Miss Saville for the very hard and efficient work they had done when the simultaneous departures of Leo Jolley, Margaret Locke and Mrs. Watson had left the Department in a potentially difficult position.

Minutes of F.P.C.(48)2nd Meeting.

- (a) Politics as a Profession - item 1(b).

Laski reported that he did not want a research student.

- (b) Volume of New Fabian Essays - item 2(a)i.

(i) Laski outlined a scheme, a synopsis of which he promised for the July E.C.

(ii) Laski also outlined an alternative scheme for a history of English political thought since 1900 and an assessment of the Fabian Contribution. This would be a long term project for an individual author. It was agreed to consider this alternative at a later date.

- (c) Priority for Pamphlets dealing with 1950 - item 2(b), 1(cc).

It was agreed that the instruction that "priority should be given to projects connected with the preparations for Labour's 1950 Programme" should apply to the Colonial Bureau project on "integration of Colonial and Economic Policies" but should not apply to the other work of the C.B. and to the work of the I.B.

- (d) MSS of Essays by Lewis and Durbin.

It was agreed that readers should be appointed:

(i) for Lewis on Private Enterprise: Readers Young, Gray, Monck, who would be asked to report on how much the Society should offer for the MSS.

(ii) for Durbin on Public Enterprise: Readers Mikardo, Eirene White, Lewis.

- e) Statement for A.G.M.- item 2(c)

It was agreed that a full statement of work on hand should be submitted to the A.G.M. with a mark against those which were uncertain projects.





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Publications - EC(48)24.

(a) Readers Reports.

- (i) Ex-Italian Colonies. Readers favourable. pamphlet being printed.
- (ii) Russian Economic Policy in Eastern Europe. Readers favourable. pamphlet being printed.
- (iii) Facts for Socialists: Being revised in the light of readers suggestions.
- (iv) Nationalisation of Building: Joan Copeland (third reader) unfavourable: pamphlet rejected.

(b) Readers Appointed.

( )	<u>Pamphlet</u>	<u>Readers.</u>
(i)	West Indian Panorama	Faringdon, Greenidge and Olive Cruchley.
(ii)	Education in the Colonies.	Hughes and Skinnard.
(iii)	Wages Policy (Birmingham Fabian Society)	David Glass in place of Flanders.
(iv)	Facts for Socialists	Barna as additional reader.

(c) Pamphlet offered.

It was agreed not to publish "Proportional Representation."

Removal of February-dated Subscribers - EC(48)28.

It was agreed that the members listed should be removed except for the following:-

<u>Category</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>To be Approached by:</u>
42B	Mayo	Gray.
"	Oxford University Tutorial Classes Ctto.	Filson.
"	Tholap	Hughes.
"	Sandelson.	Room.

Membership Records - EC(48)27.

Received.

A.G.M. - Amendments to Resolutions - EC(48)29.

It was agreed to oppose all the amendments submitted.

Re-organisation of F.G.P.C. - EC(48)25.

It was agreed to refer this to the new E.C.

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
26<sup>th</sup> JUNE 1988.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held during the tea interval of the A.G.M. in the Caxton Hall on Saturday, 26 June, 1948.

Present: Parker (Chair), Dorothy Archibald, Margaret Cole, Hughes, Mikardo, Monck, Margaret Room, Skoffington, Young.

Apologies: Laski, Abu, Barou.

1. Election of Officers.

It was agreed to elect:

- (a) as Chairman (temporary) - Laski, who had agreed to act temporarily.
- (b) as Vice-Chairman. - Parker.
- (c) as Honorary Secretary - Margaret Cole.

It was agreed

- (d) not to elect an Assistant Honorary Treasurer.

2. Co-options.

It was agreed to co-opt Gossman, Gray, Eirone White and Woolf and to defer further co-options to a full meeting of the E.C.

3. F.G.P.C.

It was agreed to appoint a provisional F.G.P.C. (with full powers) pending the consideration of the proposal to have two Committees - a Finance Committee and a General Purposes Committee.

It was agreed to appoint Mikardo (Chairman), Barou, Margaret Cole, Gossman, Hughes, Laski, Parker and Skoffington.

4. Future Meetings.

It was agreed:

- (a) that the next meeting should be held at 5.0 p.m. on Monday, 26 July.
- (b) to consider again at the next meeting a settled day and time for future meetings.

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

June 27th, 1948.

FABIAN SOCIETY

: : :

11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A Meeting will take place at 5.00 p.m. on Monday, July 26th in the House of Commons, Committee Room, booked by John Parker.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of EC(48)7th Meeting (June 23rd) - attached.  
Note: Item 13: Reorganisation of F.G.P.C.
2. Minutes of EC(48)8th Meeting (June 26th) - attached.  
Note: Item 3: Appointment of F.G.P.C.  
Item 4(b): Date and Time of Future Meetings.
3. A.G.M. 1948 - EC(48)32 - attached.
4. Rule 4 - Next Steps.
5. Removal of March-dated Subscribers - EC(48)36 - attached.
6. Appointment of Committees for 1948-49 - EC(48)34 - attached.
7. Minutes of F.G.P.C.(48)8th Meeting - to follow.
8. F.C.B. Quarterly Report - FCB(48)12 - attached.
9. F.I.B. Quarterly Report - FIB(48)35 - attached.
10. Discussion Series - The Challenge of 1950 - EC(48)35 - attached.
11. Fabian Essays - New Volume - EC(48)33 - attached.
12. Pamphlets - July 1948 - EC(48)37 - attached.
13. Any Other Business.

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

July 20th, 1948.

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11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S W 1

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at 5.0 p.m. on Monday, July 26th 1948, in the House of Commons.

tendance: Parker (Chair), Albu, Dorothy Archibald, Margaret Cole, Durbin, Farington, Gray, Hughes, Mikardo, Margaret Room, Skeffington, Bireno White, Woolf, Young.

aff: Filson, Chapman, Harris, Marjorie Nicholson, Anne Whyte.

ologies: Barou, Gossman.

Minutes of EC(48)7th Meeting.Reorganization of F.G.P.C.

It was reported that no one of the F.G.P.C. now wanted to press the suggestion and it was agreed that no further action be taken.

Minutes of E.C.(48)8th Meeting.(a) Co-options (item 2).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to co-opt Diamond.
- (ii) to defer further co-options till the next meeting.
- (iii) to ask members to send in suggestions to the General Secretary before the next meeting.
- (iv) to invite Horrabin to attend as a visitor when the Colonial Bureau reports came up for consideration.

(b) Future Meetings - item 4.

It was agreed that meetings should be held at 4.30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month.

A.G.M. - EC(48)32.(a) The Minutes of AGM 1948.

The Minutes were approved except that in para 6 the penultimate paragraph last word 'lost' should be 'not carried'.

(b) Date of next AGM.

It was agreed that the matter should be considered at the next meeting and that meanwhile the Auditors should be asked if they would be inconvenienced by having the financial year ending in December.

(c) It was agreed that a Rules Revision Committee should be set up and should consist of Hughes (Convener), Mikardo and Skeffington.

4. Minutes of F.G.P.C.(48)7th Meeting.(a) Joint Consultative Committee - item 1.

It was agreed that Margaret Cole should be Chairman of the D.C. representatives.

(b) Membership of the Society - item 3.

The recommendations of the F.G.P.C. were not accepted. It was agreed:-

- (i) to defer action until the report of the Rules Revision Committee (see item 3(b) above).
- (ii) in the meanwhile to consider each application for membership on its merits in the light of Rule 4.
- (iii) to endorse the policy pursued by the L.S.C. over the past 5 years and to authorise its continuation.

In connection with this item a letter from Bernard Shaw and the Chairman's reply were read out to the meeting.

(c) Publications Committee Special Meeting - item 4.

It was agreed that the Publications Committee should be instructed to find out (i) whether it would be possible to share a traveller with any small publisher like Crosset Press or the Falcon Press and (ii) whether Gollancz would accept any such arrangement.

(d) Quarterly Reconciliation Statement - FGPC(48)12 item 5.

It was agreed that the F.G.P.C. should be asked

- (i) to see if it could find any obvious working savings.
- (ii) after the Second Quarterly Reconciliation Statement in early October to consider whether the Budget should be revised in the light of all considerations including the need to raise wages.

(e) Wages - Annual Increments - FGPC(48)10 - item 6.

Approved.

(f) Saturday Mornings - FGPC(48)11 - item 7.

It was agreed that the scheme should be tried out for three months.

(g) Signatures on Choques - item 8.

It was agreed that H.D. Hughes, M.P. and A. Skoffington, M.P. should be authorised to sign choques in the name of the Society.

(h) Complaint from Mr. Paterson - item 9.

It was agreed that the action taken by the General Secretary should be approved.

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5. Removal of Arch-dated Subscribers - EC(48)36.

It was agreed that authority should be given to remove the members listed except in the following cases:-

<u>Category:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>to be Approached by:</u>
10/6	Pothorgill	Room.
"	Joger.	Hughes.
"	Walker.	Parker.
20/-	Bannister.	"
5/-	Elvin.	"

6. Appointment of Committees - EC(48)34.

- (a) F.G.P.C. - 1947-48 Committee less Diamond, plus Albu, (Barou  
to be asked if he wished to continue to be a member).
- (b) C.B.A.C. - 1947-48 Committee less Wilkes, plus Hughes,  
J.B. Hynd, M.P., J. Rankin, M.P., C.W. Dumploton, M.P.  
F. Dalley and the Rev. H. Hopper.
- (c) I.B.A.C. - 1947-48 Committee less Brailsford, Gordon Walker,  
Griffiths and Zilliaceus.
- (d) L.S.C. - 1947-48 Committee less Joan Bourne and Gray plus  
Margaret Room and D. Alger.
- (e) R.P.C., E.I.C., P.L.G.C. and S.R.C. - Gen. Sec. to report to  
next meeting on alternative arrangement of Committees.

7. Colonial Bureau Report - PCB(48)12.

Received.

8. International Bureau Report - FIB(48)35.

Received.

9. Reports of the Two Bureaux.

It was agreed that these should in future be submitted at six monthly intervals.

10. Discussion Series "The Challenge of 1950" - EC(48)35.

Subjects approved. General Secretary to decide on authors where alternatives were suggested.

11. Fabian Essays - New Volume - EC(48)33.

Deferred till next meeting.

12. Publications - July 1948 - EC(48)37.

(a) Readers Reports.

- (i) "National Wages Policy" by Birmingham Fabian Society - third reader Dr. Glass very unfavourable. Pamphlet not to be published.
- (ii) "Coal Board" by G.D.H. Cole - publication approved.
- (iii) "Britain's Food Shortage" (revised) by Blitz. Charles Smith very favourable. Pamphlet to be sent to George Bishop.
- (iv) "Problems of the Private Sector" by Arthur Lewis. "Problems of the Public Sector" by Evan Durbin.

In view of the reports it was agreed that Lewis should be asked if he could confirm his offer to write a pamphlet covering both sectors and that if he could not do so in the near future Durbin should be asked to revise his essay for publication.

(b) Readers appointed.

	<u>Pamphlet</u>	<u>Readers Suggested</u>
(i)	"Problems of American Politics" by Mark Starr.	Laski, Ernst Davies, Ewor.
(ii)	"Regionalism" by Peter Self.	M.I. Cole and Robson.
(iii)	"Facts for Socialists" (completely new edition planned).	G.D.H. Cole, Worswick and lay reader.
(iv)	"Socialist Attitude to Democracy." by Lord Lindsay.	Laski, Hughes.
(v)	"Consolidation or Extension" by C.D.C. Lang.	Edelman, Foot.
(vi)	"Integration of Colonial and Economic Planning" by Rita Hinden	Michael Young and Arthur Lewis.
(vii)	"Costing and Accounting in a Socialised Industry" by Diamond and Crosland.	Gossman and Albu
(viii)	"Democratic Economic Planning" by Robin Marris.	Jay and Worswick.
(ix)	"County Councils" - being revised by H.G. Fargitor.	to be found by General Secretary
(x)	"Borough Councils" - being revised by Lauder.	" " " " " " " " " " " "
(xi)	"Parish Councils" - being revised by Poase.	" " " " " " " " " " " "

ANDREW FILSON.  
GENERAL SECRETARY.

July 30th, 1948.

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FABIAN SOCIETY

11, DARTMOUTH ST, S.W.1.

This Agenda is much heavier than it seems at first sight and it may be necessary to call a Special E.C. for 4.30 p.m. on Monday, October 4th to deal with outstanding items. Will members please keep the 4th free?

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A meeting will take place at 4.30 p.m. on Monday, 27th September in a House of Commons Committee Room booked by Arthur Skeffington.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of EC(48)9th Meeting (attached).
2. Matters arising out of of the Minutes of the July Meeting - EC(48)40 (attached).
3. Secretary's Report on Miscellaneous Matter - paper to follow.
4. Composition of the E.C. - letter already sent.
5. Publications September 1948 - EC(48)38 (attached).
6. Fabian Essays - New Volume? - EC(48)39 (attached).
7. Research Planning Committees - RPC(48)4 (attached).
8. Rules Revision Committee - Report to follow.
9. F.G.P.C. - Minutes to follow.
10. Summer Schools 1949 - Report to follow.
11. Removal of March and April dated subscribers - to follow.
12. Appointment of Summer Schools Committee 1948-49 - suggestions to follow.
13. Any Other Business.

N.B.; Supplementary papers will follow when the relevant Committees have met.

ANDREW FILON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

September 17th, 1948.

EC(48) 10th meeting: Minutes

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 FABIAN SOCIETY : : : : 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.  
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at 4.30 p.m.  
 on Monday 27th September in 5, Old Palace  
 Yard.

Present: Margaret Cole (Chair), Dorothy Archibald,  
 Faringdon, Gosman, Gray, Jay, Margaret Room,  
 Skeffington, Eirene White, Woolf

Staff: Filson, Chapman

Apologies: Abu, Barou, Diamond, Hughes, Laski, Mikardo,  
 Monck, Parker, Young.

1. Minutes of E.C.(48) 9th meeting(a) Item 3b. Date of next A.G.M.

It was agreed that in accordance with the wishes  
 of the auditors the financial year should end in  
 June and the A.G.M. take place in a date to be  
 recommended by the General Secretary (probably  
 in October)

(b) Item 4(c) Publications Committee - Special Traveller

As Gollancz said the Society could not use their  
 travellers if it also used a special traveller, it  
 was agreed to abandon the proposal.

2. Matters arising out of the Secretary's Report - EC(48)43(a) Evan Durbin

It was agreed -

- (i) that a resolution of sympathy should be sent  
 from the Executive to Mrs. Durbin
- (ii) that the Society should donate £25 to the  
 most suitable fund (i.e. the Parliamentary  
 Labour Party Fund or the Edmonton Fund) and  
 invite members through Fabian News to subscribe  
 to the Fund.
- (iii) that no special memorial publication or  
 scholarship should be approved.

(b) Nominations of Potential Parliamentary Candidates

It was agreed -

- (i) that the Executive should reserve the right to  
 make nominations in exceptional cases
- (ii) that the General Secretary should find out  
 from each applicant why he or she had no other  
 opportunity for nomination before the  
 application was considered by the E.C.

(c) Revenub Campaign Council

It was agreed -

- (i) that the R.C.C. should be wound up and the members thanked for the help they had given.
- (ii) that a booking should be made for a dance on some Saturday in 1949 and that a committee should be summoned ad hoc to make the necessary arrangements. Gossman undertook to be the convenor of such a committee.

3. Composition of the E.C.(a) Chairmanship

Deferred till next meeting.

(b) Cooptions

It was agreed to invite Crosland, to find out if Ritchie Calder or Francis Williams would be willing to serve to consider further cooptions at the next meeting.

4. Research Planning Committee 'RPC(48)4

It was agreed

- (a) that the RPC, EIC, PLGC and SRC should be abolished
- (b) that a new Home Research Committee should be created
- (c) that the composition of the H.R.C. should be settled at the next meeting.

5. Minutes of F.G.P.C.(48) 8th meeting

Item 6 General Secretary

Approved

6. Pamphlets by Films Group

It was agreed to abandon this pamphlet.

Deferred till next meeting.

Publications - September 1948 - EC(48)38  
 Fabian Essays: New Volume? - EC(48)39  
 Rules Revision Committee - EC(48)42  
 Summer Schools 1948  
 Schools Committee 1948 - 9

ANDREW FILSON  
 28th September 1948 General Secretary

## EC(48)11th Meeting: Agenda

FABIAN SOCIETY : : : 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A meeting will be held at 4.30 p.m. on Monday  
4th October in the dining room of P.E.P. -  
16, Queen Anne's Gate.

Note: the papers for items 4, 5 & 6 were issued  
for the last meeting. Please bring your  
copies with you.

## A G E N D A

1. Minutes of EC(48) 10th meeting - attached
2. Secretary's Report - EC(48)46 attached
3. Composition of the Research Committee - EC(48)47 attached
4. Publications: September 1948 - EC(48)38 already issued
5. Fabian Essays: New Volume? - EC(48)39 " "
6. Rules Revision Committee - EC(48)42 " "
7. **Schools etc. 1948** - EC(48)44 attached
8. Composition of SSC 1948 - 1949 - EC(48)45 attached
9. Removal of April and May dated subscribers - EC(48)41  
attached
10. Any other business

26th September 1948

ANDREW FILSON  
General Secretary

P.S. Circulated with this Agenda is an "Addendum to  
EC(48)42", item 6 on the Agenda.

FABIAN SOCIETY :::: 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at 4.30 p.m. on  
Monday 4th October in P.E.P.

Present: Margaret Cole (Chair), Albu, Dorothy Archibald,  
Barou, Diamond, Faringdon, Gossman, Gray, Hughes,  
Midardo, Margaret Room.

Staff: Filson

Apologies: Parker, Woolf, Eirene White, Monck.

1. Minutes of EC(48) 10th meeting.

Evan Durbin Item 2a.

It was reported that the "Parliamentary Labour Party Fund"  
was a private one for his friends and that the Edmonton  
Fund was now a local one.

It was therefore agreed -

- (a) that the resolution minuted in item 2a ii of the last  
minutes should be rescinded
- (b) that at an appropriate date members of the Executive  
Committee should be given further information about  
the Parliamentary Labour Party Fund.

2. Chairmanship

The General Secretary reported that he had approached Mr.  
Jim Griffiths as instructed and that Mr. Griffiths had  
been unwilling to become Chairman as he felt that the Society  
should not have a member of the Government as its head.

After discussion it was agreed -

- (a) that it was of the highest importance to have a person  
of distinction at the head of the Society
- (b) that no Minister should be one of the published officers  
of the Society.
- (c) that G.D.H. Cole (and failing him R.H. Tawney) should be  
invited to become the titular head of the Society under  
such conditions as he would help to formulate.
- (d) that the problem of whether the titular head be called  
President or Chairman be deferred.

3. Cooptions

- (a) It was reported that Ritchie Calder had expressed his  
willingness to serve and it was agreed that he should  
be coopted.
- (b) It was reported that Francis Williams would not be  
free to accept nomination until the end of the year and  
it was agreed that he should be approached again at a  
later date.

- (c) It was agreed to invite the following to join the Committee :-

Margaret Stewart, Mary Stewart and Stephen Swingler

- (d) It was agreed to leave one place vacant.

4. Home Research Committee - EC(48)47

- (a) It was agreed that the following should be invited to join the H.R.C.

E.C.members: Albu, Dorothy Archibald, Barou, Calder, Margaret Cole, Crosland, Diamond, Gray, Hughes, Parker, Eirene White, Young, together with - Margaret Stewart, Mary Stewart, and Stephen Swingler if they joined the E.C.

Non E.C.members: Chorley, Goodman, Hardie, McColl, Robson, Self.

- (b) It was agreed that the panels of advisers should be built up by the General and Home Research Secretaries.

5. Publications September 1948 - EC(48)38

(a) Readers Reports

- (i) Britain's Food Shortage - being revised following reports.
- (ii) Problems of American Policy - being revised following Reports.
- (iii) Parish Councils - favourable reports suggesting minor amendments.
- (iv) Insurance Report - completed and sent to the Labour Party after reports from Chorley and Diamond.

(b) Readers Appointed

<u>Pamphlet</u>	<u>Readers appointed</u>
(a) "Nationalised Farming" by Bateson	Eirene White, Ruth Cohen and Professor Ashby.
(b) "Selection and Training of Workpeople" by a Group.	Mikardo and Margaret Room
(c) "Workers Control" by Eirene White	Gossman and Champion
(d) "Socialism and the Middle Classes" by Edelman	Hughes and Hugh Jenkins
(e) "Problems of a Mixed Economy" by A.Lewis	Gray and Joan Robinson
(f) "Bureaucracy" by Morris Jones	Dorothy Archibald and Robson
(g) "Science and the Balance of Payments" by a Group	Monck and Radomysler

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- (h) Pamphlet  
"Democracy and Socialism"  
by Lord Lindsay

Readers appointed  
Margaret Cole and Young

It was noted that the titles, especially of a,b,c and g would be revised before publication.

6. Fabian Essays - New Volume? - EC(48)35

It was agreed that there could not be a satisfactory volume of new Essays until a group of new essayists came forward with something they had to say and that the project should therefore be adjourned sine die.

7. Rules Revision Committee - Report - EC(48) 42 and Addendum

It was agreed

- (a) that the members of the Executive should be invited to send in comments on the proposals made by the R.R.C.
- (b) that members of the Society should be invited to send in suggestions by 31 December 1948
- (c) that the R.R.C. should report to the January E.C. on the suggestions and comments received.

8. Schools, Conferences, Meetings - EC(48)44

In the course of discussion it was agreed

- (a) that the new S.S.C. should be instructed to review the problems reported.
- (b) that special efforts should be made to secure intellectual leadership in the 1949 Schools
- (c) that announcements of the 1949 B.W.H. schools should indicate that the catering etc. would be better than in 1948.

9. SSC 1948-49 - EC(48)45

It was agreed -

- (a) that the following members of the outgoing Committee should be reappointed:-

Margaret Room (Chairman), Blanco White, Margaret Cole, Jenkins, Kraft, Murray, John Parker, Zena Parker, Margaret Yates.

- (b) that the following be invited to join the Committee:

Stuart Green, George Thomas.

- (c) that Gossman should be consulted about inviting a member of the late Revenue Campaign Council to join the Committee.

- (d) that the Committee should have the right to coopt subject to the approval of the E.C.

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10. Removal of April and May dated subscribers - EC(48)41

It was agreed that the members listed should be removed except for the following:-

<u>April</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>To be approached by</u>
10/6	Erdington D.L.P.	Mikardo (via J.Silverman)
	Halifax d.l.p.	Diamond (via Brook)
	Hoyte S.M.	Gray
21/-	Wykeham Martin	Margaret Room
42B	Bamford G.	Anne Whyte
<u>May</u>		
10/6	Runder J.L.	Margaret Cole
	Robitschek G.	Hughes
21/-	Rye D.L.P.	General Secretary
	Strauss M.P.	Mikardo
	Wells P.L.	Mikardo
42B	Thomas J.R.	Diamond

6th October 1948

ANDREW FILSON

General Secretary



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E.C. 12th Meeting AGENDA

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- FABIAN SOCIETY 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A meeting will be held at 4.30 p.m. on Monday  
25th October

in 11, DARTMOUTH STREET

(my office - first floor)

## A G E N D A

1. Minutes of 11th meeting - attached
2. Secretary's Report - EC 48 attached
3. Removal of June dated subscribers - E.C.51, attached
4. Publications October 1948 - E.C. 50 attached.
5. Minutes of F.G.P.C. 9th meeting - attached
6. Membership Sept. 1948 - E.C.49 - attached
7. Any other business.

ANDREW FILSON

20 October 1948

General Secretary

1948

FABIAN SOCIETY : : 11, DARTMOUTH ST., S.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at 4.30 p.m. on Monday  
25th October in 11, Dartmouth Street.

Present: G.D.H.Cole (Chair), Dorothy Archibald, Barou,  
Calder, Margaret Cole, Faringdon, Gosman,  
Hughes, Monck, Margaret Room, Skeffington,  
Mary Stewart, Woolf.

Staff: Filson, Chapman, Rita Hinden, Anne Whyte.

Apologies: Albu, Crosland, Diamond, Gray, Jay, Mikardo,  
Parker, Eirene White, Young.

1. Minutes of E.C.11th Meeting.

It was noted that Skeffington should be added to the list of those present.

2. Cooptions.

- (a) It was confirmed that G.D.H.Cole had been coopted by virtue of his invitation to become Chairman
- (b) The new members Mary Stewart and Ritchie Calder were welcomed.
- (c) It was confirmed that as Margaret Stewart had lapsed her membership she could not be coopted.
- (d) It was noted that two vacancies were left, one being provisionally reserved for Francis Williams. It was agreed to consider filling the other vacancy at the next meeting.

3. Potential Parliamentary Candidates.

It was agreed -

- (a) that only members of the Society should be nominated
- (b) that members already nominated by some other body should not also get a Society nomination for prestige purposes.
- (c) that the case of Mrs. Malone should be deferred.

4. June dated Subscribers - E.C.51.

It was agreed that members should be removed except for the following:-

<u>Category</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>to be approached by</u>
42B	Ellis Smith	Hughes
21	E.C.A.	Chapman
"	Bristol T.C.	Hughes
10/6	Webb Leyton D.L.P.	"
"	Leeds Central D.L.P.	"
"	J.E.Hynd	"
"	Pinberton	Skeffington

5. Publications - E.C.50

(a) Full readers reports were not yet ready for the pamphlets named in E.C.50.

(b) Readers Appointed.

For Local Government Finance: Robson, Self, Jean Copeland.

6. Minutes of F.G.P.C. 9th meeting.

(a) Overdraft

(i) it was resolved that the Trustees of 11 Dartmouth Street should be authorised to mortgage the property if so required by the Westminster Bank.

(ii) It was agreed that the Treasurer should be asked also to negotiate with the Cooperative Building Society to see if a loan could be obtained on more favourable terms.

(b) Financial Report - F.G.P.C. 10.

with which were considered -

Quarterly Reconciliation Statement - F.G.P.C.16.

A Revised Budget - F.G.P.C. 10.

Membership September 1948 - E.C. 49.

and the following papers circulated at or read to the meeting -

Colonial Bureau Proposals for a new status - E.C.52.

Resolution from the International Bureau Advisory Committee

Memo on the I.S.C. staff cut by Arthur Steffington

Letter from the Staff Association - S.A.(48)15.

It was agreed with one dissentient

(i) that economies of the order proposed by the F.G.P.C. must be made

With regard to the detailed proposals made by the F.G.P.C. it was agreed

(ii) International Bureau

to accept the scheme proposed by the I.B. Advisory Committee and to welcome the offer made by Woolf and others to subsidise additional clerical assistance to the extent of £100 a year.

The Resolution of the I.B.A.C. was (1) that the Bureau should be maintained. (2) that it can only be maintained with full-time or part-time paid staff (3) that the Bureau be authorised to spend, in the next 12 months, the sum of £200 on salaries which will save the same amount mentioned by the F.G.P.C. (4) that the exact method of spending this sum should be left to the Committee.

(iii) Colonial Bureau

It was agreed to approve the proposed economies (£80 saving on pamphlets and £50 revenue from advertisements in Empire) subject to a review at the next meeting after the F.G.P.C. had reported on the alternative scheme proposed by Rita Hinden in E.C.52.

(iv) L.S.C.

To approve the cut and to postpone its operation till 1st. April instead of 1st. January.

(v) Membership Clerk

To approve the cut with the understanding that the General Secretary would report if subscriptions were getting into arrears.

(vi) Accommodation

To approve the office changes except that the move of the Colonial Bureau should be deferred pending (aa) decisions on the alternative scheme for the Colonial Bureau (bb) further inquiries regarding our legal position at Queen Anne's Gate.

(vii) Fabian News.

to change the format of Fabian News as recommended but to continue booking slips (on a less lavish scale) outside Fabian News for a trial period of three months while advertising revenue was being built up. (some members of the E.C. promised to help in selling space)

(viii) Additional Expenditure on salaries

to thank the staff for the goodwill and loyalty they had shown and to approve the proposed increase of £270 unconditionally.

## NOTE:

The amendments made by the E.C. have the following financial effect :

L.B. Additional expenditure of £50 a year

C.B. economies possibly increased if the C.B. alternative scheme is accepted.

L.S.C. additional expenditure of £35 in the quarter Jan.- Mar. 1949.

Fabian News Additional expenditure of £20 - £25 in the quarter Jan - March 1949

7. Celebrity Dinner

It was agreed that the F.G.P.C. should consider and report on the suggestion of the celebrity dinner brought up by Dr. Barou

ANDREW FILSON

26th October 1948

General Secretary

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## E.C. 13th Meeting Agenda

1948

FABIAN SOCIETY ::::: 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A meeting will take place at 4.30 p.m. on Monday 22nd November in a House of Commons Committee Room - booked by John Parker.

## A G E N D A

1. Minutes of 12th meeting already circulated
2. Secretary's Report E.C.55 to follow (including matters arising out of minutes of last meeting)
3. Minutes of F.G.P.C.10th meeting - attached
4. Removal of July and August dated members - E.C.53 attached.
5. Colonial Bureau Report - F.C.B.(16)48 - attached
6. International Bureau Report - F.I.B./48/45 - attached
7. Home Research Report - to follow
8. Summer Schools 1949 - E.C.54 - attached
9. Any other business.

ANDREW FILSON

16th November 1948

General Secretary

1948

FABIAN SOCIETY: 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at  
4.30 p.m. on Monday 22 November...  
in the House of Commons.

Present: G.D.H. Cole (Chair), Albu, Dorothy Archibald, Barou, Margaret Cole, Diamond, Faringdon, Gossman, Gray, Hughes, Mikardo, Monck, Parker, Margaret Room, Skeffington, Mary Stewart, Eirene White.  
J.F. Horrebin was also present as chairman of the Advisory Committee.

Staff: Filson, Chapman, Marjorie Nicholson (in place of Rite Hinden, absent ill.) and Anne Whyte.

Apologies: Calder, Crosland, Jay, Woolf, Young.

1. Minutes of 12th Meeting

Potential Parliamentary Candidates. It was reported that Mrs Malone had been nominated by the Local Labour Party.

2. Cooptions

- (a) It was agreed that Francis Williams should be invited to join.
- (b) It was agreed that Robson should be invited to join and that failing him the names of James Johnson, James Laurie and Margaret Stewart should be considered at the next meeting.

3. Minutes of the F.G.P.C. 10th Meeting.

- (a) Colonial Bureau - item 2. It was agreed -
- (i) to approve recommendations 2(a) and 2(b) of the F.G.P.C.
- (ii) to approve recommendation 2(c) of the F.G.P.C. with the proviso that the Colonial Bureau should deal only with Printing Houses on the Fair List (para. 4 h of Appendix A to F.G.P.C. minutes refers)
- (iii) to approve recommendation 2(d) of the F.G.P.C. on the understanding that the trial period should be for Jan. 1949 - March 1950 with a review in January 1950.
- (iv) to instruct the Colonial Bureau to make arrangements for their own 'F.G.P.C.' and to report to the December E.C. thereon.
- (b) Celebrity Dinner (item 3) It was agreed that a Celebrity Dinner Committee should be appointed to consider and report on the proposal and that the Committee should consist of Barou (Chairman), Dorothy Archibald, Diamond, Mikardo, Monck. Barou agreed to provide secretarial.

(c) Wage Increases (item 5)

It was agreed to approve the wage increases proposed.

4. Removal of July and August dated subscribers.

It was agreed that further approaches should be made to the following members:-

Category	Name	To be approached by
42B	Grailcourt (ex Grundy) ..	Filson
	Patwardan .....	Anne Whyte
21	Vaughan .....	Mikardo
10/6	Brome .....	"
	Chorlton .....	Parker
	Wootton .....	(identity and address to be checked.)
	Yates .....	Don Chapman
	Clark .....	Diamond
	Herzberg .....	Parker
	Nash .....	Hughes
	Rutherford .....	
42B	Harold Davies .....	Hughes
21	Middleton L.P. ....	Mikardo
21	Watson .....	Hughes
10/6	Frances .....	Room

5. Colonial Bureau Report. - F.C.B. (16) 1948

It was agreed -

- (a) to give Rita Hinden 4 weeks leave of absence for the visit to Nigeria
- (b) to ask the Colonial Bureau for more statistical information in their next report.

6. International Report. - F.I.B.(48)45

Approved after Anne Whyte had reported that the next meeting of the Advisory Committee would review the volume of work in hand.

7. Publications - General Policy

It was agreed that a Committee should be set up to consider the general publications policy of the Society and that the Committee should consist of the Chairman, Barou, Diamond, Mikardo, Skeffington, Woolf with powers to coopt and to call evidence.

8. Summer Schools 1949 - E.C.54

(a) Dartington

It was agreed (i) that the Chairman should write to the Elmhurst Trustees (ii) that an advertisement should be placed in the New Statesman & Nation regarding a possible venue for a Summer School if Dartington should not be available.

(b) Beatrice Webb House.

It was agreed that (i) the bookings for 1949 should not be cancelled (ii) we should continue to press the Trustees to make improvements.

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(c) Foreign Summer School.

It was agreed to ask the S.S.C. to report again to the next meeting of the E.C.

24th November  
1948

ANDREW FILSON  
General Secretary





E.C. 14th Meeting

AGENDA

1948

FABIAN SOCIETY :::: 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A meeting will take place at 4.30 p.m. on  
Monday 20th December in P.E.P., 16 Queen  
Anne's Gate (dining room)

## A G E N D A

1. Minutes of 13th meeting - attached
2. Secretary's Report - E.C.56 - attached.
3. Report of Local Societies Committee - LSC(48)3 -  
attached.
4. Removal of September dated subscribers -  
- E.C.57 - attached.
5. Report of Home Research Department - E.C.58 - attached
6. Minutes of F.G.P.C. 11th Meeting - attached.
7. Publications Policy Committee  
(there may be an interim report after its meeting  
on 15th December)
8. Any other business.

14th December 1948

Andrew Filson  
General Secretary

NEXT MEETING

4.30 p.m. Monday January 24th.

1948

FABIAN SOCIETY : : : : 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at 4.30 p.m.  
on Monday 20th December in 16 Queen Anne's  
Gate.

Present: G.D.H.Cole (Chair), Albu, Dorothy Archibald,  
Barou, Margaret Cole, Crosland, Diamond,  
Faringdon, Gosman, Gray, Hughes, Mikardo,  
Monck, Parker, Margaret Room, Skeffington,  
Mary Stewart, Eirene White, Young.

Staff: Pilson, Chapman, Dorothy Fox, Harris, Anna Whyte.

Apologies: Calder, Jay, Woolf.

1. Minutes of 13th Meeting.(a) Correction

Item 7 Publications: add Parker to membership of Publication  
Policy Committee.

(b) Cooptions item 2.

It was reported that Robson was unwilling to consider cooptio  
until the end of the Financial Year.

(c) Colonial Bureau item 3 (a) iv.

It was reported that the Colonial Bureau had appointed a C.B.  
'F.G.P.C.' consisting of Horrabin, Faringdon, Olive Cruchley,  
C.W.Greenidge and F.W.Skinnerd M.P.

(d) International Bureau item 6

It was reported that the Advisory Committee had reviewed and  
reduced the volume of their work in hand.

2. Secretary's Report. - E.C.56.(a) Resignation item 1 (e)

It was agreed to accept with regret the resignation of  
Douglas Jay and to appoint him to the Home Research Committee

(b) Cooptions item 1 d

It was agreed to invite James Lawrie and Margeret Stewart  
and to leave one vacancy.

(c) Celebrity Dinner item 2

After a resolution to abandon the scheme had been defeated  
it was agreed by 9 votes to 5 that Cripps or the Prime  
Minister be invited to speak and that if both refused the  
project should be dropped.

(d) Summer Schools item 4

It was agreed to approve the recommendation of the S.S.C.

(e) Potential Parliamentary Candidates item 5

It was reported that George Darling had withdrawn his request to be considered.

(f) London Labour Party Executive Committee item 7

It was agreed that the Society should run its own candidates and not enter into any bargain with the S.M.A.

3. Publications.(a) Readers Report.

Following Readers' reports it was agreed to approve the publication of

- (i) Problems of American Politics by Mark Starr
- (ii) Commonsense and Colonial Development by Rita Hinden
- (iii) Principles of Economic Planning by Arthur Lewis

It was also agreed to approve the publication of

- (iv) 'Norway' by the 1948 Fabian Delegation provided a concluding chapter was written to satisfy the points raised by Leonard Woolf.

(b) Readers Appointed

<u>Pamphlet and author</u>	<u>Readers appointed</u>
(i) "Socialism as Internationalism" by Laski (Autumn Lecture)	Woolf & Healey
(ii) "Policy for Holidays" Group report written up by Don Chapman	Dorothy Archibald Wimble
(iii) "Distribution" by Henry Smith.	Parker & Joan Mitchell
(iv) "Mobility of Labour" Report by a Group	Margaret Room and Gertrude Williams
(v) "Principles of British Parliamentary Democracy" by Joad (who has offered us the MSS)	Margaret Cole and Young.
(vi) "Wages Policy" by T.E. McKitterick	Crosland and Denis Boll.
(vii) "Policy for the Party" by a Group	Mary Stewart and Bona Levy.
(viii) "Friendship with Africa" by	Hughes and Olive Cruchley.

4. Local Societies Committee: Report to the Executive SC/48/3

It was agreed that all members of the E.C. should be asked to help in maintaining contact with the Committee of Local Societies.

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5. Removal of September dated members - E.C.57

It was agreed that the following defaulters should be approached:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>To be appointed by</u>
42B	Meadows	Mikardo
"	Reeves	Filson
"	Szapiro	Anno Whyte
21/-	Adler Rudel	Barou
"	Gilliot	Mary Stewart
10/6	Aikmer	Anno Whyte
"	Richardson	Mikardo
"	Cassie	Diamond
"	Luzzatto	Parker
"	Lloyd Prichard	Gray

6. Home Research Department Report - E.C.58

Tribute was paid to the work being done by the Department and to the clarity of the report.

7. Minutes of F.G.P.C. 11th Meeting

(a) Overdraft Following a report from Mikardo it was agreed to transfer our overdraft to the C.W.S. Bank and the following resolution was passed.

i. That the Society do close its account with the Westminster Bank Ltd. and do appoint the Co-op. Wholesale Soc Ltd. to be its Bankers.

That this change shall be effected at an early date to be fixed by arrangement between the Hon. Treasurer and the Manager of the C.W.S. Bank.

ii. That the Hon. Treasurer be authorised to borrow from the C.W.S. Bank by way of overdraft such monies as may from time to time be necessary to an amount not exceeding £4,000.

iii. That the Trustees be authorised to enter into an arrangement with the C.W.S. Bank, if and when this should become necessary, under which the C.W.S. Bank would effect a charge upon the Society's freehold premises as security against an overdraft or for any other similar purpose.

iv. That the persons heretofore so authorised, together with Mr. L.A. Gossman, be in future authorised to sign cheques.

(b) The proposals made in Pages 2 (interim budget) and 3 (Recruiting new members) were approved.

8. Publications Policy Committee - PPC 3

This interim report of the P.P.C. was put round the table and approved.

22nd December 1948

Andrew Filson  
General Secretary

## E.C. 1st.Meeting AGENDA

1949

FABIAN SOCIETY : : : 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A meeting will take place at 4.30 p.m. on Monday 24th January in the House of Commons, Committee Room 13, booked by Parker.

## A G E N D A

1. Minutes of E.C. 14th Meeting 1948 - to follow
2. Secretary's Report - to follow (E.C.4)
3. ~~Removal of October dated subscribers - to follow (E.C.3)~~
4. Second Report of Rules Revision Committee - E.C.2 - attached
5. Any other business (there may be a Report from the Publications Policy Committee)

12th Jan.1949

ANDREW PILSON

General Secretary

IMPORTANT

There is one major report before this meeting -Rules Revision. I have been planning the Agenda of recent meetings so as to leave this January meeting free for a detailed examination of these proposals and I am sending out the report early so as to give members a full opportunity to detect any defects, omissions and obscurities. It would be helpful if members could let me have in advance any amendments they wish to put forward.

Date of February meeting

4.30 p.m. Monday 28th February

1949

FABIAN SOCIETY : : : 11, DARTMOUTH ST., S.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at 4.30 p.m. on  
Monday 24th January in the House of Commons.

Present: Cole (Chair), Albu, Dorothy Archibald, Calder,  
Margaret Cole, Grosland, Feringdon, Gosman,  
Grey, Hughes, Mikardo, Parker, Margaret Room,  
Steffington, Margaret Stewart, Mary Stewart,  
Eirone White, Young.

Apologies: Eirou, Diamond, Monck, Woolf.

1 Minutes of 1948 14th Meeting.(a) Cooptions item 2(b)

Margaret Stewart, who had agreed to join, was welcomed  
on her first appearance.  
James Lawrie had declined.

(b) Celebrity Dinner item 2(c)

It was agreed that the matter should be discussed at the next  
meeting and that meanwhile Parker should take no further  
action.

(c) L.S.C.

A Circular L.S.C.(45) 3 was received.

It was agreed that there should be a full dress discussion  
in the L.S.C. at the March meeting of the E.C.

2. Secretary's Report. E.C.4.(a) Staff

A statement on the staff of the Society (E.C.1.) was received  
and a report was given of the painting and decorating done by  
the members of the staff. It was also agreed that the E.C.  
shall invite the staff to tea.

It was agreed that a message should be sent from the E.C. to  
the staff thanking them for the goodwill and enthusiasm they  
had shown during the recent difficult period of economics and  
for all they had done to make the premises clean and bright.

(b) New Zealand

It was agreed that the I.B. should be asked to consider the  
possibility of a pamphlet on New Zealand.

3. Publications(a) Readers Reports.

- (i) approved and sent to printers  
Wages Policy by McKitterick  
Socialism as Internationalism by Leski.
- (ii) approved subject to negotiations with author and  
reconsideration of title:-  
Friendship and Empire by Danquah.

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- (iii) approved subject to further revisions and review of title:-  
Workers' Control by Eirene White.
- (iv) Remitted to Cole and Albu as additional readers:-  
Industrial Policy by F.A.Cobb.

(b) Readers Appointed

	<u>Pamphlet</u>	<u>Readers</u>
(i)	Management under Planning	Albu and George Smith
(ii)	The Council & the Citizen	Parker & Jean Copeland
(iii)	Mental Health	Dorothy Archibald & Stark Murray (with Margaret Cole as third reader if required)
(iv)	Education Policy (Discussion Pamphlet)	Mary Stewart and Clara Rockham.

4. Rules Revision Committee 2nd Report - E.C.2.

It was agreed -

- (a) that the amendment suggested should be approved subject to certain changes
- (b) that the R.R.C. should write in the changes, send the changed amendments to the printers and submit pulls to the February meeting of the E.C. for approval.
- (c) that a Postal Ballot should be held in April
- (d) that the R.R.C. should submit copies of Ballot papers, accompanying letters, new standing orders etc. to the February meeting of the E.C.

25th January 1949

ANDREW FILSON  
General Secretary



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E.C. 2nd Meeting  
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 FABIAN SOCIETY : : : 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.  
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A meeting will be held at 4.30 p.m. on Monday 28th February in the House of Commons, Committee Room 6 (booked by John Parker)

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of 1st. Meeting attached to confirm accuracy
2. Points arising out of Minutes of 1st. meeting.
  - (a) Celebrity Dinner item 1b  
H.D. Hughes has given notice that he wishes to move "that no further action be taken"
  - (b) L.S.C. item 1c  
Steffington asks that the full dress discussion be deferred until April or May.
  - (c) Staff - tea item 2a  
The tea party for the staff will take place at 4.0 p.m. on Monday 28th March (prior to the E.C. meeting), in the House of Commons. It is being organised by Parker.
3. Secretary's Report.
  - (a) Annual General Meeting.  
What sort of reception is wanted for the evening of the A.G.M.? This decision is required so that a suitable hall can be booked.
  - (b) Labour Party Annual Conference - Fabian Reception  
Will you fix the speaker? The last three have been Griffiths, Cripps and Dalton. I suggest : Shawcross, Harold Wilson or Gaitskull.
4. Publications.
  - (a) Approved by Readers (Margaret Cole & Robson) and sent to the printers:-  
"Regionalism" by Peter Self.
  - (b) Approved by Readers (Woolf and John Inman):-  
"Modern Norway" by the Fabian Delegation  
(A report will be given on some special financial

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(c) approved by Readers (Parker & Joan Mitchell) subject to revisions :-

"Wholesaling and Retailing" by Henry Smith

(d) Approved by readers (Albu & George Smith) subject to 'a good deal of rewriting'

"Management" by Gossman

(e) Abandoned after further reports by readers (G.D.H.Cole unenthusiastic and Albu hostile)

"Industrial Policy" by F.A.Cobb

(f) Division of readers (G.D.H.Cole and Margaret Stewart) on

"Miners and the Board" by a Group.

(for decision by E.C.)

5. F.G.P.C. Minutes of 1st Meeting - attached
6. Rules Revision Committee 3rd Report - attached
7. Any other business.

22nd February 1949

ANDREW FILSON  
General Secretary

NEXT MEETING. Monday 28th March

4.0.p.m. Tea to staff

5.0.p.m. E.C.Meeting; the main item on Agenda will be a report from the Home Research Department covering not only Research but also "Fabian News" and the design of pamphlets.

1949

FABIAN SOCIETY : : 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at 4.30 p.m. on  
Monday 28th February in the House of Commons.

Present: G.D.H.Cole (Chair), Albu, Barou, Margaret Cole,  
Faringdon, Gossman, Gray, Hughes, Mikardo,  
Monck, Parker, Margaret Aoon, Skeffington,  
Eirene White, Woolf, Young.

Staff: Filson, Chapman

Apologies: Dorothy Archibald, Calder, Crosland, Diamond,  
Margaret Stewart, Mary Stewart.

1. Minutes of 1st Meeting 1949.(a) Celebrity Dinner item 1(b)

It was agreed that no further action should be taken.

(b) L.S.C. item 1(c)

It was agreed that the full Press discussion should take  
place in April or May instead of March.

2. Secretary's Report(a) Annual General Meeting Reception

Gossman agreed to call together a Group to consider and  
report whether it would be possible to arrange (i) a dance  
after the A.G.M. and (ii) a buffet supper. It was agreed  
that the dance should not be primarily a money making  
function.

(b) Labour Party Annual Conference - Fabian Reception

It was agreed that Harold Wilson or, failing him, Aneurin  
Bevan should be invited to speak.

(c) The Labour Party Programme for 1950

It was agreed -

(i) that an attempt should be made to organise a meeting  
in London for members of the Society to discuss the  
draft programme which the Labour Party would issue at  
the end of March and that arrangements should be made  
by a committee consisting of Hughes, Skeffington, Young  
and Eirene White.

(ii) A pamphlet should be published evaluating the programme,  
to be written by G.D.H.Cole or Albu or Mikardo. It was  
agreed that the Readers for the pamphlet should be the  
two who did not write it plus Hughes.

(d) "Miners and the Board"

It was agreed that Margaret Cole should be asked to rewrite

the pamphlet and that the following should be readers for the revised version :- Eirene White, Albu and Young.

### 3. Removal of October dated subscribers (E.C.5.)

It was agreed that the members listed should be removed except for the following:-

	<u>Name</u>	<u>To be approached by</u>
42/B	Copeman H.A. Graham L.H.	Parker G.D.H.Cole
42/-	Elliott S.R.	Parker
21/-	Bruce D.W.T. M.P. Heslett C.Miss	Hughes M.I.Cole
Cash 10/6	Amersham & Chesham D.L.P.	Filson
	Barbour M. Mrs.	Gray
	Beaumont M.Miss	Filson
	Chambers J.D.	G.D.H.Cole
	Thon J.G.	Parker
	Utton P.B.Mrs.	M.I.Cole
B.O. 10/6	Boyd H.C. Dr. Fogarty M.P.	Parker G.D.H.Cole

### 4. Rules Revision Committee - E.C.8.

It was agreed

- that the By-Laws should not be circulated with the Postal Ballot.
- that the By-Laws should be introduced to take effect on 1st July.
- that the draft letter to members, and the Proposed Amendments and Explanations should be approved with certain changes.
- that the Proposed By-Laws (E.C.9) should be circulated again in May with certain changes incorporated.

### 5. Minutes of F.G.P.C. 1st Meeting

#### (a) Staff and the Society Item 2(a)

It was agreed that members of the staff should be allowed to join the Society at student rates.

#### (b) Colonial Bureau Staff item 2 (d)

It was agreed that a message should be sent to Marjorie Nicholson conveying appreciation of the Executive for the work she had done for the Society together with congratulations and good wishes for the future.

#### (c) Summer School Secretaries. Item 2(e)

It was agreed that Summer School Secretaries should not be paid an honorarium in future.

#### (d) Salaries and Administrative Staff Item 2(f)

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(i) that Donald Chapman who was due for a £50 increase of salary in June should be paid the increase as from 1st. January 1949

(ii) that Roy Harris who had had no promise of an increase should have a salary increase of £25 as from 1st. January 1949.

(e) Cost of Free Issue of Publications Item 3.

It was agreed that in future the Secretary's Report should state what pamphlets should be issued and what had been the cost of issuing.

(f) Bookshop Report item 5

It was agreed -

(i) that in advertising for a new bookshop Manager the Society should ask applicants to state their experience and salary required and to authorise the F.G.P.C. to pay up to £7. plus commission if they deemed it necessary

(ii) that consideration of the rest of the Report should be deferred.

(g) Membership Report item 6

It was agreed that in future the Secretary's Report should state the number of new members who have joined in the previous month.

(h) Quarterly Reconciliation Statement Item 7

Approved.

(i) Febian News Item 8

It was agreed to defer the decisions until the next E.C. meeting.

2nd March 1949

ANDREW FILSON  
General Secretary

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Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held in the Conway Hall, W.C.1., at 3. p.m. on 28th June, 1947.

The meeting was attended by some 180 members of the Society, 23 members of the Staff and the following members of the AGC:- J. Parker (Chair), R. Barou, E. Davies, J.C. Gray, H.D. Hughes, I. Mikardo, B. Monck, A. Skeffington, L. Woolf, M. Young, A.W. Filson.

1. Minutes of A.G.M. 1946.

The Minutes of the last AGM were taken as read and were approved.

2. Result of the Postal Ballot for the Executive 1947-48.

The General Secretary read out the results of the postal ballot and thanked the Scrutineers, Miss Gibson, R. Howell and Mr. Roussett for the work they had done.

3. Draft Report for 1946-47.

The Draft Report was moved by John Parker and formally seconded. After a discussion Ian Mikardo replied for the Executive and the Report was adopted.

4. Treasurer's Report.

The Report was moved by Emil Davies, formally seconded and, after a discussion, adopted.

5. Appointment of Auditors.

It was moved by Emil Davies, formally seconded and resolved that Messrs. Pegg, Antioch & Co. be thanked for their services in the past year and be asked to act as Honorary Auditors for 1947-48.

6. Retiring Hon. Treasurer.

John Parker, on behalf of the Executive, and the Rev. R.G. Legge, from the floor, paid tribute to the great services rendered by Emil Davies as Executive Member and Treasurer of the Society.

7. Aims of the Society and Research Programme of the Society.

Leonard Woolf moved and the General Secretary seconded the following Resolution submitted by the Executive:-

"This Annual General Meeting endorses the following statement of the aims of the Society.

The principal aim of the Labian Society should be to influence, stimulate and instruct the vanguard of the Socialist movement rather than to engage directly in mass activities. For this purpose the role of the Society is primarily to conduct

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research, to assemble and interpret significant facts, to serve as a forum of discussion at a relatively advanced level, to maintain a continuous intellectual initiative in the formation of constructive policies, and generally to act as a radiating centre for new ideas. The development of cadres in the Labour movement is an important aspect of this objective. The dissemination of ideas emerging from the parent Society's work among a wider public can be carried out to a considerable extent through the local Fabian Societies.

While the Society can usefully devote a limited amount of attention to writing memoranda for Labour Ministers and Members of Parliament, it should take care not to become absorbed with current affairs of immediate practical importance to the detriment of questions of future importance. The Society should resist the tendency to disperse its resources by attempting to cover too wide a field, and should concentrate on problems of major significance. The Society should welcome financial aid for its work from outside bodies or persons, but its work is unlikely to reach a high standard unless the subjects of investigation are chosen primarily with a view to the interests of the members taking part in them."

After a discussion Dr. Barou replied and the resolution was carried nem con.

In seconding the Resolution the General Secretary introduced the "Research Programme - June 1947" copies of which had been circulated.

The meeting concluded at 6.31 p.m.

ANDREW FILSON;

GENERAL SECRETARY.

July 4, 1947.

FABIAN SOCIETY

11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Caxton Hall, Westminster, S.W.1. at 2.15 p.m. on 26 June 1948, Professor H.J. Laski in the Chair.

The Meeting was attended by some 200 members of the Society.

1. Minutes of A.G.M. 1947.

The Minutes of the A.G.M. 1947 were circulated and approved as a true record.

2. Result of the Postal Ballot for the Executive 1948-49.

The results were circulated. The Chairman thanked the Scrutineers on behalf of the Society for the work they had done.

3. Annual Report.

The Report was moved by the Chairman and, after a discussion, adopted.

4. Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts.

The Report and Statement of Accounts were moved by the Honorary Treasurer and after a discussion, to which L.A. Gossman replied, were adopted.

5. Auditors.

It was moved by the Honorary Treasurer and resolved that Messrs Pegg, Robertson, Antrobus and Co. be thanked for their services in the past year and be asked to act as Auditors for 1948-9.

6. Amendment to Rule 4.

The following Resolution was moved by the Chairman on behalf of the Executive Committee:-

"Rule 4 line 2: after " . . . Society" insert

"but no person is eligible to become (or, if he has already become, to remain) a member of the Society if he is ineligible for membership of the Labour Party."

Rule 4 line 7: after " . . . Society" insert

"but shall not have voting rights or be eligible for membership of the Executive Committee."

The following Amendment was moved by Mr. A. Campbell:

"Delete all after 'Society' in line 3 and substitute 'unless he shall sign a declaration accepting the object and methods of the Society as stated in Rules 2 and 3.'"



The following Amendment was moved by Mr. E.S. Napier:

"Delete 'Society' in line 3 and substitute 'Executive Committee' ".

The amendment in the name of Mr. H.V. Sacks fell as he was not present to move it.

The Chairman accepted the amendment moved by Mr. E.S. Napier and the Resolution as amended was put as a substantive motion.

119 persons voted for the substantive motion, 27 persons voted against and 26 persons abstained. As the requisite majority of three quarters had not been obtained, the motion was not carried.

Mr. Campbell's amendment was then put to the vote and defeated on a show of hands.

**7. Amendment to Rule 11.**

The Honorary secretary moved the following Resolution on behalf of the Executive Committee:

"That the existing Rule 11 be deleted and the following new Rule 11 substituted:

"Members are expected to subscribe annually to the funds of the Society in accordance with their means. The minimum annual subscription for members of the Society and for all subscribing bodies and associates shall be 20/- which shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of "Fabian News" and all pamphlets priced 6d or less issued by the Society. A subscription of 30/- or more shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of the "Fabian News" and all pamphlets priced 1/- or less. A subscription of 50/- or more shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of the "Fabian News" and all pamphlets priced 2/- or less. A subscription of 60/- shall in addition make the subscriber a member of the Colonial and International Bureaux receiving all publications to which Bureaux members are entitled. Persons undergoing a full-time course of instruction and members of the ranks of H.M. Forces shall be allowed to be members for the period in which they are so engaged for an annual subscription of half the rate applicable in each category. The executive committee shall have the right in exceptional cases to decide that a pamphlet should be issued either to a greater or a less number of members than is specified in this rule. The Executive Committee shall have power to strike off the books any member who, after notice, fails to pay his subscription".

Miss Anne Whyte moved the following amendment:-

"In lines 8, 10 and 13 add in each case "Fabian Quarterly" after 'Fabian News'."

The Hon. Treasurer opposed the amendment on behalf of the Executive Committee.

The Amendment was put to the vote and defeated on a show of hands.

After Mr. John Parker, M.P. had replied to the discussion on behalf of the Executive Committee the Resolution was put to the vote and carried on a show of hands.

8. Resolution on Co-opted Members of the E.C.

Mr. R.D.Bost moved and Mr. James Johnson seconded the following Resolution on behalf of the West Midland Regional Committee of Fabian Societies : -

"This Annual General Meeting considers that the growing strength of Regional Committees should be encouraged and their abilities used, by the co-option to the National Executive of one member from each Region, who shall have the full rights and privileges accorded to elected members : such co-opted members to be selected by the Regional Committees themselves, and their names submitted to the General Secretary, not later than 14 days after the Annual General Meeting of the Society".

After Mr. Arthur Skeffington, M.P. had promised that the matter should be considered by the new Executive Committee and discussed at a special Local Societies Conference the Resolution was withdrawn.

9. Resolution on M.P. Members.

The following Resolution was moved by Mr.A.G.Hughes :-

"This Annual General Meeting considers that in view of their many other pressing commitments, sitting members of Parliament should not be eligible for the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society".

After a discussion the Previous Question was moved by Mr. Andrew Campbell and carried.

10. Discussion on the Future of the Society

An analysis of the answers to the Questionnaire "What do you think?" and a Statement of the Current Research Programme were circulated.

The Chairman opened the discussion and Mr.H.D.Hughes, M.P. replied on behalf of the Executive Committee.

The meeting closed at 7.05 p.m.

ANDREW FILSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

June 28th, 1948.

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11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1949

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Kingsway Hall, London, W.C.1., at 2.30 p.m., on 26th November, 1949.

G.D.H.Cole in the Chair.

The meeting was attended by some 200 members of the Society

1. The Minutes of the 1948 Annual General Meeting were approved.
2. The results of the 1949-50 Executive Committee Ballot was announced.
3. 66th Annual Report

The Report was moved by the Chairman and discussion followed.

Reference back of the section on Summer Schools was moved by Andrew Campbell but, after debate the motion was withdrawn.

Andrew Campbell also moved the reference back of the section dealing with Research of the Home Research Department.

After discussion the motion was defeated.

The Annual Report was adopted.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Report and Statement of Accounts were moved by the Hon.Treasurer and, after discussion, were adopted.

5. Auditors

It was moved by the Hon.Treasurer and resolved that Messrs. Pegg, Robertson, Antrobus & Co., be warmly thanked for their services in the past year and be asked to act as Auditors for 1949-50.

6. On behalf of the Executive Committee, the Vice Chairman moved the following resolution on the forthcoming General Election:-

"That this Annual General Meeting calls on all members of the Society to work for victory of the Labour Party in the coming General Election".

It was carried unanimously.

- 7.(a) On behalf of the Executive Committee, H.D.Hughes moved the following resolution:-

"That this Annual General Meeting confirms and approves the changes made in the Rules of the Society by the Postal Ballot held in April, 1949".

- (b) The following amendment was moved by Hugh Jenkins:-

"This Annual General Meeting of the Fabian Society DECLARES THAT the Rules of the Society were not changed by the postal ballot which took place this year.

Rule 5 of the Rules as amended at the Annual General Meeting and which we now confirm to be still in force, states:-

"No alteration of or addition to the Rules shall be made save at the Annual Meeting or at a special general meeting convened solely for that purpose. Any alteration of or addition to Rules 1-6 shall be adopted only if supported by not less than three-quarters of the members present at such an annual or special meeting."

This Annual General Meeting therefore rejects the attempt of the Executive Committee to change the rules by unconstitutional means and FURTHER DECLARES THAT the by-laws enacted under the unconstitutional rules have no valid existence".

c) The following amendment was moved by E.S.Napier:-

"This Annual General Meeting of the Fabian Society, WHILE prepared to ratify, as an emergency measure necessary to meet a specific problem, the Amendments to Rules adopted as the result of the postal ballot of membership held in 1949.

- (1) PLACES ON RECORD its displeasure with the procedure followed by the Executive Committee;
- (2) ASSERTS THE PARAMOUNT RIGHT of Annual General Meetings to consider, adopt, amend, or reject, all amendments to the Society's constitution (Rules), and to ratify, amend, or reject any By-laws introduced by the Executive Committee thereunder;

After debate, Mr.Jenkins' Amendment was defeated by 57 votes to 25, Mr. Napier's amendment was defeated on a show of hands and the Executive Resolution was carried by 53 votes to 34.

B P.H.Meyer moved the new set of rules set out in Appendix A to a) these minutes.

b) E.S.Napier moved the following amendment :-

This Annual General Meeting - - - - -  
CALLS ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO examine the Rules and By-Laws as at present in force and hereby ratified with a view to formulating

- (a) "further amendments aimed at removing inconsistencies due to faulty original drafting or subsequent amendments;
- (b) proposals for the strengthening of the status of Local Societies both by specific representation on the Executive Committee and by closer contact with Headquarters".

c) On behalf of the Executive Committee the Chairman moved the following amendment:

"That this annual meeting, in view of the shortness of the time available, the need to deal with other aspects of the Society's affairs, and the undesirability of revising the Rules again at this stage, refers these resolutions to the Executive Committee for consideration and report to the next Annual General Meeting".

Mr.Napier's amendment was declared lost on a show of hands. The Executive amendment was passed, became the substantive motion and was carried.

9. The Resolution in the name of Ivor Montagu was not reached.

The meeting closed at 7.p.m.

26th November, 1949.

DONALD CHAPMAN  
General Secretary

FABIAN SOCIETY  
11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1950.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the  
Caxton Hall at 2. 30 p.m. on Saturday 25th.  
November 1950.

G.D.H. Cole was in the Chair.

The Meeting was attended by some 150 members of the Society.

1. The Minutes of the 1949 Annual General Meeting were approved.
2. The results of the 1950/51 Executive Committee Ballot were announced.
3. (a) In accordance with notice previously given, Mr. Ivor Montagu moved the following amendment to the Society's rules:

"Rule 11, third sentence, after the words 'other organs of the Society.' replace full stop by comma and add 'provided that such by-laws shall not introduce discrimination among members of the Society or diminish the rights of any of them as otherwise provided by Rule'."

The resolution was seconded by Mr. G. Drain.

- (b) Mr. Ronald Maude moved the following amendment to Mr. Montagu's resolution:

"To insert, between 'by-laws' and 'shall' the words:  
'with the exception of by-laws already made.'"

The amendment lapsed, having failed to find a seconder.

After debate Mr. Montagu's resolution was defeated by 67 votes to 35

4. On behalf of the Executive Committee, A. Skaffington moved acceptance of the "Report on Further Points of Rules Revision" circulated with the Annual Report. After debate it was accepted unanimously.
5. 67th. Annual Report. Acceptance of the Report was moved by the Chairman, and seconded by John Parker M.P. After discussion it was accepted unanimously, and it was agreed to record the profound thanks of the Society to Dr. Hinden on her retirement as full-time Secretary of the Society's Colonial Bureau after ten years service.
6. Financial Statement and Treasurer's Report July 1949/June 1950. The report was moved by Ian Mikardo M.P. seconded by E.S. Napier, and accepted unanimously. The special thanks of the Society were accorded to Ian Mikardo and L.A. Gossman on their retirement as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.
7. Auditors. It was moved by Ian Mikardo and resolved that Messrs Pegg, Robertson and Antrobus be thanked for their services in the past year and be asked to act as Auditors for 1950/51. It was agreed to record the Society's

deep appreciation of the great assistance of Mr. Robertson during the past year.

8. On the motion of Arthur Skeffington the Chairman was warmly thanked for his very great services to the Society.

The Meeting closed at 6. 30 p.m.

25th. November 1950.

DONALD CHAPMAN  
General Secretary.

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11, Dartmouth Street, W.I.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1951

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Caxton Hall at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 24th November, 1951.

John Parker, M.P., was in the chair.

The meeting was attended by some 100 members of the Society.

1. The Minutes of the 1950 Annual General Meeting were approved.
2. The results of the 1951/2 Executive Committee Ballot were announced.
3. Amendment to Society's Rules

The meeting considered resolutions submitted by Mr. W. Birmingham and amendments by Miss Gwyneth Morgan:-

(a) Rule 4(c) of the Fabian Society By-Laws

Mr. Birmingham, having accepted Miss Morgan's amendment moved:-

"That Rule 4(c) of the Fabian Society By-Laws be amended by the deletion of all words following 'a full member of the Local Society' and insert 'and is not a member of any political party other than the Labour Party.' "

- and by permission of this meeting, the mover and seconder were allowed to add the words: "and the Co-operative Party," at the end of the resolution.

After debate, the resolution was rejected by 45 votes to 13.

(b) Rule 1 of the Fabian Society By-Laws.

The Resolution was, with permission, withdrawn.

4. 68th Annual Report

Acceptance of the Report was moved by the Chairman, Mr. John Parker, M.P., and, after discussion, carried unanimously.

5. Financial Statement and Treasurer's and Auditors Report, July 1950/June, 1951.

The report was moved by the Hon. Treasurer, John Diamond, and accepted unanimously.

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6. Auditors

It was moved by John Diamond and resolved that Messrs. Pegg, Robertson, Antrobus & Co., be thanked for their services in the past year and be asked to act as auditors for the year 1951/2. It was agreed to record very special appreciation of the great assistance of Mr. I. Robertson during the past year.

The meeting closed at 5.45 p.m.

DONALD CHAPMAN  
General Secretary.

24th November, 1951.

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EX ECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4.30 p.m. Monday 27th September

Supplementary Papers to be added to those circulated  
with the Agenda issued on 17th September

- For item 3 Secretary's Report - EC(48)43 (attached)  
4 Composition of the E.C. - 65/48/862 (attached)  
8. Rules Revision Committee - EC(48)42 (attached)  
9. F.G.P.C.(48) 8th meeting minutes (attached)

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the E.C. will be held at 4.30 p.m.  
on Monday 4th October.

This will be required because (a) the Agenda for the 27th  
is very heavy (b) a large number of members will be  
absent on the 27th and (c) some items such as "composition  
of the E.C." and "Rules Revision Committee" will  
require a most careful discussion. In view of this  
further meeting I will not at this stage circulate  
papers for items 10,11 and 12 of the Agenda issued on  
17th September.

23rd September 1948

ANDREW WILSON  
General Secretary

## Secretary's Report

September 1948

While I am reluctant to add more paper for the E.C. members to read, I think it may be convenient to have for each meeting a brief written report summarising important points which are not covered by the Agenda. This (a) should help to expedite business (b) should prevent some points being lost in the closing stages of the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence.

So far apologies have been received from Barou, Diamond, Hughes, Laski, Mikardo, Monck, Parker and Young.

2. Evan Durbin

(a) A tribute will appear in the October Fabian News

(b) Would the E.C. consider dedicating the new series of discussion pamphlets "The Challenge of 1950" to the memory of Evan Durbin, who was in the chair of the R.P.C. meeting that initiated it?

(c) Young is reading an unpublished essay by Durbin and will report to the E.C. whether it could be brought up to date for publication as memorial tribute.

(d) The Mayor of Edmonton has launched a fund to help Marjorie Durbin. I assume the Society will want to subscribe and I feel we should also advertise it in Fabian News.

(e) Young has suggested that a Durbin Memorial Fund be launched and the money be devoted to an annual scholarship for work on Social Psychology. Personally, I feel we should not compete with the Edmonton Fund.

(f) Margaret Cole has suggested that we award one or more Durbin Scholarships for our Summer Schools.

(g) Does the E.C. wish to pass a formal resolution of sympathy?

3. Nominations of Potential Parliamentary Candidates.

The Labour Party has wiped out its existing panel and will now draw up a new list of candidates nominated by affiliated organisations.

Three members of the Society have asked for our nominations.

What is going to be our policy?

Shall we make nominations?

What shall be our procedure? An announcement in Fabian News?

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4. Revenue Campaign Council

The Revenue Campaign Council would like to become a special Committee of the E.C. responsible for the Social functions of the Society. This will involve turning the Schools and Social Committee into a Schools Committee.

The F.G.P.C. approves. The S.S.C will be asked for its opinion on 23rd September.

Personally I regard this as a good idea, provided that the R.C.C. under its new guise continues to rely on voluntary effort and makes no substantial calls on the staff of the Society.

ANDREW FILSON

23rd September 1948

General Secretary

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FABIAN SOCIETY : : : 11, DARTMOUTH ST., S.W.1.

ADDENDUM TO REPORT OF RULES REVISION COMMITTEE

1. The time table recommended in para.5 of the R.R.C. Report needs revision. It was based on the supposition that the financial year would end in December and the A.G.M. take place in April. It has now been decided that the financial year will end in June and the A.G.M. take place in the autumn.
2. This gives us a few months breathing space and I therefore recommend that members & Local Societies be informed of the decision of the E.C. to revise rules (if this is decided) and be invited to submit suggestions. This seems to me both democratic and prudent.
3. My revised time table would be as follows:-
  - 1 Nov.48. Fabian News reports decision of E.C. & invites suggestions
  - 31 Dec. " Closing date for suggestions
  - Jan.49. Rules Revision Committee & the E.C. considers suggestions
  - Feb.49. Material for Postal Ballot sent to printers
  - 1 Mar.49. Postal Ballot issued to members.
  - 31 Mar.49. Final date for answers of members.
  - Apr.49. New rules sent to printers.
  - 1 May 49. New rules issued to members.

This will give members ample time to digest the new Rules before the AGM.

4. Incidentally, if the EC accepts the Recommendations of the Rules Revision Committee that amendments to Resolutions be circulated to members, then The A.G.M. should take place in November rather than October owing to the holiday period and the absence of an August Fabian News. Here is the time table.

If the A.G.M. is held	end October.	end November
Agenda, including amendments to members	1 October	1 Nov.
Resolutions circulated to members	1 Sept.	1 Oct.
Members invited to submit resolutions	1 July	1 Sept.

The October A.G.M. therefore seems to be a bad date if we are going to circulate amendments.

ANDREW MILSON

30 September 1948

General Secretary

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EC(48)11th Meeting: Agenda

FABIAN SOCIETY : 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, S.W.1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A meeting will be held at 4.30 p.m. on Monday 4th October in the dining room of P.E.P. - 16, Queen Anne's Gate.

Note: the papers for items 4,5 & 6 were issued for the last meeting. Please bring your copies with you.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of EC(48) 10th meeting - attached
2. Secretary's Report - EC(48)46 attached
3. Composition of the Research Committee - EC(48)47 attached
4. Publications: September 1948 - EC(48)38 already issued
5. Fabian Essays: New Volume? - EC(48)39 " "
6. Rules Revision Committee - EC(48)42 " "
7. **Schools etc.** 1948 - EC(48)44 attached
8. Composition of SSC 1948 - 1949 - EC(48)45 attached
9. Removal of April and May dated subscribers - EC(48)41 attached
10. Any other business



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28th September 1948

ANDREW FILSON  
General Secretary

P.S. Circulated with this Agenda is an "Addendum to EC(48)42", item 6 on the Agenda.



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HOME RESEARCH COMMITTEE - COMPOSITION

1. The E.C. at its meeting on 27 September decided to set up a 'Home Research Committee'.

Before settling its composition members should, I think, know how we (Don Chapman and myself) envisage its operations. Its task, as we see it, will be to plan and supervise the work of the Home Research Department - though mainly in general terms. At each meeting it will have an overall picture of work in progress, but need only discuss the details of those projects which are not going well. This procedure should help to secure the steady progress of a balanced programme, but clearly something more is needed and that is why the panels of advisers have been recommended. In each field - Economics, Politics and Social Research - there will be a body of 4 - 5 experts with whom the Home Research Secretary will discuss conundrums and delays and plans for new work. The results of these consultations will be embodied in his Quarterly Reports to the Committee. These panels are not envisaged as formal sub-committees but as expert advisers who can give interim help and remove details from the H.R.C. Agenda.

2. This Committee should be mainly composed of E.C. members. In recent times finance and administration have been so prominent on the Agenda that the E.C. has inevitably paid too little attention to our present work.

The Committee should however be strengthened by some outside specialists, but such specialists should as far as possible be not so narrow in their interests that they will be bored by discussions on other subjects.

The place for the super-specialists is on the panels of the advisers.

3. We suggest that the new Home Research Committee be composed of about 18 members, chosen from the following:-

ECONOMICS: (E.C.) ~~Albu, Barbu, Crosland, Diamond, Gray, Jay,~~

(others) ~~Balogh, D. J. T. Bruce N.P., Kurt Martin, Radomysler, Rostas~~

POLITICS: (E.C.) ~~Mikardo, Parker, Eirene White, Young,~~

(others) ~~Chorley, Hardie, McColl, Robson.~~

SOCIAL RESEARCH: (E.C.) ~~Dorothy Archibald, Margaret Cole, Hughes.~~

(others) ~~Abrams, Lady Simon, Stross.~~

GENERAL: Ritchie Calder, Ray Goodman.

4. We feel that the H.R.C. should appoint the panels of Advisers.

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5. The members of the retiring 1947-48 Committee were:-

RPC: Laski, Barou, Margaret Cole, Durbin, Feringdon,  
Goodman, Hughes, Parker, Woolf, Young.

EIC: Durbin, Wain, Cobb, Diamond, Edwards, Gray,  
Kaldor, Jay, Lewis, MacRae, Mikardo, Monck, White,  
Worswick.

PLCC: Robson, Chester, Chorley, Margaret Cole, Crossman,  
Greaves, Hardie, Hughes, MacColl, Pollard, Self, Wells,  
Young.

SRC: Hughes, Abrams, Clarke, Margaret Cole, Gray, McGhie,  
Lady Simon, Stross.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at 4.30 p.m.  
on Monday 27th September in 5, Old Palace  
Yard.

Present: Margaret Cole (Chair), Dorothy Archibald,  
Faringdon, Gosman, Gray, Jay, Margaret Room,  
Keffington, Eirene White, Woolf

Staff: Filson, Chapman

Apologies: Albu, Baron, Diamond, Hughes, Laski, Mikardo,  
Monck, Parker, Young.

1. Minutes of E.C. (48) 9th meeting

(a) Item 3b. Date of next A.G.M.

It was agreed that in accordance with the wishes  
of the auditors the financial year should end in  
June and the A.G.M. take place in a date to be  
recommended by the General Secretary (probably  
in October)

(b) Item 4(c) Publications Committee - Special Traveller

As Gollancz said the Society could not use their  
travellers if it also used a special traveller, it  
was agreed to abandon the proposal.

2. Matters arising out of the Secretary's Report - EC(48)43

(a) Evan Durbin

It was agreed -

(i) that a resolution of sympathy should be sent  
from the Executive to Mrs. Durbin

(ii) that the Society should donate £25 to the  
most suitable fund (i.e. the Parliamentary  
Labour Party Fund or the Edmonton Fund) and  
invite members through Fabian News to subscribe  
to the Fund.

(iii) that no special memorial publication or  
scholarship should be approved.

(b) Nominations of Potential Parliamentary Candidates

It was agreed -

(i) that the Executive should reserve the right to  
make nominations in exceptional cases

(ii) that the General Secretary should find out  
from each applicant why he or she had no other  
opportunity for nomination before the  
application was considered by the E.C.



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(c) Revenue Campaign Council

It was agreed -

- (i) that the R.C.C. should be wound up and the members thanked for the help they had given.
- (ii) that a booking should be made for a dance on some Saturday in 1949 and that a committee should be summoned ad hoc to make the necessary arrangements. Gossman undertook to be the convener of such a committee.

3. Composition of the E.C.

(a) Chairmanship

Deferred till next meeting.

(b) Cooptions

It was agreed to invite Crosland, to find out if Ritchie Calder or Francis Williams would be willing to serve to consider further cooptions at the next meeting.

4. Research Planning Committee RPC(48)4

It was agreed

- (a) that the RPC, EIC, PLGC and SRC should be abolished
- (b) that a new Home Research Committee should be created
- (c) that the composition of the H.R.C. should be settled at the next meeting.

5. Minutes of F.G.P.C. (48) 8th meeting

Item 6 General Secretary

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6. Pamphlets by Films Group

It was agreed to abandon this pamphlet.

Deferred till next meeting.

Publications - September 1948 - EC(48)38  
Fabian Essays: New Volume? - EC(48)39  
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Secretary's Report: 30 September 1948

Part 1. Arising out of minutes of 10th meeting

1. Evan Durbin Item 2(a)

From further investigation it is clear (a) that the Society should make its donation to the private Joint Fund sponsored by Gaitskell, Bowlby, Carol Johnson, Diamond and others (b) that no general appeal should be made through Fabian News or otherwise (c) that personal friends of Durbin should be advised to contribute to the Gaitskell etc. Fund (d) that publicity should not be given to the Edmonton Fund.

2. Chairmanship item 3(a)

I will have a verbal report.

3. Cooptions item 3(b)

(a) There may be reports re Calder and Francis Williams.

(b) The names reported to the E.C. last week are repeated here for convenience:

Abrams, Callaghan, Champion, Cobb, Hardie, Hugh Jenkins, James Johnson, Kingsley Martin, Kurt Martin, Gwyneth Morgan, Ben Parkin, Radomysler, Margaret Stewart, Mary Stewart, Michael Stewart, Swingle, Worwick.

The last meeting thought that Abrams, Callaghan and Michael Stewart would be unable to attend regularly.

4. Home Research Committee item 4(c)

This is a separate item on the new Agenda

PART 11 - NEW MATTERS

5. University Labour Parties

The University Labour Parties (Oxford, Cambridge, London and Scottish) will be disbanded. The N.E.C. of the Labour Party has recommended them to become Local Fabian Societies. I have been in touch with their Secretaries. The decision of the parties will be made in October (probably).

6. Removal of April & May dated subscribers.

Item 9 on the Agenda gives a list of defaulting subscribers. Will any member who is going to be absent from the E.C. meeting please let me know if he is willing to make a personal approach to any of these defaulters?

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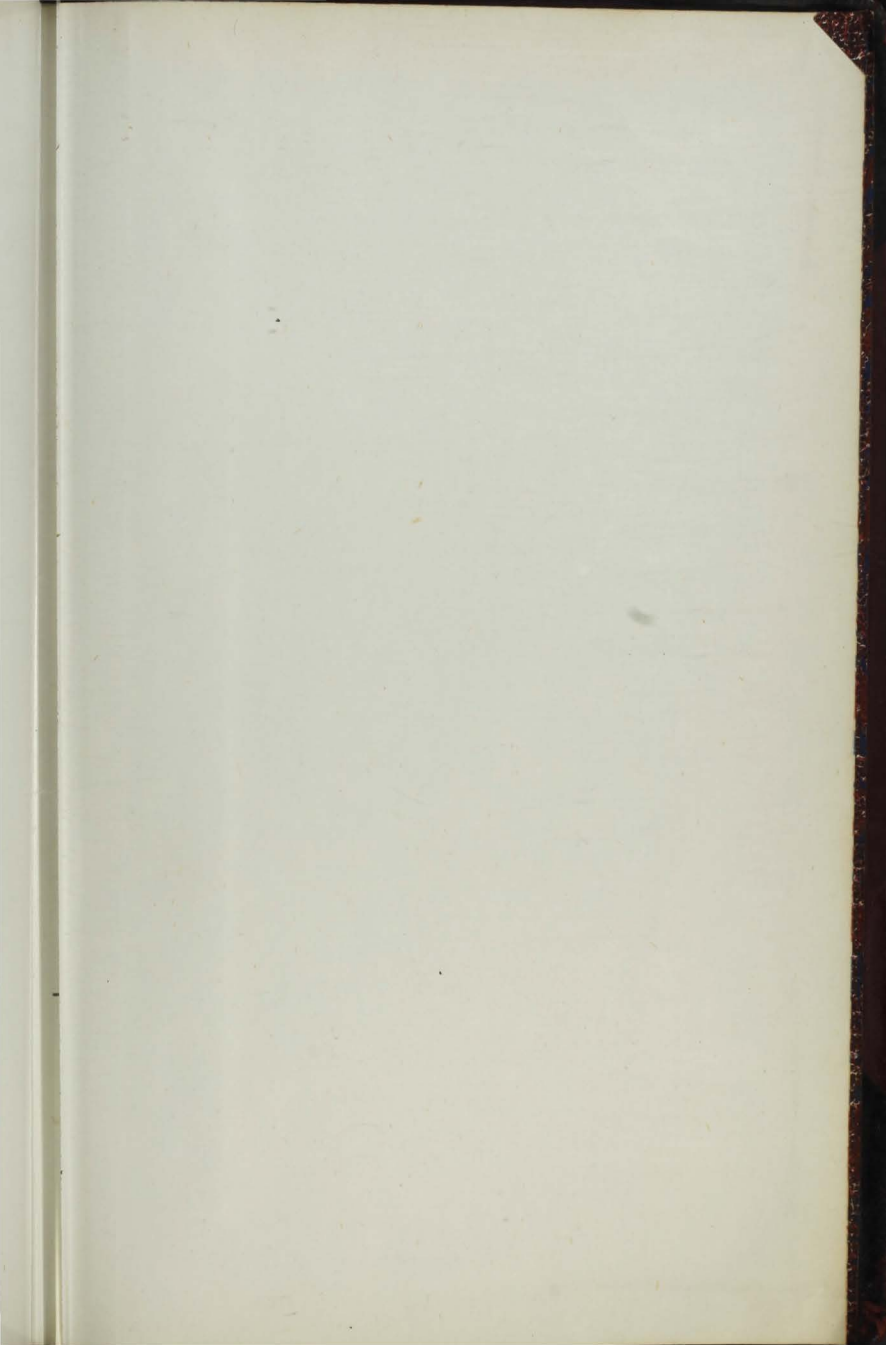
















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