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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JULY 2ND, 1931 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Lady Gladstone (in the Chair), Sir Norman Angell, L.J.Cedbury, Miss K.D.Courtney, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Captain L.L.Green, J.H.Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Dr. C.W.Kimmins, Sir Walter Napier and Lady Parmoor, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

136. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Colonel Carnegie, C.Dellisle Burns, Mrs. Dugdale, Mr. Leif Jones and Professor Murray.
137. CHAIRMAN. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman Lady Gladstone was, on the motion of Sir Walter Napier, seconded by Dr. Kimmins, voted to the Chair.
138. BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY. It was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That the cordial thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the British Red Cross Society for their kindness in allowing the Committee to meet in their Board Room."

139. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minutes 131 and 132(c)(49) and decision on minute 132(f)(15) the minutes of the Committee dated June 18th, 1931 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 131 - Chemical Warfare, it was reported that a draft resolution prepared by Sir Hugh Jeudwine was at present being considered by Lord Cecil and Colonel Carnegie.

On Minute 132(c)(49) - National Demonstration at Albert Hall, it was reported that the amended resolution for submission to the Albert Hall Meeting had been approved by all three speakers.

On Minute 132(f)(15) - Statelessness, it was reported that Sir Walter Napier and Lord Dickinson had interviewed an official of the Foreign Office on June 23rd who had asked them to write to Mr. Henderson on the subject. The Committee considered a draft letter prepared by a sub-Committee of the Minorities Committee, and it was

RESOLVED. "That, subject to the approval of Lord Cecil the letter be forwarded in the name of the Executive to the Foreign Secretary."

140. CO-OPTIONATIONS. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the following be co-opted to serve on the Executive Committee for the year 1931/32:-

Mrs. Dugdale	John Sherborne
R.S.Hudson	Herbert Worsley
Sir Hugh Jeudwine	Mrs. Wilson-Pox
Rt.Hon.Leif Jones	Lt.Col. G.R.Crosfield

- (2) "That a sub-Committee consisting of Lady Gladstone, Lady Parmoor and Mr. R.S.Hudson, be appointed, to recommend twelve persons for co-optation by the Executive and, in this connection, to consider certain names."

See Minut 150.

141. STATEMENT ON DEFENCE EXPENDITURE. The Committee considered a Statement on Defence Expenditure (Effective Services) (S.G.4168) prepared in accordance with minute 66(5) of 26.3.31. After discussion it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That, in view of the figures given by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons on June 30th, no Statement on Defence Expenditure be published by the League of Nations Union until after July 11th."
 (2) "That Sir Norman Angell be invited to suggest the basis of a pamphlet to accompany the Statement on Defence Expenditure, in which the figures supplied by the League's Secretariat should be reconciled with those quoted by the Prime Minister, and in which a statement by an American authority and a French authority, on the lines of that made by Mr. MacDonald, should be included."
 (3) "That this pamphlet, when drafted, be submitted for approval to Sir Hugh Jevdine in addition to the other persons to whom it would normally be sent."

142. WASHINGTON HOURS CONVENTION. The Committee were reminded that, in accordance with minute 119 of 4.6.31, a letter had been sent to those members of the Executive who are members of the House of Commons concerning the situation in regard to the Washington Hours Convention. Replies were read from Major Hills, Mr. Graham White, Sir Thomas Inskip and Mr. Rennie Smith. After discussion it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That the Political Committee be asked to consider the situation in regard to the Washington Hours Convention and to arrange for a small group of representative Members of Parliament to wait upon the Chief Whip with a view to time being allotted in the next session for a discussion on this Bill."
 (2) "That Captain Green be asked to suggest the names of members of the Industrial Advisory Committee who might be invited to attend the meeting of the Political Committee when this matter is being discussed."

143. MEMORANDUM ON THE LEAGUE'S GUARANTEE OF MINORITY RIGHTS. The Committee considered a memorandum by Sir Walter Napier on the League's Guarantee of Minority Rights (S.G.4073), and it was

- RESOLVED: "That this memorandum be forwarded to the Secretary of the International Federation for discussion by the Permanent Minorities Commission at Perugia with a view to a recommendation being made to the next Plenary Congress of the Federation."

144. ANNUAL MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL. A report on the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the General Council, held at Blackpool on June 24th, 25th and 26th was circulated to the Committee. The Secretary stated that the meeting had been most successful except from the point of view of numbers. Not more than

250 members of the Council were present out of a nominal 5,000. But delegates came from each of the three Scottish regions, from London and from thirty-one English counties. No representative attended from Wales or Monmouthshire.

145. COMMUNICATION FROM SIR JOHN POWER. A letter dated June 23rd was read to the Committee from Sir John Power, concerning the difficulty of getting members of the Conservative Party to support the Union. The Secretary stated that immediately upon receiving this letter he had called upon Sir John Power and had described his interview of June 22nd with Lord Stonehaven. Sir John had promised to enquire from a friend of his in Mr. Neville Chamberlain's office what complaints of the Union had reached Lord Stonehaven's office (the Conservative Central Office) and what changes in the Union's policy or procedure would suffice to re-assure Right-wing opinion. When this information had been obtained the situation would be discussed by Sir John Power with Lord Cecil, Mr. Leif Jones and the Secretary.

146. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Library Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported.) Subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on minute 23, the minutes of the Committee dated June 15th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (23) Library Book Fund for 1932; (24) Recommendations for the League of Nations Sub-Committee of Experts; (25) Attendance of the Librarian at the Autumn Conference of the Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux; (26) Attendance of the Assistant Librarian at Summer School of the Library Association; (27) Book List.

- (b) Disarmament Campaign Sub-Committee. (Miss Courtney reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 19, 24 and 25, the minutes of the Committee dated June 16th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (19) International Disarmament Manifesto; (20) Postal Opportunities; (21) Town Meetings and Open Air Meetings; (22) Record of Recent Activities; (23) Reports of Branch activities; (24) Co-operative Union Congress; (25) National Demonstration, Albert Hall, July 11th; (26) International Disarmament Bulletin; (27) Statements from Party Leaders; (28) Sir Trisham Lever's Proposals; (29) Disarmament Posters.

On Minute 19 - International Disarmament Manifesto, it was

RESOLVED: "That, so soon as the draft International Disarmament Manifesto has been prepared, it be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval."

On Minute 24 - Co-operative Union Congress, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred back for further consideration by the Disarmament Campaign Sub-Committee or by the Political Committee."

On Minute 25 - National Demonstration, Albert Hall, July 11th. It was

RESOLVED: "That a copy of the handbill prepared by the Women's International League be enclosed with all communications, so far as may be practical and convenient, which may be despatched by the Union on the subject of the demonstration."

For this purpose Miss Courtney promised to supply the Union with copies of the handbills in which the name and address of the W.I.L. did not appear.

- (c) Christian Organisations Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported.) Subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on minutes 53, 60 and 62, and to the following decision on minute 56, the minutes of the Committee dated June 17th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (53) Call to Prayer and Central Hall Meeting - Report; (54) Use of Affirmation; (55) Other Meetings; (56) Service for Delegates to Disarmament Conference; (57) Prayers for the Conference; (58) Outlines for Study; (59) Church Assembly Resolutions; (60) Armistice Literature; (61) Girlist and Peace Convention Report; (62) Children's Leaflet; (63) Meetings of General Council; (64) Applications for Corporate Membership; (65) Resolution from Bedford and Northants, Wesleyan District Synod.

On Minute 56 - Service for Delegates to Disarmament Conference, it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That this minute be referred to the Disarmament Campaign Sub-Committee for consideration and report."
 (2) "That the Overseas Committee be asked to consider the question of inviting Foreign League of Nations Societies to arrange for services for delegates to the Disarmament Conference to be held simultaneously."

- (d) Publicity Committee. (Sir Norman Angell reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 37 and 38, the minutes of the Committee dated June 29th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (35) Report of Publicity Activities; (36) Publicity for the General Council; (37) Posters; (38) Leaflet on Armaments Statistics; (39) Disarmament Policy; (40) Special Meeting on the Disarmament Campaign; (41) Branch Activities for Disarmament.

On Minute 37 - Posters, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution be approved in the following amended form:-

'That, so far as may be practicable, drafts of posters be sent in future to the members of the Publicity Committee in case they have any suggestions to offer.'"

On Minute 38 - Leaflet on Armament Statistics, it was

RESOLVED: "That no action be taken on this minute in view of the decision recorded in minute 141 above."

- (e) Overseas Committee. The Committee considered, as a matter of urgency, minute 43 (Public Conference on International Disarmament) of the Overseas Committee dated 1st July, 1931, and it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved; that enquiries be made concerning the number of delegates it is desired the Union should send to the Conference; and that authority be given for the Union to contribute a sum not exceeding £5 towards the cost of the proposed Paris Conference in November."

147. BRANCH RESOLUTION. The Committee received with interest a resolution from the Sidmouth Branch, urging that all British policy brought before the Council or Assembly of the League should be policy approved by representatives to Geneva from all the three principal political parties. It was suggested that the Union's Regional Representative should explain to the Sidmouth Branch the views of the Executive on this question.
148. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members and Affiliated Members, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

7 Branches, 9 Junior Branches, 11 Corporate Members, 1 Affiliated Member.

Deletions.

6 Branches.

BRANCHES: St. Thomas' Church, Charlton, London; Dursley and District, Glos; Elstead, Surrey; Fishponds Training College, Bristol; Ockley and District, Surrey; Ringmer, Sussex; Banworth-in-Arden, Warwicks. DELETIONS: Bourne, Lincs; Camberwell, London; Chopwell, Durham; Trinity Presbyterian Church of England, Leeds; Newton Park, Leeds; Thorne, Yorks. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Coal Clough Mixed School, Burnley, Lancs; Stainforth Boys' School, Doncaster; Jewish Secondary School for Boys, Finsbury Park; The Hillside School, Glasgow; Junior Branch, Launceston, Cornwall; St. Helen's School, Northwood, Middx; Hunts County Secondary School, Elyton, Peterborough; Junior Branch, Ringwood, Hants; Huish Boys' School, Yeovil, Somerset. CORPORATE MEMBERS. Misselburgh Women's Liberal Club, Scotland; Vale of Leven Women Citizens' Association, Scotland; Cambridge Trades and Labour Council; Bede College, Durham; Bowesfield Lane Primitive Methodist Church, Stockton-on-Tees;

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New Gravel Pit Unitarian Church, Hackney, London; St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Baling, Middx; Wembley Chamber of Trade, Wembley, Middx; St. Nicholas Church, Guildford, Surrey; Baptist Church, New Malden, Surrey; St. Francis of Assissi Church, Bournville, Worcs. AFFILIATED MEMBER. The Educational Institute of Scotland.

It was reported that there were now 3,044 Branches, 1,062 Junior Branches, 3,418 Corporate Members and 41 Affiliated Members, and that 1,797 new Foundation Members had been enrolled in the first half of 1931 as compared with 688 during the same period in 1930.

Frank Bell
16 July 1931.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

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June 24th, 25th and 26th, 1931.

1. Disarmament.

D "The General Council of the League of Nations Union, pledges the Union to do its utmost, in co-operation with foreign League of Nations Societies, to promote the success of the forth-coming Disarmament Conference, and, in particular, to secure from the British public an unmistakable expression of their willingness to support any all-round reduction of armaments, however drastic, to which the Conference may agree."

2. Major Hills. (On the motion of Mr. Will Thorne, M.P.)

"That the General Council congratulate the Vice-Chairman of the Executive, Major the Rt. Hon. J. W. Hills, M.P., on his recent marriage."

3. Annual Report. — Adopted.4. Audited Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account for 1930. — Adopted.5. Election of Officers. All included in Section IV on page 5 of the Agenda were appointed.6. Executive Committee. The thirty nominated by Postal Ballot were elected. Miss Fry, who withdrew through ill-health while the Ballot was in progress, was among the first 30 so the person who would otherwise have been placed 31st was included in the thirty whose names were printed in the Agenda.7. Co-optations to General Council. Under Bye-Law 6(iii) — those whose names were given in the Agenda were elected minus Lord Olivier, Mrs. Walter Rea and Sir Harry Reichel and plus Lady Selborne and Sir Alexander Gordon.

Under Bye-Law 6(iv) all whose names were in the Agenda were elected with the following omissions and additions:

Omissions:-

Education — Mr. E. L. Sainsbury and Mr. A. Tasker.

Additions:-

Education:— Miss E. R. Conway, C.B.E.
Mr. Angus Roberts

Trade and Industry — Sir Montague Burton.

8. Constitution of General Council.

A. (i) That the size of the Council be reduced.

(ii) That representation be based on paid-up individual membership.

(iii) That inequalities in the travelling expenses of delegates be minimised.

(iv) That the operation of Rule 29 be simplified.

(v) That Rules 8, 10, 11, 18, 21, 22 and 29 be amended accordingly.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JULY 16TH, 1931 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major Hills (in the Chair), Sir Norman Angell, L.J. Cadbury, Lord Cecil, Miss K.D. Courtney, Colonel Grosfield, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Captain Green, J.H. Harris, R.C. Hudson, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Farmer, John Sherborne, H.S. Syrett, Mrs. Wilson-Fox and Herbert Worsley, together with the Secretary.

149. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Colonel Carnegie, C. Delisle Burns, Sir Arthur Haverth, Sir Hugh Jaudhine, Commander Kenworthy, Mr. Leif Jones, Sir Ben Turner and Professor Zimmern.

150. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minute 139(132) (f) the minutes of the Committee dated July 2nd, 1931 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 139 -132(f)(15) - Statelessness, Lord Cecil stated that he approved of the Draft letter prepared by a sub-Committee of the Minorities Committee and that it could now be forwarded to the Foreign Secretary.

151. NANSEN MEMORIAL FUND. Mr. J.H. Harris reported that a National Committee for the Nansen Memorial Fund was being created, and that the Secretary of the Armenian (Lord Mayor's) Fund was anxious to know whether or not the Union would be in favour of joining such a National Appeal Committee. It was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. J.H. Harris be requested to consult Mr. Noel Baker and, provided they agree, the recommendation of the Governing Body of the Nansen International Office for Refugees to found National Committees in all countries to further the Nansen Memorial Fund Appeal, be supported."

152. REPORT OF CO-OPTATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE. The Committee considered the report of the Co-optations Sub-Committee's meeting on June 30th, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the following twelve persons be invited to serve on the Executive Committee for the year 1931/2:-

F. Burris	W.J. Salmon
Dame Rachel Crowley	Rennie Smith
H.H. Elvin	H.S. Syrett
Mrs. Ralph Glynn	H.D. Watton
Lady Hall	L.M. Wynch
Lady Layton	H. Graham White

The Committee was informed that, since the meeting of the Co-optations Sub-Committee, a further letter had been received from Mr. Delisle Burns stating that he would not after all be going to China this year.

153. DECEMBER MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the General Council be held on Thursday and Friday, December 10th and 11th, and, if necessary, on Saturday, December 12th."

B. That in exercising its powers under Bye-Law 6(111) the Council do not co-opt a greater number than is represented by 5% of the total number of representatives of Branches, District, Regional and National Councils.

C. That at the December meeting the Council do not concern itself with any matters other than questions of Union finance and questions of League policy.

9. Minimisation of Travelling Expenses of Delegates attending Council Meetings.

(1) That every Branch and District, Regional or National Council sending a delegate or delegates to a meeting of the General Council shall pay to Headquarters 10s. for each ticket to entitle a representative to attend and vote at the meeting and to a reduced fare railway voucher.

(2) That within a specified period after a meeting of the General Council has been held, Branches, District, Regional or National Councils shall send to Headquarters statements showing the exact amount of railway fare paid on presentation of the reduced fare vouchers by their representative or representatives attending the Council Meeting.

(3) That the money received for the tickets be used to reduce to the lowest possible maximum (so that the Head Office is not out of pocket) the cost of railway travel of the delegates of the Branches, District, Regional and National Councils concerned.

(4) That as soon as possible after the present meeting

(a) Every Branch, District, Regional or National Council represented at the meeting shall be invited to state

(i) The amount, if any, of its delegates' travelling expenses reckoned as not exceeding third class railway fares at reduced rates; and

(ii) Whether it is willing to pay to Headquarters such sum as would equalise the travelling expenses of all delegates who represented Branches or District, Regional or National Councils at the meeting that are willing to undertake a like obligation.

(b) Every Branch, District, Regional or National Council not represented at the meeting shall be invited to state what sum it is willing to contribute for the purpose of equalising delegates' travelling expenses.

(5) That the Executive Committee in consultation with the Regions Committee, be asked to prepare for a Special Meeting of the Council in December the amendments to the Rules required to give effect to paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) if they consider such a course desirable in view of the replies received to paragraph 4 (a) and (b).

154. TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered the resolutions adopted by the twelfth Annual Meeting of the General Council held at Blackpool. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That resolutions 8 and 9 be referred to the Branches Committee; that resolutions 11, 12 and 22 be referred to the Publicity Committee; that resolution 16 be referred to the Office and Finance Committees; that resolution 17 be referred to the Christian Organisations Committee; that resolutions 18, 19, 20 and 21 be referred to the Education Committee, and that it be left to the Vice-Chairman, if he thinks necessary, to suggest the names of any additional persons who might be invited to attend the Committee when these resolutions are being considered; that resolution 24 be referred to the Regions Committee; that resolutions 26 and 28 be referred to the Political Committee; and that resolution 29 be referred to the Economic Committee."

(2) "That the Political Committee be asked to re-draft the Statement upon International Policy in the light of the resolutions adopted by the General Council, and that the revised Statement be submitted to the Council at its next meeting in December."

155. STATEMENT ON DEFENCE EXPENDITURE. The Committee considered a revised Statement on Defence Expenditure in which the figures contained in the previous Statement for the U.S.A. and for Japan, for 1909/13 (supplied by the Secretariat of the League of Nations) had been corrected. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the decision of the Committee contained in minute 141(2) be re-affirmed, and that Mr. Jacobson and a well known economist (such as Sir Josiah Stamp) be consulted with regard to the preparation of the pamphlet."

156. NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION OF JULY 11TH. It was reported that some 11,000 people had secured admission to the Albert Hall and that over 1,000 people had attended the overflow meeting. More than seventy meetings had been held in the provinces to which the proceedings in the Albert Hall had been relayed. Dr. Kimmins, who had taken part in the procession organised by the Women's International League, stated that he was delighted with the arrangements that had been made. After considering a recommendation from the Disarmament Campaign Sub-Committee it was unanimously

RESOLVED: (1) "That letters of thanks be sent to the Chairman and the principal speakers at the Demonstration."

(2) "That Mrs. Talbot, Mr. Popham and other voluntary workers, and the officers of the Union concerned, be thanked for contributing to the success of the Demonstration."

(3) "That the congratulations and thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Miss Courtney and the Women's International League on the success of the Procession."

10. Annual Conference.

"That the Annual General (Summer) Meeting of the General Council be associated with a Conference in which all members of the Union shall be invited to take part on presenting their delegates' tickets as members of the Council or Conference tickets obtained from Headquarters."

11. HEADWAY.

- (a) "That the supply of HEADWAY in two forms continue as at present; and
- (b) That the Executive in consultation with the Regions Committee be asked to enquire further into the possibility of obtaining a greater advertisement revenue from those copies printed on the better paper."

12. New Quarterly Periodical.

"That the General Council is of opinion that it is desirable to produce a quarterly periodical in order that all members of the Union may receive a publication giving information about the League and the Union, and that the Executive be asked to make enquiries and bring forward a proposal."

13. Composition of Executive Committee.

"Ten of the thirty elected members of the Executive Committee shall respectively represent:

- (1) Scotland;
- (2) Wales;

and each of the following English regions:-

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| (3) North | (7) East |
| (4) North-west | (8) South and South-east (combined) |
| (5) North-east | (9) South-west |
| (6) Midlands (combined) | (10) Metropolitan. |

Each of these ten representative members shall possess personal experience of the work of one or more of the Branches, District Councils and Regions in the area to be represented, and shall be nominated by the votes of these bodies from a list of candidates possessing the required qualifications.

Names shall be placed on this list when proposed by one or more of the bodies in question.

14. Date of next Meeting of General Council.

"That this proposal be not adopted."

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- (4) "That Lord Cecil be asked to convey to the B.E.C. the sincere thanks of the Committee for their kindness in arranging a broadcast of the proceedings."

157. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Overseas Committee. (Lady Gladstone reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 38 and report on minute 48, the minutes of the Committee dated July 1st, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (38) Report of the Budapest Congress; (39) Perugia Meetings; (40) Proposal for Amending the Federation's Statutes; (41) Federation's Geneva Office; (42) Proposal for a Permanent European Committee of the Federation; (43) Secretary-General's Report; (44) Overseas Budget for 1932; (45) Paris Section; (46) Overseas Report; (47) Literature Stall at the Assembly; (48) Public Conference on International Disarmament; (50) Report of the Budapest General Assembly; (51) Perugia Meetings.

On Minute 38 - Report of the Budapest Congress, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved, but that the resolution on Disarmament adopted at Budapest be forwarded to H.M. Government as a separate document."

On Minute 48 - Public Conference on International Disarmament, it was reported that Mr. Noel Baker would accompany Lord Cecil to the meeting in Paris on July 25th.

- (b) Political and Parliamentary Committee. (Lord Cecil reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 62, the minutes of the Committee dated July 7th were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (56) National Disarmament Demonstration at Albert Hall, July 11th; (57) Lord Cecil's Visit to Central Europe; (58) The Union and International Policy; (59) International Disarmament Manifesto; (60) International Congress on Disarmament, Paris, November 24th, 1931; (61) Article 23 of the Covenant; (62) Washington Hours Convention; (63) By-Elections.

On Minute 62 - Washington Hours Convention, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved and that the Minister of Labour be informed that the Committee has noted her Statement in the House of Commons on June 30th."

- (c) Services Committee. (Colonel Crosfield reported.) Subject to the following report on minute 10, the minutes of the Committee dated July 10th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (10) Pamphlet and Circular; (11) Composition of Committee.

15. Annual Meeting of General Council in 1933.

"That the Annual Meeting of General Council be held in Edinburgh in 1933."

16. Headquarters' Office.

"That the Executive take into consideration the proposals both of the Kent Federal Council and the London Regional Federation."

17. Church Magazine Inset.

"That the Executive Committee be requested to consider methods of increasing the circulation of the Church Magazine Inset in order that the publicity obtained by its previous free issue may be regained."

18. Junior Branches.

(1) "That as no financial provision exists for the distribution of free literature to individual Junior Members, Junior Branches be recommended

(a) to purchase copies of LEAGUE NEWS for distribution to their members,

(b) to purchase copies of the NEWS SHEET for distribution to their older members,

and that for this purpose, arrangements be made

(1) to supply 30 and 50 copies of the NEWS SHEET at reduced bulk rates,

(2) to exclude from the copies of the NEWS SHEET sent to Junior Branches any references to the White Slave Traffic, and

(3) to rename the "Children's Corner" "For Younger Readers"; and

(2) "That, where the payment to Headquarters is the same, ordinary Junior Members should be given the same advantages as the Children's League of Nations members."

19. Youth Groups.

"That, in view of the general shortage of under-thirty members in our Branches, the Council strongly urges all Branches in the country to take adequate steps to form Youth Groups, and requests the Executive Committee to issue suitable leaflets and other literature having a special appeal to young men and women."

20. Junior Membership.

"The General Council requests its Executive Committee to give consideration to the whole question of Junior Membership with a view to the rectification of present anomalies."

On Minute 10 - Pamphlet and Circular, Colonel Crosfield reported, and the Committee learned with great satisfaction, that, according to a letter just received from General Jeudwine, Admiral Richmond was now willing to join the Committee if invited to do so.

(d) Education Committee (Dr. Kimmins reported, as a matter of urgency, on minute 111 of the Committee dated July 13th, concerning the Conference of the World Federation of Educational Associations to be held at Denver from July 27th to August 1st, and it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved."

(e) Disarmament Campaign Sub-Committee. Lord Cecil reported, as a matter of urgency, on minute 32 of the Committee dated July 14th, concerning the National Disarmament Demonstration (see minute 156 above) and it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved."

(f) Women's Advisory Council. Mrs. Wilson-Fox reported, as a matter of urgency on minute 423 of the Women's Advisory Council dated July 15th, 1931, concerning the proposal to arrange a conference of representatives of Women's Organisations for the purpose of discussing the results of the League's 12th Assembly. It was

RESOLVED: "That the proposal to organise this conference be approved, but that no expense be incurred by the Union in this connection."

(g) Christian Organisations Committee. Lady Parmoor reported, as a matter of urgency, on minute 72 of the Committee dated July 15th, concerning the arrangements to be made for holding services for delegates to the Disarmament Conference. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That this minute be approved."

(2) "That, if a service be arranged in St. Paul's Cathedral, the Lord Mayor and the Corporation be invited to attend."

On the motion of Lord Cecil, it was further

RESOLVED: "That the Executive desires to identify itself with the expression of sympathy to be conveyed to Mrs. Soederblom."

(h) Office Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated July 14th were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (32) Subsistence Allowance; (33) Communication from Mr. Whelen; (34) Office accommodation - APA House; (35) Initial Wages of Stenographers (Grade 11b); (36) Mr. Mills; (37) Miss Taylor; (38) Miss Monroe.]

158. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN. On the motion of Mr. Worsley, seconded by Sir Norman Angell, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That Major J.W.Hills be re-elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee."

21. National Organisations of Young People.

"National Organisations of Boys and Girls and Young People, covering the whole country, may become Affiliated Members of the Union at a reduced minimum annual subscription of two guineas on the following conditions, viz:-

- (a) that they signify in writing their general agreement with the objects of the Union;
- (b) that they promise to take steps to spread a knowledge of the League of Nations among their members;
- (c) that they bring to the notice of their members the opportunities which exist for associating themselves corporately and individually with the Union; and
- (d) that they promise to pay a minimum annual subscription of two guineas.

Affiliated Members are entitled to appoint one representative on the General Council of the Union and to receive such publications as are sent to Foundation Members.

Branches of National Organisations of Boys and Girls which have become Affiliated Members of the Union under these conditions may become Junior Members Groups if the majority of their members are under sixteen years of age; or, if the majority of their members are over sixteen years of age, they may become Corporate Associates of the Union under the following conditions:-

- (1) A Corporate Associate undertakes to hold a meeting of its members at least once a year to hear an address on the League of Nations; and
- (2) Promises to use its best endeavours to assist the League of Nations Union in spreading a knowledge of and securing support for the League of Nations; and
- (3) Pays an annual subscription of 10s.6d., which entitles a person nominated by the Corporate Associate to receive selected publications of the Union.

22. Plays.

"That, in view of the value of the drama as a medium of education for peace, and of the lack of really effective plays on the present list issued by Head Office, the Executive Committee should consider whether certain leading authors could be induced to write one or two suitable plays for use in the Union."

159. CLOSING OF OFFICE It was

RESOLVED: "That the office be closed from 5.30 p.m. on Friday, July 31st until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4th."

160. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members, Corporate Associates, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

3 Branches, 11 Junior Branches, 9 Corporate Members, 4 Corporate Associates.

Deletions.

1 Junior Branch, 1 Corporate Member, 8 Corporate Associates.

BRANCHES: Crudie, Aberdeenshire; Rowlands Castle, Hampshire; Wick, Caithness. JUNIOR BRANCHES: The Coborn School for Girls, Bow Churchdown L.C.C. School, L.C.C. Downham Estate, Bromley, Kent; Diamond Street United Methodist, Cardiff; Herbert Thompson Council School, Cardiff; Roath Park Wesleyan Junior Branch, Cardiff; Stone Lane Senior Girls' School, Gosport; Gearies Girls' School, Ilford; Liverpool College for Girls; Portland Girls' School, South Norwood; Brentwood Senior School, Southport; Mount View Sunday School, Stroud Green. DELETION: Tinton School, Newark. CORPORATE MEMBERS: St. Margaret's Church of Scotland Women's Guild, Dunfermline; Church of St. Andrews Senior Bible Class, Helensburgh, Scotland; Great Sheffield Free Church, Great Sheffield; Derby Women's Conservative Association; Langdon Hill Wesleyan Church, Laindon, Essex; Cosham Branch of the Post War Brotherhood, Hants; Battersea Borough Labour Party and Trades Council, London; Wesleyan Reform Church, Hucknall, Notts; St. Luke's Church, Dudley, Worcs. DELETION: Charles Church Literary Society, Plymouth. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Brighton and Hove Girls' Life Brigade; Beare Women's Institute; Headless Cross Women's Institute; St. Andrews British Women's Temperance Association. DELETIONS: Grey Women's Institute; Croxton and Easley Women's Institute; Great Parndon Women's Institute; Hemingford Abbots Women's Institute; Lindsell Women's Institute; Mowsley and Laughton Women's Institute; West Wycombe Women's Institute; Woodham Ferrers Women's Institute.

It was reported that there were now 3,047 Branches, 1,072 Junior Branches, 3,426 Corporate Members and 718 Corporate Associates, and that 1,079 new Foundation Members had been enrolled up to July 16th of this year as compared with 743 during the same period in 1930.

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23. British Universities International Congress.

"That the best thanks of the General Council be accorded to the Glasgow Branch and the West of Scotland District Council for their untiring work in preparing for the British Universities International Congress held by the British Universities League of Nations Society in Glasgow and for the generous hospitality extended to all the delegates."

24. Procedure at General Council Meetings.

"That the proposals be remitted to the Regions and Executive Committees for consideration."

25. The Reduction of Armaments by International Agreement.

"That Article 3 of the Statement upon International Policy, adopted at the Eleventh Annual Meeting in June, 1930, be amended to read as follows:-

The Reduction and Limitation of Armaments by International Agreement.

The willingness of Governments to reduce and limit their armaments is the test of their sincerity in making promises not to go to war. The general and effective reduction of armaments is essential to the organisation of peace and security through the League.

The Council of the League of Nations has convened the first World Disarmament Conference for February 2nd, 1932. The Conference will consider a Draft Convention for the general reduction and limitation of armaments of all nations, the work of the Preparatory Commission. The aim of the Conference is to make of this Draft a Treaty which will subject all national armaments to limitation, and substantial reduction. If this success is to be achieved public opinion must be aroused, informed, and convinced of the need for such all-round 'disarmament', and all Governments must be made to realise that the public opinion of their nations expects the Conference to succeed.

The International Federation of League of Nations Societies, meeting in Plenary Congress at Budapest in May, 1931, passed a resolution recognising this task to be the duty of all League of Nations Societies.

The League of Nations Union pledges itself to fulfil that duty to the very utmost of its power and fully endorses the Budapest resolutions. In particular the Union desires to emphasise the following propositions drawn from that resolution:-

It is evident that the Conference should culminate in a positive result, viz., an international Convention. In this connection should be recalled the definite unconditional pledges given by the Members of the League of Nations under Article 8 of the Covenant, and the formal promise given to the States disarmed under the Peace Treaties.

*This resolution is to be printed in full at the end of the Statement.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JULY 30TH, 1931 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major Hills (in the Chair), Admiral Allen, Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Miss Courtney, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Major Walter Elliot, Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Captain Green, J.H.Harris, Sir Hugh Jodwine, Dr. Kinnans, Sir Walter Napier, W.J.Salmon, John Sherborne, Rennie Smith, H.S.Syrett, H.D.Watson, H.Graham White, Herbert Worsley and L.M.Wynon, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

161. APLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from C.Delisle Burns, L.J.Cadbury, Colonel Grosfield, H.H.Elvin, Lady Hall, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Commander Kenworthy, Lady Layton, Professor Murray, Lady Pamoor, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Sir Ben Turner and Professor Zimmern.

162. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on minutes 151, 154 and 157(g), the minutes of the Committee dated July 16th, 1931 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 151 - Nansen Memorial Fund, it was reported that Mr.J.H.Harris and Mr. Philip Noel Baker had agreed with the proposal that the Union should support the Nansen Memorial Fund Appeal. The Chairman stated that the Union's support of the Appeal must not be taken to mean financial support.

On Minute 154 - Twelfth Annual Meeting of the General Council, after it had been reported that the memorandum asked for in resolution 29 was at present being prepared in the office, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'and that resolution 29 be referred to the Economic Committee' be deleted from paragraph (1)."

On Minute 157(g) - Christian Organisations Committee, it was reported that the decision of the Committee "that a service be arranged, if possible, in St. Paul's Cathedral at 6 o'clock on Monday, January 25th" and "that the Chairman (the Dean of Chichester) be asked to discuss the question with Canon Alexander", had not been communicated to the Dean who had not yet seen Canon Alexander. Meanwhile, Canon Alexander had suggested and the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's had agreed to hold a service in the Cathedral at 12 noon on Tuesday, December 15th. The Dean of Chichester had promised to discuss the matter with Canon Alexander during the next week. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Union will welcome the proposed service on whatever date and at whatever time may be agreed upon between the Dean of Chichester and Canon Alexander."

It was also

RESOLVED: (2) "That the following words be added after the words 'World Alliance' in paragraph (4) of minute 72: 'or by Churches outside the World Alliance'."

To carry out the above object a substantial reduction in Armaments is necessary. The situation, in view of the existing provisions in the Covenant and other treaties for the pacific settlement of international disputes and for mutual assistance in defence of international order, is such that the Conference should achieve an all-round reduction of 25 per cent. on the total amount budgeted for world armaments, provided suitable proportions are laid down for the different States under the conditions mentioned below.

It is indispensable that the League of Nations should officially recognise the principle of equality in disarmament, between the 'vanquished' and the 'victorious' powers, and that the 1932 Conference must begin to effect such equality. This equality must not be attained by increasing armaments already reduced under the treaties, but by the reduction of those of other States. The limitation and reduction of armaments should be effected on the same principles for all States."

26. Public Opinion on Disarmament.

"That, prior to February 1932, the League of Nations Union shall take steps to secure a nation-wide expression of public opinion on Disarmament (by means of the Declaration to be presented to the World Disarmament Conference or other suitable means) and shall co-operate with, and seek to co-ordinate the efforts of, allied organisations throughout Great Britain and the World in an effort to secure that the public opinion of Great Britain and the World shall be definitely expressed on the subject of Disarmament."

27. President Hoover's proposals and the World Disarmament Conference.

"That the General Council welcomes President Hoover's proposal for a moratorium of war debts and reparations and its widespread approval by other Governments, especially because it tends to enhance the prospect of success of the World Disarmament Conference."

28. Minorities.

"The Union welcomes the statement made by H.M. Secretary for Foreign Affairs at the 62nd Council when, speaking on the Minorities treaties, he declared 'that questions concerning the application of these treaties were not national but international questions in which all had a common duty and a common interest'.

It urges H.M. Government to watch carefully the operation of the present procedure and to take steps to introduce any necessary reforms.

163. CO-OPTATIONS. The Chairman welcomed Admiral Allen and Mrs. Ralph Glyn who were attending the Committee for the first time.

It was reported that Mr.F.M.Burris, who had been elected President of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce and had other pressing engagements during the present year, was unable to accept membership of the Committee during this year. It was also reported that Dame Rachel Crowley was going to China in September and therefore, although she would be happy to serve on the Executive Committee, she would be unable to attend its meetings for some considerable time. It was

RESOLVED: "That Miss Guinness and Sir Arthur Shirley Benn be invited to serve on the Executive Committee for the year 1931/2."

64. CHEMICAL WARFARE. The Committee considered the following resolution, prepared by Lord Cecil, Colonel Carnegie and Sir Hugh Jaudwine in accordance with minute 131 of June 18th:-

"That in view of the danger to world peace which may result from uncontrolled competition in new types of armament, the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union urges H.M. Government to move the League of Nations to entrust to a permanent organisation the duty of taking cognizance of the emergence or exploitation of new material equipment or weapons for war including chemical war and of advising on international policy in connection therewith."

The Committee also considered the original resolution on this subject drafted by Colonel Carnegie and quoted in his memorandum (S.G.4088). After considerable discussion during the course of which the Committee were reminded of the reference to Chemical Warfare in the Budapest resolution, it was

RESOLVED: "That Lord Cecil, Colonel Carnegie and Sir Hugh Jaudwine be asked to reconsider their draft resolution in the light of that adopted by the XVth Plenary Congress of the International Federation at Budapest."

165. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Education Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) With the exception of minute 111 which was approved at the last meeting, and subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on minute 110, the minutes of the Committee dated July 13th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (102) Meetings for Schools; (103) Report on Work in Universities and Colleges; (104) Report of Junior Branches Sub-Committee; (105) International Knowledge Badges; (106) League News; (107) "Children of the League of Nations" Post Cards and Competition; (108) "A - Z" Magazine; (109) Summer Schools; (110) Budget for 1932; (111) World Federation of Educational Associations, Denver, July 27th to August 1st; (112) World Conference of Y.M.C.A., Toronto and Cleveland; (113) British Commonwealth Education Conference, July 27th to 30th; (114) Disarmament Campaign; (115) Observance of Armistice Day in the Schools; (116) Report of the Book List Sub-Committee; (117) Unsuitable Story Books; (118) Use of Certain Poems; (119) Death of Archbishop Soderblom.

It is convinced that the most satisfactory solution would be the institution of a Permanent Advisory Commission constituted on similar lines to the Permanent Mandates Committee whose duty it would be to examine complaints and to draw the attention of the Council regularly to matters which might influence any of its members to exercise the right of initiative extended to them under the League guarantee.

In the meantime, the existing machinery should be loyally applied by governments and minorities alike, and the competent authorities of the League should endeavour to exhaust all the possibilities inherent in it, particularly in respect of publicity, the elimination of delay and the collection of the fullest possible information from every source and at every stage in an enquiry, in order to ensure in each case a decision strictly in accordance with its merits.

The League of Nations Union further desires to express the opinion that Minority obligations should not be confined to the States already bound by Treaties and Declarations but should be made applicable to all States Members of the League.

Finally, the Union trusts that a discussion of the problem of Minorities will become a regular feature of future Assemblies.

29. Tariffs.

"That the Union should, without delay, publish a statement on the work of the League of Nations with regard to tariffs and that the following, from pages 60 and 82 of the Sixth Edition of ORGANISING P.M.C.s, constitute or be used as the basis for such statement:-

"At the World Economic Conference of May, 1927, the League brought together a number of responsible and widely representative persons appointed by the Governments, not only of States Members of the League, but also of the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. While the Conference was concerned with industry and agriculture, as well as with commerce, its central theme was that trade barriers, and in particular tariffs, are too high, too complex, and too frequently changed. It declared that these tariffs should be reduced, simplified, unified, and made more stable. Its policy was not, indeed, 'free trade', on which opinion might have been divided, but 'freer trade', on which all were agreed. The time has come, declared the Conference, to put an end to the increase in tariffs and to move in the opposite direction."

30. Manufacture of Alcoholic Beverages.

"That the motion be not agreed to."

- (b) Disarmament Campaign Sub-Committee. (Lord Cecil reported.) With the exception of minute 32 which was approved at the last meeting, and subject to the following decision on minute 45, the minutes of the Committee dated July 14th and July 23rd were approved and adopted

These minutes included (31) Record of Recent Activities; (32) National Disarmament Demonstration, Albert Hall, July 11th; (33) Pamphlet on the Demonstration; (34) Open-Air Speakers; (35) Disarmament Posters; (36) Temporary Assistance to Press section; (37) Religious Services for the Disarmament Campaign; (38) Prosecution of the Disarmament Campaign; (40) Record of Recent Activities; (41) Press supply of leaflets; (42) International Disarmament Manifesto; (43) Press for speakers; (44) Disarmament Campaign in Universities; (45) Preparations for the Autumn Campaign.

On Minute 45 -- Preparations for the Autumn Campaign, on the motion of Lord Cecil it was

RESOLVED: "That the word 'caricatures' be deleted from paragraph (f)."

- (c) Women's Advisory Council. (Mrs. Bigland reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 425, and with the exception of minute 428 which was approved at the last meeting, the minutes of the Committee dated July 15th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (423) Night Work Convention; (424) Report of Sub-Committee; (425) Mui Tsai; (426) Disarmament Campaign; (427) Address by Lord Cecil; (428) Conference on Twelfth Assembly; (429) Chairman; (430) Disarmament Bulletin; (431) Applications for Corporate Association.

On Minute 425 -- Mui Tsai, it was reported that the following resolution had been approved by the Standing Sub-Committee of the W.A.C.:-

"The Women's Advisory Council wishes to express its appreciation of the recent steps taken by His Majesty's Government and by the Governor of Hong-Kong to deal with the evils of the Mui Tsai system in that colony, and welcomes particularly the proposal to appoint an inspector especially for Mui Tsai. The W.A.C. trusts that the vigilance of H.M. Government in this connection will not be relaxed."

It was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be approved, and that it be forwarded to H.M. Government, the name of the Executive Committee being substituted for that of the W.A.C."

- (d) Minorities Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 21, the minutes of the Committee dated July 15th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (20) Statelessness; (21) Statement on Statelessness by Dr. Hilda Clark; (22) Resolution on the Ukraine.

31. Washington Hours Convention.

"Having regard to the numerous pronouncements in favour of ratification of the Washington Hours Convention made by H.M. Government, in particular by the statement on its behalf made in June, 1928, at the International Labour Conference that it was proposed to ratify the Convention at the earliest possible moment and by specified references in the King's Speech on two occasions;

the General Council of the League of Nations Union views with profound disappointment the continued delay in fulfilling our pledge; and in order that the prestige and good faith of Great Britain be no longer in doubt;

Urges H.M. Government to proceed forthwith with the Hours of Industrial Employment Bill with a view to the ratification of this Convention.

Resolutions adopted at the Special Meeting on June 25th.

Rule 8. That the footnote read:-

" e.g. on the General Council, if the Branch has a paid-up membership (see Rule 10 below) of over 150 and on the District, regional or National Council if any.

Rule 10. That the rule read as follows:-

"Each Branch shall elect to the General Council one representative if its total paid-up membership exceeds 150 but does not exceed 1,000; two representatives if the paid-up membership exceeds 1,000 but does not exceed 2,000; and three if it is over 2,000.

In these Rules paid-up membership shall be taken to mean the total number of subscriptions received by the Branch and duly notified to Headquarters during the preceding calendar year, provided that no subscription shall be reckoned as duly notified unless the prescribed proportion of it has been paid to Headquarters, and provided always that the words "during the preceding calendar year" shall not apply in the case of Branches subsequently recognised.

Rule 11. That the rule read as follows:-

Any Branch in the area of a District Council (see Rule 10, below) shall elect to that District Council one representative; additional representatives may be elected whenever the membership of the Branch is over 100, such additional representation to be decided by the District Council itself; the names and addresses of the representatives shall be sent to the Secretary of the District Council within seven days of election.

On Minute 21 - Statement on Statelessness by Dr. Hilda Clark, it was

RESOLVED: "That H.M. Government be informed of the Union's proposal to circulate the statement (S.G.4228) among the delegates to the Assembly and be consulted in regard to this proposal."

(e) Christian Organisations Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported.) With the exception of minute 72 which was approved at the last meeting (see minute 162 above) and subject to the following decision on minute 71, the minutes of the Committee dated July 15th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (68) The Archbishop of Upsala; (70) Arms and the Churches Committee; (71) Prayers for the Conference; (72) Service for Delegates to Disarmament Conference; (73) Children's Disarmament Demonstration in Bristol; (74) Church Assembly Resolutions; (75) Denominational Resolutions; (76) Applications for Corporate Membership.

On Minute 71 - Prayers for the Conference, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That this minute be not approved."

(2) "That no mention of this matter be made in the Magazine Inset."

(3) "That the Secretary be asked to examine in proof any references to unapproved minutes of sub-Committees which it may be intended to include in the Union's publications."

(f) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Captain Green reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 58, 63, 70 and 71, and subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on minute 66, the minutes of the Committee dated July 16th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (55) Membership of Committee; (56) School Leaving Age; (57) Disarmament; (58) Disarmament and Unemployment; (59) International Labour Conference; (60) Sir Ben Turner; (61) League of Nations Union Party; (62) Miss Hinton Smith; (63) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (64) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (65) Washington Hours Convention; (66) Annual Conference; (67) Conference on the I.L.O.; (68) Trades Union Congress; (69) Industrial Associateship; (70) Budget for 1932; (71) Christian Social Council.

On Minute 58 - Disarmament and Unemployment, it was

RESOLVED: "That Captain Green be asked to draft a letter which, after being approved by Lord Cecil and the Vice-Chairman, should be forwarded to the Prime Minister, drawing his attention to the importance of setting up, as soon as possible, machinery to deal with the problem of the effect of Disarmament upon unemployment."

Rule 18. That the following explanatory note be inserted immediately before Rule 18:-

In these Rules the term 'District Council' includes Federal Councils, County Federations and other associations of Branches, other than Regional and National Councils, formed in accordance with these rules in a county or other convenient area.

and that Rule 18 read:-

A District Council may be formed with the consent of the Executive Committee* or National Council by the Branches in a county or in such other area as may be approved by the Executive Committee or National Council.

Rule 21.

That "May" be substituted for "March."

Rule 22. That the rule read:-

Each District Council shall elect to the General Council one representative if the total paid-up membership of all the Branches in its area does not exceed 150, two if it exceeds 150 but does not exceed 300, three if it exceeds 300 but does not exceed 1,000, four if it exceeds 1,000 but does not exceed 2,000, and five if it exceeds 2,000.

A group of Branches in a county or other area not covered by a District Council and approved by the Executive Committee for this purpose, may elect representatives to the General Council on the same scale.

Rule 29. That the rule read:-

The Secretary of the Union shall give not less than three months notice of a meeting of the General Council to Branches, to District, Regional and National Councils, and to members of the General Council. All resolutions, other than those of the Executive Committee, to be printed on the agenda paper, must reach the Secretary not less than two months before the meeting. The (preliminary) agenda paper shall be issued to Branches, to District, Regional and National Councils, and to members of the General Council, six weeks before the meeting. Amendments must reach the Secretary not less than three weeks before the meeting. The agenda paper in its final form shall be issued one week before the meeting. Business which is not on the agenda paper shall not be taken unless urgency is voted by the Council.

Rule 32.

That the motion be not agreed to.

* See Bye-Laws 8 and 9, Rules 33 and 34.

Sec. Minute 181 On Minute 63 - International Federation of League of Nations Societies; it was

RESOLVED: "That paragraph (1) be approved in the following amended form:-

'To invite Lady Hall to attend the meetings at Perugia.'"

On Minute 70 - Budget for 1932, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred to the Finance and Welcome Committees for consideration and report."

On Minute 71 - Christian Social Council, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred to the Christian Organisations Committee for consideration and report."

(g) Publicity Committee. Subject to the following decision on minute 47, the minutes of the Committee dated July 20th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (43) Report of Publicity Activities; (44) Publicity for Disarmament Policy; (45) The Union and International Policy; (46) Newspaper correspondence; (47) Quarterly Periodical; (48) Headway.

On Minute 47 - Quarterly Periodical, it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this minute be adjourned until the next meeting when it is hoped that Mr. Hudson will be present."

(h) Finance Committee. (Mr. Syrett reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated July 22nd, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (62) Financial Statement; (63) Disarmament Fund; (64) Political Parties and the Union; (65) Weekly Bulletin; (66) Headquarters Office; (67) Oxford Salary Fund; (68) Students Attending Geneva Schools; (69) Workers' Educational Association; (70) Signing and Endorsing of Cheques; (71) Passing of Cheques for Payment; (72) London Regional Federation.

(i) Branches Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated July 23rd, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (25) Constitution of the General Council; (26) Equalisation of Council Delegates' Travelling Expenses; (27) Communication from the Green Cross Society.

(j) Iraq Committee. (Mrs. Dugdale reported.) Subject to the inclusion of Sir Walter Napier's name in the list of those present, and with the exception of minute 15, which was noted by the Committee, the minutes of the Committee dated July 23rd, 1931 were approved and adopted.

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Resolution passed at Conference of Branch Secretaries and Workers on June 24th.

"That this Conference urges Branches to secure all possible signatures to the Disarmament Declaration and also to secure that signatories give practical effect to their Declaration by joining and working for the League of Nations Union.

this Conference, therefore,

Urges that every County in Great Britain shall participate in the National Demonstration of July 11th;

Resolves to request Headquarters and the Branches to join in providing open air meetings in market places, village greens and by the seaside this summer;

Insists that a town meeting to promote the success of the World Disarmament Conference be held in every considerable town before the end of next November."

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These minutes included (15) Withdrawal of Draft Minority Declaration for Iraq from Mandates Commission; (16) Controversy on the Iraq Minorities in the "Times"; (17) Future Action by the Union.

(k) Office Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) The minutes of the special meeting of the Committee dated July 22nd, were approved and adopted.

(l) Appeals Committee. The minutes of the Committee dated July 27th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (123) Sir George Dunbar; (124) Report on Appeals Department Activities to date; (125) Grosvenor House Ball; (126) Application from Derbyshire for a further Advance of £250; (127) Prolongation of Mr. Weston's Service with the Union; (128) Autumn Programme; (129) Legacies to the Union.

66. DISARMAMENT FUND. The Committee considered the following statement by Lord Cecil concerning the use to be made of the Disarmament Fund:

"On the 21st May the Executive Committee authorised the raising of a special Disarmament Fund by means of letters dated from 15, Grosvenor Crescent and signed by myself. This has been done. The Fund was to be used for the Disarmament Campaign including the bulletin and the proposed international meeting at Paris in November. The first charge upon it was to be any money that the Union spent or desired to spend for Disarmament purposes. The "surplus" was to be devoted to the above objects under the control of the Chairman and myself, and the Finance Committee was to be kept informed of the way in which the "surplus" was being expended. In this way the Executive Committee was not to be troubled with the details of the expenditure of the "surplus".

I take this to mean that as long as sufficient money is kept in the Fund to meet actually incurred or probable future special expenditure by the Union on Disarmament, the remainder may be utilised at any time for the Disarmament Campaign, including the Bulletin and the proposed meeting in Paris, as may be sanctioned by the Chairman and myself."

It was

RESOLVED: "That this statement be approved."

167. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest a resolution from the London Regional Federation concerning the Washington Hours Convention and the Convention for the Age of Admission of Children into Agriculture, and a resolution from the Sidcup Branch concerning the existence in Public Libraries of certain War Books. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the London Regional Federation be thanked for their resolution, but that it be not forwarded to H.M. Government."

(2) "That the resolution of the Sidcup Branch be referred to the Education Committee for consideration and report."

168. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, October 8th."

169. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members and Corporate Associates, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

5 Branches, 11 Junior Branches, 15 Corporate Members, 4 Corporate Associates.

BRANCHES: St. John's Canton, Cardiff; Halesworth, Suffolk; Micklawer, Derbyshire; Shillington, Bedfordshire; Watchet, Somerset. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Abersoch Junior School, Abersoch, Carn; Junior Park Girls' School, Barry, Glam; Grove Lane Senior Girls' School, Handsworth, Birmingham; Roath Park Boys' School, Cardiff; Roath Park Girls' School, Cardiff; Chichester Junior Branch, Sussex; Cwmwria Girls' School, Cwmwria, Glam; County School, Llanidloes; Brynglas Central School, Newport, Mon; Penrhinwader Boys' School, Penrhinwader, Glam; Church of England School, Ruthin, Denbighs; CORPORATE MEMBERS: Holy Cross Church, Basildon, Essex; St. Nicholas Church, London, Essex; Gloucester Women's Liberal Association; Thursday Evening Women's Adult School, Hempsted Street, Ashford, Kent; Monton Wesleyan Church, Eccles, Lancs; Manchester Reform Club; Cowhill Wesleyan Guild, Oldham, Lancs; St. Margaret's Church, Whalley Range, Lancs; Liberty Hall Undenominational Mission, Bethnal Green; Pentiman Road United Methodist Church, Lambeth; Belle Isle Baptist Church, W.Holloway; Kenton Wesleyan Church, Middx; Brackley Congregational Church, Northants; New North Road Baptist Church, Huddersfield; Middleton Parish Church Men's Fellowship, Leeds. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Crockerdon Women's Institute; Tatesfield Women's Institute; Collyhurst Guild for Social Service Girls' Club; Holy Trinity Mothers Union, Bedford.

It was reported that there were now 3,052 Branches, 1,083 Junior Branches, 3,441 Corporate Members and 722 Corporate Associates; that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 922,565 of whom 227,387 had paid a subscription to date in 1931, as compared with 231,073 in 1930 and 212,540 in 1929, and that 1,899 new Foundation Members had been enrolled to date in 1931 as compared with 787 in 1930.

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR GARDENS, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 1931 AT 11.15 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Admiral J.D.Allen, Sir Norman Angell, P.J.Noel-Baker, L.J.Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Miss K.D.Courtney, Mrs. Dugdale, H.H.Elvin, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Miss E.M.Guinness, Lady Hall, R.S.Hudson, Sir Hugh Jodwine, Commander Kenworthy, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Mrs. Walter Runciman, W.J.Salmon, John Sherborne, H.D.Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox and Herbert Worsley, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

The following members of the Economic Committee were also present, all the members of the Economic Committee having been invited to attend for the purpose of discussing the resolution and statement prepared by a Sub-Committee of the Economic Committee:-

G.D.H.Cole, Mrs. Eberton, J.A.Hobson, Sir George Paish and Mr.Hartley Withers.

170. **APLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from C.Dellile Burns, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Captain Green, J.H.Harris, Major Hillis, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Rennie Smith, H.B.Syrett, Professor Zimmern and Arthur Pugh (Economic Committee).
171. **ECONOMIC COMMITTEE.** The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Economic Committee held on September 15th, 1931 were approved and adopted.
172. **THE PRESENT ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SITUATION.** The Committee considered a resolution and statement prepared by a sub-Committee of the Economic Committee held on September 22nd, 1931; and it was
- RESOLVED:** (1) "To lay before the Prime Minister the urgent necessity of proposing to the Assembly of the League of Nations that it should convene without delay a World Conference to be attended by Prime Ministers and Finance Ministers for the purpose of considering (without limitation of any kind) the present grave and dangerous economic and financial situation, and of inducing or causing the nations to adopt whatever measures are essential to its adjustment."
- (2) "That the Statement of the Sub-Committee of the Economic Committee be approved in the attached amended form."
- (3) "That resolution (1) above and the statement be forwarded immediately to the Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin and the other members of the Cabinet, Mr. Arthur Henderson and Lord Cecil in Geneva; and that they be informed that this resolution and statement would be communicated to the press for publication on Saturday morning, September 26th."

See Minute 181.

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- (4) "That, unless any serious objection were received, the resolution and statement be communicated to the press agencies and certain selected newspapers for publication on Saturday morning, September 26th."
- (5) "To communicate this resolution and statement to the Council of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies at Perugia; and to invite the Council to urge the constituent societies to persuade the public opinion of their respective countries to support the policy set forth in these documents."

73. MANCHURIA. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee, having considered the grave issues raised by the present dispute between Japan and China concerning Manchuria;

Welcome the initiative taken by Lord Cecil in the Council;

Approve and support the practical measures which the Council have taken,

And express the hope that the British Government and the British delegates will do everything in their power to uphold the Covenant."

74. RESIGNATIONS FROM COMMITTEE. It was reported that Major Walter Elliot and Lord Lothian, having accepted positions in the Government had resigned their membership of the Committee.

75. ECONOMIES. The Chairman suggested that, in view of the present financial position, the Committee should consider what economies might be effected in the working of the Union, e.g. on delegations abroad. It was

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

76. N.C.P.W. The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from the secretary of the N.C.P.W. urging that the Union and the N.C.P.W. should work in still closer co-operation with each other. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to discuss this matter with Miss Courtney."

77. LETTER FROM THE RT. HON. STANLEY BALDWIN, M.P. The Secretary reported that the following letter had been received from the Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M.P., for use by the Union.

"Dear Colonel Fisher,

I trust that the foreign policy of this country will always continue to be founded on support of the League of Nations, which is the best guarantee of peace.

Support, to be strong, must be well-informed, and the League of Nations Union has an important function to perform in educating public opinion about the work of the League of Nations itself.

This essential work cannot be properly carried out unless all political parties are effectively represented in the County Organisations and Branches, as they are in the Executive Committee in London.

I hope therefore that Conservatives will cooperate actively in the formation of County Federal Councils of the Union on a representative basis.

Yours very faithfully,

STANLEY BALDWIN."

178 RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Junior Groups and Corporate Members, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

4 Branches, 18 Junior Branches, 1 Junior Group, 21 Corporate Members.

Deletions.

4 Corporate Members.

BRANCHES: Barwell Primitive Methodist Christian Endeavour Society, Leics; Rushton, Northants; Send, Surrey; South Benfleet, Essex. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Council School, Clarbe-ston Road, Pems; Boys' School, Gwsaman, Glam; Castle Mixed School, Barking, Essex; Senior Girls' School, Moorlands, Doncaster; Manser Road United Methodist Sunday School, Fulham; Eastwood Council Senior School, Keighley, Yorks; Skerton Council School, Lancaster; Day Trade School for Girls, Wavertree Technical Institute, Liverpool; Fairbairn Council School, Llandilo, Carmar; Central School for Girls, Macclesfield, Cheshire; N.P. Boys' School, Mold, Flint; Nelson Junior Branch, Lancs; Norton Council School, Radnors; N.P. School, Oberton, Flint; Caversham Free Church Sunday School, Reading; Takeley Junior Branch, Essex; Talybont Council School, Cards; Waterstone Council School, Pems. JUNIOR GROUP: South Hackney Parish Church Sunday School, Hackney. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Perth and Scone U.F. Church Sunday School, Scotland; Staff of Hamilton Academy (Junior School), Scotland; Staff of Hamilton Academy (Junior School), Scotland; St. James' Church, Carlisle; Keswick Wesley Guild, Cumberland; Shildon Adult School, Durham; King's Cross Mission, London; Holy Trinity Church, Stroud Green, London; Beeston Women's Adult School, Notts; Stapleford Women's Adult School, Notts; Headington Baptist Church, Oxon; Brighton Road Baptist Church, South Croydon, Surrey;

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Godalming Parish Church, Surrey; St. Luke's Church, Grayshott, Surrey; Birmingham and District Brotherhood Federation; Digbeth Institute, Birmingham; All saints' Church, Perndale Road, Swindon; Cricklade Road Wesleyan Church, Swindon; Hasbury Primitive Methodist Church, Worcs; Men's Bible Class, St. George's Church, Ovenden, Halifax; Rotherham and District Teachers' Association, Yorks. DELETIONS: Flottergate Women's Meeting, Grimsby; South Parade Wesleyan Chapel, Grimsby; Booker Wesleyan Church, High Wycombe; St. Mary's Men's Adult School, Duke Street, Norwich.

It was reported that there were now 3,056 Branches, 1,101 Junior Branches, 32 Junior Groups and 3,458 Corporate Members; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 927,845 of whom 261,324 had paid a subscription to date in 1931, as compared with 260,419 in 1930 and 245,587 in 1929.

179. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next ordinary meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, October 1st."

G.M.

STATEMENT ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON
SEPTEMBER 24TH, 1931. (See Minute 172)

The urgent necessity of the proposed Conference is obvious and the need is in no sense special to Great Britain though Great Britain is faced with special difficulties of her own. From all parts of the world comes evidence of distress which as the days pass becomes more and more alarming. The Foreign Minister of Germany described the situation with great accuracy when he stated at Geneva that "nobody could conceal from himself the fact that the ground on which the present economic and monetary system rested was trembling". There is indeed the gravest reason to fear that unless the necessary measures are taken in time, a financial cataclysm will in the early future overwhelm many nations and sooner or later spread to the rest, producing eventually a condition of world wide distress.

Already it has become difficult even for the wealthiest nations to meet their expenditures out of revenue while others are in a state of bankruptcy. Large numbers of corporations and individuals are unable to meet their liabilities and every day their difficulties grow greater.

Clearly in the absence of corrective measures a breakdown of credit in all parts of the world would bring trade and commerce to a standstill. 5

The breakdown in Germany and the lock up in that country of vast amounts of American, British and other bank credit is indicative of what is taking place in all parts of the world. The Basle Committee, consisting of representatives of the great Central Banks of the world with the representative of the United States Federal Reserve Board as Chairman, state this in terms and with an emphasis which cannot be misunderstood. We would specially call your attention to and at the same time strongly endorse, the conclusions and recommendations of that Committee as here set out:

"...Time is short. The body of the world's commerce — whose vitality is already low — has suffered a severe shock in one of its chief members (Germany). This has resulted in a partial paralysis which can only be cured by restoring the free circulation of money and of goods. We believe that this can be accomplished; but only if the Governments of the World will realise the responsibility that rests upon them and will take prompt measures to re-establish confidence. Their action alone can restore it. We think it essential that before the period of prolongation of credits recommended by the London Conference comes to an end (February 1937) they should give to the World the assurance that international political relations are established on a basis of mutual confidence, which is the sine qua non of economic recovery, and that the international payments to be made by Germany will not be such as to imperil the maintenance of her financial stability.

"We wish, however, to recall that, as we said at the outset, the German problem is part of a larger issue which deeply affects many other countries of the world. In this connection we wish to make two observations. The first is that in order to revive demand and thus to put an end to the continued downward movement of prices — which is enclosing both debtor and creditor countries in a vicious circle of depression — it is essential that the normal process of investment of fresh capital should be resumed, with a well-defined economic purpose in view — namely, an increase in the purchasing power of the world.

"Secondly, we would point out that the case of Germany provides the most forcible illustration of the fact that in recent years the world has been endeavouring to pursue two contradictory policies in permitting the development of an international financial system

which involves the annual payment of large sums by debtor to creditor countries, while at the same time putting obstacles in the way of the free movement of funds. So long as these obstacles remain, such movements of capital must necessarily throw the world's financial balance out of equilibrium. Financial remedies alone will be powerless to restore the world's economic prosperity until there is a radical change in this policy of obstruction, and international commerce - on which depends the progress of civilisation - is allowed to resume its natural development.

These conclusions have been reached and these recommendations made with unanimity by the most authoritative Committee which the Central Banks of the world, at the instance of the Seven Power Conference (London, July 1931), could appoint. It is thus evident that the summoning of a Conference such as we urge is an imperative necessity.

It is necessary that this Conference should consider every factor, without limitation of any kind, responsible for the world's present dangerous situation and should make whatever recommendations are essential to the removal of the pressing danger with which the peoples of all nations are now confronted. We believe that all countries will recognise the necessity of attending a Conference held on these terms, but in any case it is essential that the Conference should be held and that the terms of reference should not be limited. Not only should it make a comprehensive survey of all the factors responsible for the present danger, but it should discover and adopt the remedies, however fundamental.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 1931
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), P.J.Noel Baker,
L.J.Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Miss Courtney,
Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Duggale, Mrs. Ralph Glyn,
Miss Guinness, J.H.Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth,
Major Hills, R.S.Hudson, Sir Thomas Inskip,
Dr. Kimmins, Lady Layton, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones,
Mrs. Runciman, W.J.Salmon, etc.
Wilson-Fox and Mr.Worsley, together with the
Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

80. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral Allen, Sir Norman Angell, Colonel Crosfield, C.Belisle Burns, Lord Dickinson, Lady Gladstone, Captain Green, Sir Hugh Jendwine, Commander Kenworthy, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, John Sherborne, Renzie Smith, H.E.Syrett, H.D.Watson and Professor Zimmerman.
81. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions and reports on minutes 163, 164, 165(g), 172, 173 and 176, the minutes of the Committee dated July 30th and of the special Committee dated September 24th, 1931 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 163 - Co-optations, it was reported that Sir Arthur Shirley Benn was unable to accept the invitation to serve on the Executive Committee.

On Minute 164 - Chemical Warfare, Colonel Carnegie reported that the small sub-committee appointed to prepare a resolution on this subject would meet immediately after Lord Cecil's return from abroad.

On Minute 165(d)(63) - International Federation of League of Nations societies, it was reported that Lady Hall was unable to attend the Perugia meeting of the Federation. The Union's delegation to this meeting included Lord Dickinson, the Reverend Gwilym Davies, Sir Walter Napier and Mr.L.M.Wynch.

On Minute 172 - The Present Economic and Financial situation, the Secretary reported that on Friday, September 25th Mr.Neville Butler had telephoned to say that, in the Prime Minister's absence, he had consulted Mr.Baldwin and several other members of the Cabinet, all of whom agreed that it would be undesirable for the Executive's resolution and statement on the economic situation to be published in the press on the following day. The documents were not therefore communicated to the press, although copies were circulated to the Union's Branch Secretaries, together with a covering letter. It was further reported that, in a later communication dated September 29th, Mr.Neville Butler had stated that the position had changed a little, and though he gathered that the Prime Minister's colleagues "have doubts as to the utility of publishing the resolution, they would not wish to influence the decision of the Executive on this point". It was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That the resolution of the Executive and the statement of the Sub-Committee of the Economic Committee be not published in the press at the present time."
- (2) "That the November number of HEADWAY should contain the resolution and extracts from the statement, including the quotation from the report of the Basle Committee; and that reference be also made to the Final Report of the Gold Delegation of the Financial Committee if it is received in time."

On Minute 173 - Manchuria, it was

RESOLVED: "That reference to this subject be included in the next circular letter to Branches."

On Minute 176 - N.C.P.W., the Secretary reported that he had had a conversation with Mr. Gerald Bailey, and had suggested that arrangements should be made for the N.C.P.W. to receive copies of minutes of the Union's Executive Committee and of its sub-Committees (other than the Finance and Office Committees) and for the Union to receive copies of the N.C.P.W.'s minutes. It was

RESOLVED: "That this arrangement be approved."

182. QUARTERLY PERIODICAL. The Committee considered minute 47 of the Publicity Committee, dated July 20th, 1931, and, after considerable discussion, it was

RESOLVED: "That paragraph (c) of section (2) be approved, and that consideration of the remainder of the minute be adjourned."

183. REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Finance Committee. (Mr. Hudson reported.) Subject to the following report on minute 74, the minutes of the Committee dated September 24th, 1931, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (74) Budget for 1932; (75) Disarmament Fund.

On Minute 74 - Budget for 1932, at the request of the Chairman, Mr. Hudson gave the Committee details of the proposals which the Budget Sub-Committee, of which he is a member, are to lay before the Finance Committee at its meeting on the 5th instant. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That general approval be given to the proposals."

184. VACANCIES ON COMMITTEE. It was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That Sir Arthur Salter be invited to serve on the Committee for the year 1931/2."
- (2) "That the remaining vacancies on the Committee be not filled at the present time."

See Minute 189

185. COMMUNICATION TO PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES. Owing to the difficulty of securing a representative meeting of the Political Committee, the Executive considered a draft communication for submission to Parliamentary candidates in the event of a General Election taking place in the immediate future. The Chairman stated why he considered it desirable that the communication should deal mainly with the question of Disarmament. The Secretary read to the Committee a letter dated September 25th from Mr. Bailey, the Secretary of the N.C.P.W., inviting the Union to join with the N.C.P.W. in issuing a questionnaire on Disarmament to all Parliamentary candidates. The general feeling of the Committee, however, was that it would be inadvisable for the Union to join with any other society in addressing an identical questionnaire to candidates. After considerable discussion, it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That the communication to Candidates, as approved in the attached form, be circulated to Branches, together with a covering letter to be drafted by the Chairman, Mrs. Digdale, Miss Courtney and Mr. Worsley."
- (2) "That copies of the communication to Candidates be sent, for information, to other interested Societies."
- (3) "That a leaflet be prepared on the relation between Disarmament and the economic stability of the world."

186. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest a resolution from the Sumnercourt Branch on Disarmament. The Committee also received the following resolution from the B.U.L.N.S.:

"To bring to the notice of the League of Nations Union the willingness of undergraduate speakers to take part in a National Student Campaign for Disarmament in, say, the Christmas vacation of '31-1932."

It was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution from the B.U.L.N.S. be referred to the Political Committee for consideration and report."

187. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members and Corporate Associates, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

1 Branch, 2 Junior Branches, 2 Corporate Members,
6 Corporate Associates.

Deletions.

21 Branches, 1 Junior Branch, 1 Corporate Member.

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BRANCHES: Mangotsfield, Glos. DELETIONS: Barston, Warwicks; Birmingham Jewish Branch, Warwicks; Bristol Road Wesleyan Church, Edgbaston, Birmingham; Lidget Green, Bradford; Thornbury, Bradford; Ericfield, Leics; Brimpton, Berks; St. Nicholas Church, Bristol; Bucknell, Salop; Castle Combe, Wilts; Highfield Road Primitive Methodist Church, Doncaster; Hedgesford, Staffs; Huntington, Hereford; Lewannick, Cornwall; Loughborough College, Leics; Low Moor, Yorks; Nayland, Essex; Newmilns, Ayrshire; Roche, Cornwall; Tadworth and District, Surrey; Wem, Salop. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Christ Church Girls' School, Luton, Beds; Tilehurst Congregational Church Sunday School, Berks; DELETION: Welbeck Street Girls' School, Castleford, Yorks. CORPORATE MEMBERS: St. Giles Bible Class, Newcastle-under-Lyme; Central Baptist Church, Horbury, Yorks. DELETION: Balham Educational Settlement International Study Group. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Blindley Heath Women's Institute; Brandey Church Women's Institute; Dunster Women's Institute; Hingham Women's Institute; Ormskirk Townswomen's Guild; Stoke by Nayland Women's Institute.

It was reported that there were now 3,036 Branches, 1,102 Junior Branches, 3,459 Corporate Members and 724 Corporate Associates; that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 928,284 of whom 284,047 had paid a subscription to date in 1931 as compared with 264,374 in corresponding period in 1930 and 248,775 in corresponding period in 1929; and that 2,190 new Foundation Members had been enrolled to date in 1931 as compared with 917 in corresponding period in 1930.

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W. 1.

7th October, 1931.

DEAR SECRETARY,

It is, as you know, the general practice of the Union, as decided by its General Council, to see that all candidates for Parliament are fully informed of its views upon the great international issues of the day. This is usually done by bringing to the notice of candidates the Union's Statement upon International Policy, with which you are familiar, and other resolutions of its General Council.

That Statement, it will be recognised, is in several respects out of date, and deals with many different subjects. It is improbable in the approaching General Election that Parliamentary Candidates will be able to give to all these questions the consideration which they merit. And in any event the domestic issues of the Election are likely to absorb so much attention that there is a danger lest the urgent problem of disarmament may be lost sight of. The Executive Committee has, therefore, decided to advise branches, apart from ascertaining the candidates' opinions upon the League as a whole, to concentrate their efforts upon the single question of disarmament with which the Union has been so actively concerned since the Covenant was signed. Now is a great opportunity, for this appeal to the country is being made within four months of the meeting of the first World Disarmament Conference.

I enclose, therefore, several copies of a short Note which, it is suggested, should be presented to candidates, either by a deputation or with a covering letter, on behalf of the local organisation of the Union in the constituency, as representing the convictions of that body of electors.

Further copies of this document can be supplied to you from this Office.

If, as I hope, you decide to make use of this Note, it would be a good thing to ask candidates to give their views upon the two statements which stand at the head of it, and their replies should be communicated to the Press. Exactly the same representations should be made to all candidates, and their replies should be given equal publicity.

It is important to bear in mind that the only body of people who have a right to request a candidate for Parliament to state his attitude to these issues is a group of electors in his own constituency. It is, therefore, for the local organisation of the Union, which you represent, to decide which points you will or will not stress in any communication to candidates, and whether there are other matters which should be brought to their attention at this time.

You will not, I feel sure, forget, in considering how and on what grounds to bring this vital question of international disarmament to the notice of candidates, to pay special attention to the extent of support for the reduction of armaments in the locality. The representative character of the Union's branches; the existence of joint Disarmament Councils; the number of signatures obtained locally for the Disarmament Declaration promoted by the Women's International League; recent resolutions on disarmament passed by branches or other important bodies in the constituency—all these are facts upon which a candidate should be informed, and which would doubtless affect the character of the deputation waiting upon him or the letter sent to him.

Where Constituency Committees of the Union have been formed or Parliamentary Representatives appointed, the mechanism for communication with candidates is ready to hand. In other divisions it is all to the good if joint action between the several branches can be agreed upon. Should this, however, seem to cause too much delay each individual branch would do well to make its own representations to candidates.

I should be particularly grateful if you would send to this Office the fullest information concerning the action which you may decide to take in consequence of this letter, and in particular copies of the replies given by the candidates to whatever communication you or your organisation may decide to make to them.

This Office will gladly give any further information or advice which you may need.

Yours sincerely,

GILBERT MURRAY,
Chairman of the Executive Committee.
MAXWELL GARNETT,
Secretary of the Union.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION
NOTE UPON INTERNATIONAL POLICY
OCTOBER, 1931

1. Great Britain should continue to base her policy on loyal co-operation with the League of Nations, for the pacific settlement of disputes and the promotion of economic and financial co-operation, including the restoration of international credit.
2. The British Government should do all in its power to bring about a real reduction in the Armies, Navies and Air Forces of the world; and should accept and carry out any all-round reduction and limitation of armaments, however drastic, to which it can induce all countries participating in the Disarmament Conference next year to agree.

National and International Support for Disarmament

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by a great meeting held in the Albert Hall on July 11th, 1931, on the motion of Field-Marshal Sir William Robertson, supported by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Mr. Stanley Baldwin and Mr. Lloyd George:—

"That this meeting warmly welcomes the forthcoming Disarmament Conference and urges the Government to do all in its power to bring about a real reduction in the Armies, Navies and Air Forces of the world."

The following declaration is based upon a resolution unanimously adopted by the International Federation of League of Nations Societies, including the British League of Nations Union:—

WHY DISARM?

Our Pledge: Great Britain has given a formal promise that, along with other nations, she will reduce and limit her armaments. Our Burden: The World is spending to-day on armaments upwards of £2,000,000 a day. Great Britain's share exceeds £200 a minute. We cannot afford it.

Our Peril: We cannot get security by increasing armaments, for neighbouring nations can follow suit. Competition leads to War.

SHALL WE BE SAFE?

Why not—if all countries join in the "all-round reduction and limitation of national armaments by international agreement" which we call "Disarmament"? We have the League of Nations, the World Court of Justice, the Locarno Treaties, the Briand-Kellogg Pact, the whole machinery for preventing war and settling international disputes by peaceful means. It works. It HAS worked. The habit of using it is growing. That way lies real safety.

THE WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE will meet on February 2nd, 1932. IT MUST SUCCEED. Why not an all-round reduction of armaments by 25 per cent., measured in money, within five years? It is perfectly possible and perfectly safe if the countries taking part in the Conference care enough for their national honour to fulfil their treaty obligations. Against a united world, the strongest State would be powerless.

JUSTICE and prudence alike demand that the Conference of 1932 must begin to equalize the armaments of the "unequipped" and the "victorious" Powers—by scaling DOWN. Otherwise a new race in armaments will begin, and another war will be imminent. If the Conference is to succeed, the nations must show their Governments in time that they will support all reductions to which the Conference may agree.

V—RESOLUTIONS

(A) LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND WORLD AFFAIRS

I *STATEMENT UPON INTERNATIONAL POLICY. [Executive Committee.]

THE ROYAL CHARTER UNDER WHICH THE UNION WAS INCORPORATED CITES AS THE THIRD OBJECT OF THE UNION: 'TO ADVOCATE THE FULL DEVELOPMENT OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, SO AS TO BRING ABOUT SUCH A WORLD ORGANISATION AS WILL GUARANTEE THE FREEDOM OF NATIONS, ACT AS TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN OF BACKWARD RACES. . . . MAINTAIN INTERNATIONAL ORDER AND FINALLY LIBERATE MANKIND FROM WAR AND THE EFFECTS OF WAR.' THIS STATEMENT IS PUT FORWARD IN PURSUANCE OF THIS OBJECT.

FACED with a world-wide financial and economic crisis for which, in the sphere of national politics alone, no solution can be found, Great Britain should seek to achieve, through the League of Nations, the reform of international credit and the restoration of economic prosperity.

An essential step to remove the fear and suspicion which lie at the root of the present evils is the reduction and limitation of national armaments by international agreement.

(i) FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

There should be a constant co-operation between Governments through the League, in the financial and economic sphere.

In particular the assistance of the League should be sought in convening without delay a World Conference to be attended by Prime Ministers and Finance Ministers for the purpose of considering (without limitation of any kind) the present financial and economic situation, and of inducing or causing the nations to adopt whatever measures are essential to its adjustment.

Every effort should be made to secure

- (a) the better organisation of international credit and the restoration of international confidence;
- (b) the removal of hindrances to international commerce;
- (c) the resumption of the normal process of investment;
- (d) the discontinuance of the self-contradictory policy which involves the annual payment of large sums by debtor to creditor countries, while at the same time it puts obstacles in the way of the free movement of goods.

*Tariffs must become a matter of international discussion and arrangement, since without an agreement on tariff policy there can be no monetary agreements, no settlement of war debts, no revival of security and no real reduction in armaments.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, Grosvenor Gardens, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 1931 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Admiral Allen, Sir Norman Angell, Colonel Carnegie, Miss Courtney, Colonel Crosfield, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, Sir Hugh Jeudwine, Lady Pamoor, John Sherborne, H.S. Syrett, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch and Professor Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

188. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from L.J. Cadbury, C. Delisle Burns, H.H. Elvin, Lady Gladstone, Captain Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lady Layton, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier and Rennie Smith.

189. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minute 184, the minutes of the Committee dated October 1st, 1931 were confirmed as circulated.

On minute 184 — Vacancies on Committee, it was reported that a telephone message had been received from Sir Arthur Salter to the effect that he was going to Vienna within the next few days and that, in view of the many other engagements he had undertaken, he was afraid he ought not to accept the Committee's invitation. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Chairman be asked to send a further letter to Sir Arthur Salter."

(2) "That, when co-optations to the Committee are next being discussed, Major Anthony Buxton's name be considered in this connection."

190. PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered the draft preliminary agenda for the meeting of the General Council to be held in London on December 10th and 11th, 1931. It was reported that the regions Committee would be meeting on October 21st to consider the agenda and make its recommendations to the Council.

The Committee were reminded of the following resolution adopted by the General Council in June, 1931:—

"That at the December meeting the Council do not concern itself with any matters other than questions of Union finance and questions of League policy."

and it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the resolutions from the Wickford, Hull, Cambridge Town, and Fellowship Branches, which concern neither Union finance nor League policy, be printed as a separate section of the Agenda."

(2) "That, subject to any amendment the Chairman may approve in the section dealing with Minorities, the draft Statement upon International Policy be approved in the attached amended form for submission to the General Council."

See
Minute 199

(ii) THE REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT

The willingness of Governments to agree at the forthcoming World Disarmament Conference to reduce and limit their armaments, will be the test of their sincerity in making promises not to go to war. The general and effective reduction of armaments is essential to the organisation of peace and security through the League.

The Conference should result in a first General Disarmament Convention. This should provide for an all-round reduction by 25 per cent. of the total amount budgeted for world armaments within a period of, say, five years. The principle of equality in status regarding disarmament between the 'vanquished' and 'victorious' powers should be officially recognised. This equality must not be attained by increasing armaments already reduced under the treaties but by the proportionate reduction of those of other States. The first General Disarmament Convention should begin to effect such equality as, for instance, by providing

that each State should be bound to limit the amount budgeted for its navy, army and air force;

that the prohibition of certain material (naval, land or air) enjoined in the Peace Treaties for certain States should apply to all States signatory to the Convention; and

that the observance of the obligations thus contracted should be ensured by a Permanent Disarmament Commission established at the seat of the League of Nations and exercising its control equally over all nations.

Plans for the reduction of armaments should be accompanied by adequate schemes for mitigating the temporary unemployment resulting from their adoption.

(iii) THE DEFENCE OF INTERNATIONAL ORDER

The provisions for mutual assistance in the Covenant and in the Locarno agreements (so far as Western Europe is concerned), together with the Kellogg Pact, should furnish any Power with such reasonable security against the violation of its rights that it should be willing to join forthwith in a considerable reduction of armaments.

But the British Government should make it clear to foreign States that, in return for a general reduction of armaments, we are prepared, in strict accordance with our pledges given in the Covenant, to co-operate with the rest of the League in taking any action that may be deemed wise and effectual to safeguard the peace of nations.

While this country should thus declare its readiness, should necessity arise, to join in using the strength of all for the defence of each, British energies should continue to be concentrated upon strengthening the League's machinery for the Prevention of War. The Convention for Financial Assistance has already been signed by Great Britain. It should be ratified. The new General Convention to Improve the Means of Preventing War should be signed and ratified.

(iv) THE PACIFIC SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

It is of the utmost importance that peaceful means be provided for the solution of every type of conflict between nations.

The Optional Clause of the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice and the General Act for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes have

- (3) "That the Northamptonshire Federal Council be informed of the proposals for reducing the number of pamphlets which have already been prepared for the consideration of the Council."
- (4) "That the Cheshire District Council's resolution on tariffs be opposed, unless that Council will withdraw its resolution in favour of paragraph (1) (Finance and Economics) in the Executive's draft Statement of Policy."
- (5) "That the Redlett Branch be invited to withdraw their resolution in favour of paragraph (1) (Finance and Economics) in the Executive's draft Statement of Policy."
- (6) "That the proposals contained in the last paragraph and in the last paragraph but two of the resolution submitted by Mrs. Abbott, Miss Chrystal MacMillan and Mrs. White on the Representation of Women at the Conferences of the International Labour Organisation, be opposed."
- (7) "That, in view of the replies received to the enquiries made by the Executive Committee in accordance with paragraphs 4(a) and (b) of the resolution of the Council (419 of June, 1931) concerning the minimisation of the inequalities in the travelling expenses of delegates attending Council meetings, and in view of the importance of avoiding additional expenditure at the present time, the Executive Committee recommend the Council in December that the Rules of the Union be not amended for the purpose of giving effect to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of the Council's resolution."

191. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Finance Committee. (Mr. Syrett reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minute 79, the minutes of the Committee dated October 5th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (78) Financial Statement; (79) Budget for 1932; (80) Communication from Lord Cecil; (81) Disarmament Fund; (82) Sussex Federation; (83) Derbyshire Federal Council; (84) Communication from Mr. Sudd; (85) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

On Minute 79 - Budget for 1932, it was

RESOLVED: "That further consideration be given to recommendation 11 in respect of £104, and to recommendation (d) concerning the attendance of certain members of the staff at meetings of the Executive Committee."

- (b) Welcome Committee. (Lady Pamoor reported.) Subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on minute 37, the minutes of the Committee dated October 5th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (29) Arising out of Minutes; (30) Secretary's Report; (31) Hospitality to Delegates to Indian Round Table Conference; (32) Reception to Delegates attending Disarmament and Unemployment Conference; (33) International Section;

been accepted by Great Britain and a large number of the States Members of the League. Provision is thus made for the peaceful settlement of all international disputes, except those due to the alleged injustice of existing legal 'rights.'

'The maintenance of justice, and a scrupulous respect for all treaty obligations,' are binding upon all States Members of the League. This double duty requires that treaties, in so far as they have become inapplicable or seem to constitute obstacles to international goodwill, should be reconsidered and modified; and, in so far as other means to this end are lacking, Article 19 of the Covenant should be made practically effective.

(v) **THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MINORITIES**

It is essential to a lasting peace that the rights of Minorities should be guaranteed and that it should be recognised (as stated by the British Foreign Secretary at the Council of the League in March, 1931) that 'questions concerning the application of the Minorities Treaties are international questions in which all have a common duty and a common interest.'

The British Government should therefore watch carefully the operation of the League's procedure for protection of Minorities and should take steps to introduce any necessary reforms.

The most satisfactory solution would be the institution of a Permanent Minorities Commission, on the lines of the Permanent Mandates Commission, whose duty it would be to examine complaints and to draw the attention of the Council regularly to matters which might influence any of its members to exercise the right of initiative extended to them under the League's guarantee.

In the meantime, the machinery of the League should be loyally applied by Governments and Minorities alike and the competent authorities of the League should exhaust all the possibilities inherent in it and collect the fullest information from every source.

Minority obligations should not be confined to the States already bound by the Minorities Treaties and Declarations, but should be made applicable to all States Members of the League.

(vi) **IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITIONS OF LABOUR**

A low standard of working conditions in one country is the enemy of social progress in all. No effort should be spared to secure a general improvement in the standard of living through the activities of the International Labour Organisation.

In particular, the Washington Hours Convention should be ratified, and it should be part of the considered policy of the British Government to bring promptly before the House of Commons so as to secure their ratification and application, all conventions supported by its delegates at International Labour Conferences.

(vii) **SLAVERY AND FORCED LABOUR**

Slavery and forced labour should be abolished.

The League should give continual attention to the loyal fulfilment by its Members of the International Slavery Convention of 1926 and the Forced Labour Convention of 1930. In the meantime, all Colonial Powers should observe a standard

(34) Receptions to Students; (35) General Council Meeting in London in December; (36) Hospitality in Geneva; (37) Central Office for International Exchange; (38) Conference on International Disarmament.

192. **EVENTS IN MANCHURIA.** The Chairman reported that he had written to Lord Reading and to the THES concerning the situation in Manchuria. The following telegram, which the Chairman had sent to the Japanese League of Nations Society, was read to the Committee:-

"British League of Nations Union having always admired splendid work done by its great sister society now looks confidently to Japanese Association to use all influence with Government for peaceful settlement of Manchuria crisis."

On the motion of Professor Zimmern, it was

RESOLVED(1) That the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union

Places on record its sense that the Manchurian dispute is a crucial issue for the whole future of the League and more especially for the success of the Disarmament Conference;

Expresses its satisfaction that the Chinese Government should have placed itself unreservedly in the hands of the League and that the Government of the United States should be co-operating so fully with the Council of the League for the maintenance of peace and the observance of treaties;

And trusts that the British Government in its action in the Council will spare no effort and shirk no difficulty in order to vindicate the authority of the League."

(2) That this resolution be communicated to the press."

193. **CONSTITUTION OF GENERAL COUNCIL.** The following twenty-two groups of Branches in areas not covered by District Councils were approved by the Committee for the purpose of electing representatives to the General Council:-

Bedfordshire, Halifax, Doncaster, Harrogate and Ripon, Richmond and Thirsk, South Somerset, South East Devon, North West Devon, Shropshire, North and Central Hants, York, North Lindsey, South Lindsey, Isle of Man, North Wilts, West and South Wilts, Kesteven and Holland, Isle of Wight, Channel Islands, New Forest, West Somerset, Portsmouth.

194. **COMMUNICATION FROM SIR ALEXANDER GORDON.** A letter, dated October 1st, from Sir Alexander Gordon was reported to the Committee. Sir Alexander accepted the invitation to serve on the General Council but stated that he intended to maintain his attitude of friendly critic. He referred in particular to the question of treaty modification which he thought was being neglected by the Union.

which is at least not lower than that laid down in the regulations already in force in the 'B' and 'C' Mandates.

(viii) **EDUCATION AND THE LEAGUE**

Education in the aims and work of the League should be promoted in all countries.

It is desirable that the League should convene a World Education Conference to consider and report upon the progress made in this direction. In Great Britain, full effect should be given to the Recommendations of the League's Sub-Committee of Experts, and those of the Joint Committee of Associations of Local Education Authorities and of teachers.

(ix) **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE LEAGUE**

The activities of the League directed against grave social evils should be supported and developed.

Progressive steps should be taken for the suppression of the Traffic in Women and Children, and the British Government should use its influence to secure the general ratification and application of the Convention already signed for this purpose, and the abolition of licensed houses of prostitution in all countries.

The general Ratification of The Hague Opium Convention of 1912, and the Geneva Drug Conventions of 1925 and 1931 should be secured so as to bring about legislation and practical administrative measures in each country to control the amount of derivative drugs manufactured, sold and exported.

The League of Nations, in co-operation with the International Prison Commission and the Howard League for Penal Reform, should promote an international Convention determining the minimum standard of humanity to be observed in all civilized countries in the treatment of prisoners under arrest or serving a sentence.

Every endeavour should be made by the League of Nations rapidly to make operative that portion of Article 22 of the Covenant which calls for the strict control of the liquor traffic in those Territories which are known as 'B' Mandates.

2 **TARIFFS** [Cheshire District Council]

That, since tariff walls are hindrances to international co-operation and goodwill, the League of Nations Union declares that one of its ultimate ideals is world-wide free trade in a world-wide currency.

(The Regions Committee recommends that, in view of Resolution 1(f), this proposal be not adopted.)

3 **ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SITUATION.** [Radlett Branch.]

That the General Council urges H.M. Government to take immediate steps towards convening an international conference which shall deal comprehensively with the general economic and financial situation.

(The Regions Committee recommends that, in view of Resolution 1(f), this proposal be not adopted.)

195. **PARIS DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.** The Committee considered a communication from Dame Adelaide Livingstone, dated October 6th, together with the provisional programme for the International Conference on Disarmament to be held in Paris on November 26th and 27th, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the Committee notes the arrangements made for this important Conference, but desires appointing the Union's delegation until the next meeting."

196. **SCIENTIFIC DISARMAMENT.** It was

RESOLVED: "That the communication from the London Regional Federation on the subject of SCIENTIFIC DISARMAMENT, by Major Lefebure, be referred to the Publicity Committee for consideration and report."

197. **RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES.** It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Junior Groups, Corporate Members and District Councils, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

4 Branches, 12 Junior Branches, 2 Junior Members' Groups, 4 Corporate Members.

Deletions.

7 Branches, 4 Corporate Members, 1 District Council.

BRANCHES: Laisterdyke Congregational Church, Bradford; City Literary Institute, London; Green Lane Branch, Coventry; Droitwich, Worcs. **DELETIONS:** Bampton, Devon; Cawthra's Branch, Bradford; Ebenezer Baptist Church, Bradford; Laisterdyke United Methodist Free Church, Bradford; Bradford Moor, and District; Princeville Wesley Guild, Bradford; Lye Wesleyan Church, Worcs. **JUNIOR BRANCHES:** Cherrywood Road Senior Girls' School, BIRMINGHAM; Bourneville Church Sunday School, Warwick; Queens Road Girls' School, Dalston, London; Bourne Hall, Ewell, Surrey; Mills Grammar School, Framlingham, Suffolk; Harrogate Junior Branch; Highgate School, London; County High School for Girls, Sale, Cheshire; St. Anne's College, Sanderstead, Surrey; Albon Road Senior Girls' School, Willenhall, Staffs; Trinity County School, Wood Green, Middlesex; Yeovil Junior Branch, Somerset. **JUNIOR MEMBERS' GROUPS:** Easton Memorial Sunday School, Darvel; North Church Junior Group, Aberdeen. **CORPORATE MEMBERS:** Jewish Peace Society, London; Westminster Young People's Adult School; Kingston Adult School, Surrey; Spen Valley Young Liberals Association, Cuckfield, Yorks. **DELETIONS:** Bethesda Wesleyan Young Men's Class, Bradford; Dudley Hill Men's Own Brotherhood, Bradford; Practical Psychology Club, Bradford; St. Clement's Church, Bradford. **DISTRICT COUNCIL:** **DELETION:** Exeter District Council.

It was reported that there were now 3,033 Branches, 1,114 Junior Branches, 34 Junior Members' Groups, 3,459 Corporate and 60 District Councils, and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 929,322 of whom 272,666 had paid a subscription to date in 1931 as compared with 272,455 in corresponding period in 1930 and 257,163 in corresponding period in 1929.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 1931 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Sir Norman Angell, Admiral Allen, Colonel Carnegie, Miss Courtney, Colonel Crosfield, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Captain Green, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, R.S. Hudson, Dr. Kilmains, Lady Layton, Sir Walter Napier, Mrs. Runciman, John Sherborne, R.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley, Mrs. Wilson-Pox, L.L. Wynch and Professor Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

198. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from C. Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Hugh Jaudwine, Commander Kenworthy, Lady Gladstone, Lord Lytton, Lady Parmoor and Rennie Smith.
199. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minute 189(184) and the deletion of Lady Parmoor's name from minute 191(b), the minutes of the Committee dated October 15th were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 189(184) - Vacancies on Committee, it was reported that a letter had been received from Sir Arthur Salter, expressing his appreciation of the Committee's invitation but regretting that, in present circumstances, he is unable to accept.

200. MANCHURIA. The Chairman read to the Committee the following telegram which had been received in reply to the Union's message to the Japanese League of Nations society:-

"League of Nations Association of Japan deeply appreciates the message from its sister organisation which you represent. Our Association as your telegram desired has always endeavoured and will continue to endeavour to secure the peaceful settlement of Manchurian affairs. Peculiar and extremely complex conditions prevail in Manchuria preventing the facile application of normal standards, but we are hopeful that the true situation will everywhere become clear in due course. SHIDEHARA."

It was reported that a statement on the Manchurian situation had been included in the November HEADWAY and in the October SPEAKERS NOTES, and that a more detailed statement had been prepared for use in response to enquiries. It was

RESOLVED: "That in the November issue of SPEAKERS NOTES attention be drawn to the statement on the Manchurian situation contained in the November HEADWAY."

201. PARIS DISARMAMENT MEETINGS. The Chairman expressed the hope that a large delegation from the Union would attend the Paris Disarmament meetings on November 26th and 27th next. He regretted that the Union was not in a position to pay the travelling expenses of delegates. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's delegation to the Paris Disarmament Meetings consist of any members of the Executive who inform the Secretary of

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205. REGIONS COMMITTEE. The Committee received the minutes of the meeting of the Regions Committee held on October 21st, 1931.
206. PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR THE DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING AND REGIONS COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS. The Committee considered the Preliminary Agenda for the Council Meeting and the Regions Committee's recommendations upon it.

On resolution V (B) 5 (Representation of Women at the Conferences of the International Labour Organisation) Lady Hall pointed out that paragraph (2) of the Regions Committee's amendment was not technically correct, and it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That paragraph (2) of the amendment be altered to read as follows:

'That among the technical advisers there should be included an adequate number of women.'

On resolutions VI (8) (Minimisation of Inequalities in the travelling expenses of delegates to Council Meetings), V (C) (6) (Composition of General Council) and VI (9) (Rules 8 and 10), it was

RESOLVED: (2) "That the recommendations of the Regions Committee on these resolutions be referred to the Branches Committee for consideration."

It was further

RESOLVED: (3) "That the Chairman be asked to discuss with Mr. F.N. Burris or Mr. F. A. Harris the functions of the Regions Committee, with special reference to the question whether it is a Committee of the General Council or a sub-Committee of the Executive."

(4) "That it be suggested to the Regions Committee that, in future their report to the General Council upon its Preliminary Agenda should state that they recommend the Council to adopt those proposals against which they have put no mark, and to reject those proposals marked with an asterisk. Those proposals which they advise the Council to amend would be followed by particulars of the amendment suggested printed in italics."

(5) "That in future issues of Preliminary Agenda papers for meetings of the General Council, the words "Executive Committee" be substituted for the words "Regions Committee" in italic notes on resolutions where the Executive and Regions Committees make the same recommendation."

(6) "That on the Final Agenda for the forthcoming meeting of the General Council, italic notes making identical recommendations from the Executive and Regions Committees should make those recommendations in the names of both Committees."

207. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Library Committee. (admiral Drury-Lowe reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated October 12th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (30) Library Book Fund for 1932; (31) Seventh Conference of the Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux; (32) List of Books on the League of Nations for Children and Teachers, 1931; (33) Book List.

(b) Education Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) Subject ~~to the approval of the Finance Committee on Minute 138 and to the following decision on minute 141, the minutes of the Committee dated October 12th, 1931, were approved and adopted.~~

These minutes included (122) Arising out of the Minutes; (123) Composition of Committee; (124) Meetings for Schools; (125) Report on Work in Universities and Colleges; (126) Report of the Films and Slides Sub-Committee; (127) The League and the Cinema; (128) Composition of the Films and Slides Sub-Committee; (129) Report on Exhibitions of the Union's Films; (130) International Reading Film on the League of Nations; (131) Comite International pour la Diffusion Artistique et Litteraire par le Cinematographe; (132) The Union and the Cinema; (133) Appointment of Representative to the Cinema Sectional Committee of the National Council of Women; (134) Report of the Youth Sub-Committee; (135) Letter from Lord Cecil; (136) Formation of Youth Groups in Branches; (137) Youth Faces the New World; (138) Youth Leaflet; (139) Badges; (140) Youth Conference; (141) Summer Schools; (142) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (143) Observance of Armistice Day in the schools; (144) Conference of Educational Associations; (145) Conference on Training in World Citizenship; (146) Resolutions of the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the General Council; (147) Association of Education Committees; (148) East Sussex County Council; (149) International Conference on Disarmament; (150) Disarmament Pamphlet; (151) Co-operation with the Workers' Educational Association; (152) Unsuitable Story Books; (153) Public Libraries and War Books; Communication from the London Regional Federation; (154) "The Isolationist"; (155) Teachers' Conference at Basle; (156) Badges for Junior Members.

On Minute 141 - Summer Schools, it was

RESOLVED: "That extracts from the report on the Union's 1931 Summer Schools be included in HEADWAY and in the Annual Report."

(c) Minorities Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated October 21st, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (25) Arising out of the Minutes; (26) Minorities at the XIIth Assembly; (27) The Perugia Meetings; (28) East Galicia; (29) Composition of Committee; (30) Iraq Sub-Committee.

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- (d) Christian Organisations Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 81, the minutes of the Committee dated October 21st, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (80) Minutes of Arms and Churches Committee; (81) Armistice Day; (82) service in St. Paul's Cathedral; (83) Conference in Paris; (84) Prayers for Disarmament Conference; (85) Sermon Notes; (86) Sunday School Lessons; (87) Approach to Denominational headquarters; (88) Roman Catholic Co-operation; (89) Denominational Resolutions; (90) Magazine Inset; (91) Proposal from Editor of the Church of England Newspaper; (92) Corporate Membership; (93) New Member of Committee.

On Minute 81 - Armistice Day, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman in consultation with Colonel Crosfield, be asked to write to the President of the British Legion on this subject."

208. DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN. It was reported that more than fourteen hundred meetings had been arranged for the months of October and November, showing an increase of over thirty per cent. on any previous year. Eighty per cent. of these meetings had been concerned with "Disarmament". The Committee hoped that this information would be conveyed to H.M. Government by the Union's deputation.
209. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the East of Scotland District Council, Acton and Canterbury.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 1931
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), P.J. Noel Baker,
L.J. Cadbury, Lord Cecil, Miss Courtney, Lord
Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale,
R.E. Elvin, Captain Green, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris,
R.S. Hudson, Rt. Hon. Lord Jones, Dr. Klamms,
Sir Walter Raper, Mrs. Runciman, John Sherborne,
Hendrie Smith, H.L. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox,
Herbert Worsley, L.L. Lynch and Professor Zimmern,
together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

210. APCOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral Allen,
Colonel Carnegie, Colonel Crossfield, C. Delisle Burns, Lady
Gladstone, Major Hills, Sir Hugh Jaudwine, Lord Lytton,
Lady Farmoor, W.J. Salmon and H.S. Syrett.
211. MINUTES. Subject to the following report and decisions on
minutes 199(189), 201, 204, 206, 207(d) and 208, the minutes
of the Committee dated October 29th, 1931 were confirmed as
circulated.

On Minute 199(189) - Vacancies on Committee, the
Chairman reported that a further letter had been
received from Sir Arthur Salter stating that, although
he was unable to accept the invitation to serve on
the Executive Committee, if the Committee wished to
consult him at any time he would be very glad to attend
a meeting for that purpose.

On minute 201 - Paris Disarmament Meetings, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the words 'shall include' be sub-
stituted for the words 'consist of'
in the resolution."

The Chairman stressed the importance of a strong
delegation from this country attending the Paris Dis-
armament Meetings on November 26th and 27th, and he
hoped that as many members of the Executive Committee
as possible would be present. It was

RESOLVED: (2) "That Sir Christopher Robinson and Pro-
fessor Ruysen be informed immediately
of the names of those members of the Union
who have already signified their in-
tention of being present at the Paris
meetings and who will accordingly be
included in the Union's delegation."

On Minute 204 - Appeal, the Chairman read to the
Committee a copy of the Appeal letter which had been
signed by Lord Grey and Lord Cecil, and which included
the statement that "many members of the Executive Com-
mittee, in spite of financial difficulties, have in-
creased their subscriptions in order that the Union's
vital work for world peace and the restoration of con-
fidence may not be wrecked". Copies of the Appeal
were distributed to members of the Committee.

On Minute 206 - Preliminary Agenda for the December
Council Meeting and Regions Committee's Recommendations,
it was

See Minute 218.

RESOLVED: "That the following words be deleted from resolution (3):-

'with special reference to the question whether it is a Committee of the General Council or a sub-Committee of the Executive.'

On Minute 20c - Disarmament Campaign, Lord Cecil reported that he had recently had a most successful meeting in Rome. The meeting, at which Signor Grandi was present, had been organised by the Rotary Clubs and was attended by two or three hundred representative people from all parts of Italy.

On Minute 20f(d)(81) - Armistice Day, the Chairman reported that a letter, of which Colonel Grosfield approved, was being sent to the President of the British Legion. The letter expressed the Union's approval of the Legion's suggestion that Armistice Day might for the future be known as Remembrance Day.

The Chairman further reported that he had to-day received a letter from Colonel Grosfield stating that "this year a special cross is being provided to the memory of all who fallen in the Great war, namely, of friend and foe alike, so that anyone wishing to plant a poppy as a tribute to the German men who died in the war will have an opportunity of thus doing so". Colonel Grosfield felt that this would give the Committee some indication of the attitude of the Legion towards Remembrance Day.

212. DEATH OF ALDERMAN GOODERE The Committee learned with regret of the death of Alderman Goodere, the Chairman of the Derbyshire Federal Council, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to send, in the name of the Executive Committee, a letter of condolence to Mrs. Goodere."

See Minute 218.

213. MANCHURIA. Lord Cecil spoke of events in Manchuria. He felt that the Secretariat were doing their utmost, and he believed that the Japanese representatives both in this country and elsewhere in Europe were pressing their Government to be as reasonable as possible. Professor Baker suggested that the League should be urged to arrange for the foreign observers who were present in Manchuria on behalf of the Council Members and the U.S.A. to be constituted into a Committee in order that their efforts might be co-ordinated and a report sent direct to Geneva. He further suggested that any question concerning treaty rights should be referred to the Permanent Court at the earliest possible moment. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to mention Professor Baker's suggestions when writing to the Foreign Secretary concerning the deputation."

The Chairman stated that, on the suggestion of Mr. Gerald Bailey of the N.C.P.W., he had sent a telegram to Dr. Nitobe asking whether there was any way in which the peace movement in this country could help in the Manchurian situation. In reply to a question from Mr. Harris, the Chairman said he thought there would be no harm in a similar telegram being sent to Dr. Nitobe from the Society of Friends.

214. VACANCIES ON COMMITTEE. It was

RESOLVED: "That, as soon as possible after the formation of the new Government, a meeting of the Co-operations Sub-Committee be called for the purpose of filling the vacancies on the Committee."

215. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Overseas Committee. (Mr. Wynch reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 53(b), 53(e), 53(g) and 56, the minutes of the Committee dated October 28th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (53) Report of the Perugia Meetings of the International Federation; (54) Overseas Report; (56) Report of Perugia Meetings of the Federal Committee; (57) British Committee's Contribution to the Federal Committee.]

On Minute 53(b) - Report of the Perugia Meetings of the International Federation, Federation's Geneva Office, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the last paragraph of this minute be approved in the following amended form:-

"Dr. Garnett informed the Committee that Lord Cecil was in favour of £100 to £150 being guaranteed from the Disarmament Fund for the purpose of opening the Federation's office at Geneva during the Disarmament Conference, and had suggested that Miss Hinton Smith should be employed in connection with the Geneva office."

- (2) "That the manner of giving effect to the recommendation contained in this minute be decided by the Chairman in consultation with Lord Cecil."

On Minute 53(e) - Criticisms of the League of Nations, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred to the Political Committee."

On Minute 53(g) - I.L.O. and Economic Committee, it was reported that the memorandum referred to in this minute would be submitted to the Economic Committee and thereafter to the Executive. Mr. Rennie Smith and Professor Baker expressed the hope that in future the Union would endeavour to take a constructive part in the discussion of European problems and avoid blanketing such discussions on the ground that they involved world problems.

On Minute 56 - Report of Perugia Meetings of the Federation, it was

RESOLVED: "That the memorandum which Sir George Paish has been invited to prepare for the Federation and which will presumably express his personal views, should be laid before the

Economic Committee and discussed by the Executive in the light of the Economic Committee's report before the Union's opinion upon it is conveyed to the Federation; and that Sir George Paish be invited to discuss his memorandum so soon as he has completed it with the Union's Economic Committee."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That the proposals of the Sub-Committee on Responsibility of States for Crimes Committed on their Territory against a National of a Foreign State referred to the International Law Committee for consideration and report."

- (b) Services Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 16, the minutes of the Committee dated November 4th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (14) Composition of Committee; (15) Leaflet; (16) Draft Statement of Policy.

On Minute 16 - Draft Statement of Policy, it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That the proposed amendment to section (ii) be not accepted."
 (2) "That the Chairman be asked to redraft the first (large print) paragraph of section (iii)."
 (3) "That the proposed amendment to section (iv) be approved and adopted."

216. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Districts, Junior Branches, Junior Members' Groups, Corporate Members and Corporate Associates, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies

Additions.

2 Branches, 1 District, 14 Junior Branches, 1 Junior Members' Group, 7 Corporate Members and 5 Corporate Associates.

Deletions.

4 Branches, 1 Junior Branch, 2 Corporate Members.

BRANCHES: Holborn, London; Naseby, Northants. DELETIONS: Bolney, Sussex; Bowes, Yorks; Heckington, Lincs; Ormskirk Street Congregational Church, St. Helen's, Lancs. DISTRICT: Shropshire District Council. JUNIOR BRANCHES: St. Margaret's House Club Junior Branch; Bethnal Green; Brassey Street Central School, Birkenhead; Central Girls' School, Birkenhead; Brynmawr County School; Girls' Secondary School, Caerphilly;

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Mora Road Girls' School, Crickiswood; Senior Girls' School, Darwen; St. Catherine's School, Bramley, Guildford; Morden Terrace L.C.C., S.G. School, Lewisham; Newgate Mixed School, Mansfield; Firth Park Secondary School, Enfregreen, Sheffield; Brasshouse Lane Senior Boys' School, Sneydwick; Stony Stratford Junior Branch; Tonbridge County School. **DELETIONS:** Gartonville College, Liverpool. **JUNIOR MEMBERS' GROUP:** Primitive Methodist Sunday School, Barnes, Surrey. **CORPORATE MEMBERS:** Caversham Free Baptist Church, Reading; Victoria Park Wesleyan Methodist Church, Bournemouth; Congregational Church, Poyle, Middlesex; Congregational Church, Flore, Northants; British Legion (Women's Section) Bridgewater, Somerset; Halifax High School Old Girls' Guild, Halifax, Yorks; Co-operative Women's Guild Executive Committee, Leeds. **DELETIONS:** Thornton Wesleyan Men's Class, Bradford; Kingsbridge Breconhood. **CORPORATE ASSOCIATES:** Abbots Langley Women's Institute; Lindale-in-Cartmel Women's Institute; London Y.W.C.A. Members' World Fellowship Committee; Women's Fellowship, Greenford; Townswomen's Guild, East Grinstead.

It was reported that there were now 3,029 Branches, 61 Districts, 1,127 Junior Branches, 35 Junior Members' Groups, 3,464 Corporate Members and 729 Corporate Associates, that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 931,192 of whom 28,417 had paid a subscription to date in 1931 as compared with 285,255 in corresponding period in 1930 and 271,650 in corresponding period in 1928, and that 2,322 new Foundation Members had been enrolled in 1931.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 1931, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Admiral Allen, Colonel Grosfield, Miss Courtney, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Captain Green, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, Sir Arthur Heworth, Major Hills, Sir Hugh Jellicoe, Rt. Hon. Lord Jones, Commander Kenworthy, Dr. C. Williams, Lady Layton, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parnock, Mrs. Runciman, John Sherborne, Rennie Smith, Herbert Syrett, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley and Professor Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

217. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from L.J. Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, C. Delisle Burns, H.F. Elvin, Lady Gladstone, the Hon. Mrs. Ralph Glynn, Sir Ben Turner and L.M. Wynch.

218. MINUTES. Subject to the following report and decision on minutes 211(204) and 213, the minutes of the Committee dated November 5th, 1931 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 211(204) - Appeal, it was reported that up to date nearly £4,000 had been received in response to the Appeal.

On Minute 213 - Manchuria, the Chairman reported that he had written to the Foreign Secretary; but that, for various reasons, he felt it would be unsuitable to make the proposals contained in this minute to Sir John Simon at the present time.

After Mr. Harris had reported that a telegram from the Society of Friends had been sent to Dr. Nitobe, it was

RESOLVED: "That the last sentence in this minute be deleted."

219. VACANCIES ON COMMITTEE. It was

RESOLVED: "That a sub-Committee, consisting of two members of the Executive from each political party, be appointed to recommend the names of persons for co-optation by the Executive."

220. MANCHURIA. The Chairman read to the Committee a circular letter which had been sent to the speakers and chairmen of all forthcoming meetings. The letter contained a draft resolution which it was hoped the meeting would adopt and send to the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary and the Press. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union desires respectfully to lay before H.M. Government its conviction, supported by large and enthusiastic meetings held recently in many parts of England,

That, if the Council of the League in this crisis fails to maintain the authority of the Covenant and the Kellogg Pact,

The result must be an irreparable injury to the moral position of the League and to the sanctity of treaties, and will imply a formal acceptance of force as the arbiter of international life.

The Executive is confident that the British representative will do all that is necessary to prevent such a catastrophe."

- (2) "That the above resolution be forwarded immediately to the Foreign Secretary."
- (3) "That the above resolution be conveyed by telegram to the League of Nations Societies of all States Members of the Council, urging them to send similar resolutions to their respective Governments; and that copies of the resolution be sent by letter to the other League of Nations Societies."
- (4) "That preliminary arrangements be made immediately for a public meeting to be held on Wednesday evening, November 25th, if possible with Lord Grey as one of the speakers; and that the Chairman be asked to consult Lord Cecil and Sir John Simon and, in the light of their opinions, to decide whether or not the meeting shall be held."
- (5) "That, since many members of the International Federation will be attending the meetings of the Paris Disarmament Conference next week, Professor Murray be asked to discuss with Lord Cecil the possibility of arranging for a special session to deal with the situation in Manchuria."

221. STATEMENT UPON INTERNATIONAL POLICY. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following amendment to the Statement upon International Policy be included in the name of the Executive Committee in the Final Agenda for the December meeting of the General Council:-

'That the last sentence of section (1) (Financial and Economic Co-operation) be deleted and the following sub-paragraph inserted:

(e) that tariffs should become a matter of international discussion and arrangement."

222. CHEMICAL WARFARE. The Committee considered the following revised resolution drafted by Lord Cecil, Colonel Carnegie and Sir Hugh Jevons:-

"That in view of the danger to world peace which may result from uncontrolled competition in new types of armament, including material and equipment for chemical or bacteriological warfare, the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union urges

H.M. Government to move the League of Nations to entrust to a permanent organization the duty of taking cognizance of the emergence, preparation, or exploitation of new materials, equipment or weapons for war, including chemical war and of advising on international policy in connection with the prohibition or control thereof."

It was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be adopted and that copies be forwarded to H.M. Government and to the Press."

223. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Branches Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) The minutes of the Committee held on November 5th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (30) Minimization of Inequalities in Travelling Expenses of Delegates attending Council Meetings.

- (b) Library Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 37, the minutes of the Committee dated November 9th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (36) Book List; (37) Library Equipment.

On Minute 37 - Library Equipment, it was

RESOLVED: "That paragraph (b) of this minute be referred to the Finance Committee."

- (c) Education Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 166, the minutes of the Committee dated November 9th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (159) Arising out of Minutes; (160) Resignation of Mrs. Ruth Knowles; (161) Letter from Mr. F.A. Hoare; (162) Meetings for Schools; (163) Report of Work in Universities and Colleges; (164) Report of Junior Branches Sub-Committee; (165) "World Explorers"; (166) Constitution of Junior Branches; (167) Scheme of Work for Junior Members and Junior Branches; (168) Report of the Youth Sub-Committee; (169) Youth Sub-Committee; (170) Formation of Youth Groups; (171) Further Publicity for Youth Groups; (172) Youth Group Conference at Geneva; (173) Meeting of the General Council; (174) The League and Broadcasting; (175) Observance of Armistice Day in the Schools; (176) Literature for the Schools; (177) Summer Schools; (178) Co-operation with Workers' Educational Association; (179) International Conference on Disarmament, Paris, November 26th and 27th.

On Minute 166 - Constitution of Junior Branches, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That sections (b), (f) and (g) of this minute be approved and adopted, and that consideration of sections (a), (c), (d) and (e) be deferred."

It was further
RESOLVED: (2) "That the attached report on action taken on minutes 430, 431 and 432 of the General Council be printed in the final agenda for the December meeting of the Council."

- (d) Publicity Committee. (Mr. Epstein reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated November 9th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included: (50) The Press and the League; (51) Publicity for the General Council; (52) Manchuria; (53) Quarterly Publications; (54) News Sheet; (55) Referendum on Disarmament.

- (e) Office Committee. (Professor Murray reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 38, the minutes of the Committee dated November 10th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (33) Dame Adelaide Livingstone; (34) Colonel Delaunoy; (35) Miss Monroe; (36) Library Staff; (37) Hospitality; (38) Voluntary Workers; (39) Office Accommodation; (40) Half-yearly revision of wages and salaries.

On Minute 38 - Voluntary Workers, it was

RESOLVED: "That the word 'gratitude' be substituted for the word 'pleasure' in this resolution."

- (f) Political Committee. (Professor Murray reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 65, the minutes of the Committee dated November 17th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (65) Parliament and International Policy; (66) Report on the Union's Activities for Disarmament; (67) Paris Meetings on Disarmament, November 26th; (68) General Election; (69) The Union's General Council and Parliament.

On minute 65 - Parliament and International Policy, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved subject to any further suggestions which individual members of the Executive might wish to make for consideration by the Political Committee."

224. MR EVERETT REID. The Committee learned with deep regret that Mr. Everett Reid, who has been a staff speaker for the Union for a great many years, was lying dangerously ill, and it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That a message of sympathy be sent to Mr. Everett Reid."

- (2) "That if Mr. Reid requires medical aid of any kind for which he would be unable to pay, it should be provided at the cost of the Union."

225. BRITISH ASSOCIATION. The Chairman read to the Committee the following resolution which had been received from the British Association for the Advancement of Science:

"That the President, General Officers, and General Committee of the British Association gratefully acknowledge the manifold and unstinted help of the Public Authorities, Educational Institutes, Learned Societies and other bodies and individuals to which the signal success of the Centenary Meeting is so largely due, and express to them all the deepest appreciation of their respective contributions to the Advancement of Science."

226. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. It was reported that at twenty meetings the following resolution on Manchuria (referred to in minute 220 above) had been adopted and copies forwarded to the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary. At two meetings the same resolution had been adopted after the last paragraph had been deleted.

"This meeting held.....

Remembering the many millions who died in the Great War for the hope of world peace;

Urges H.M. Government, as a leading Member of the League of Nations, to use every means provided by the Covenant to uphold the authority of the League in preserving peace in Manchuria; and

Appeals to the Japanese people to whom we remain bound by ties of traditional friendship, to impress upon their Government, in the interests of mankind and equally of Japan, not to use war as an instrument of Japanese policy in Manchuria, but to comply with the resolution of the Council of the League of Nations and thereafter to use the machinery of the League to find a peaceful and just solution of the present conflict."

The Committee received with interest resolutions from the Reading Branch on the subject of Manchuria and Disarmament.

227. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members and Corporate Associates, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

2 Branches, 4 Junior Branches, 9 Corporate Members and 4 Corporate Associates.

Deletions.

4 Branches, 2 Corporate Members.

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BRANCHES: Blackheath and District, Birmingham; Portadown, Northern Ireland. **DELETIONS:** Bartley Green and Woodgate, California, Warwicks; Frampton-on-Severn; Hockley, Warwicks; Long Itchington, Warwicks; Paris Section of the Union.

JUNIOR BRANCHES: Harpur Girls' Central School, Bedford; Rosebery County School for Girls, Epsom; The Grammar School, Harrogate; Sydenham Junior Branch. **CORPORATE MEMBERS:** Staff of St. John's School, Hamilton; Staff of St. John's School Infants Dept., Hamilton; Society of Friends, Reading; Baptist Church, Histon, Cambs; Baptist Church, South Benfleet, Essex; Holy Trinity Church, Winchester; Winson Green Congregational Church, Snettisham; Ossett Temperance Society; Senior Department of the Sunday School of Hillsborough Congregational Church, Sheffield.

DELETIONS: Belvedere Women's Co-operative Guild; Cross Street Unitarian Church, Congleton. **CORPORATE ASSOCIATES:** Blackwell Women's Institute, Hayle Women's Institute; Mowley and Laughton Women's Institute; Oakham Women's Institute.

It was reported that there were now 3,029 Branches, 1,131 Junior Branches, 3,471 Corporate Members and 733 Corporate Associates, and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 933,060, of whom 297,432 had paid a subscription to date in 1931 as compared with 300,406 in corresponding period in 1930 and 284,448 in corresponding period in 1929.

S.M.

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, Grosvenor Gardens, S.W.1, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, 1931 at 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Admiral Allen, Sir Norman Angell, P.J.Noel Baker, Miss Courtney, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, H.F.Elvin, Captain Green, Major Hills, Rt.Hon. Leif Jones, Commander Kenworthy, Lady Layton, Lady Penmoor, Mrs. Runciman, Remie Smith, H.S.Syrett, H.D.Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley and Professor Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

228. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from C.Delisle Burns, L.J.Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Colonel Grosfield, Lady Gladstone, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Hugh Jaudwine, Lord Lytton and John Sherborne.
229. MANCHURIA. The Chairman reported that, in accordance with the decision taken by the Committee at its last meeting, he had spoken to Lord Cecil concerning the proposal to hold a large mass meeting in London on November 25th. Lord Cecil, while he was inclined personally to approve this proposal, advised the Chairman to consult Sir John Simon. After having made an unsuccessful attempt to speak to Sir John Simon, the Chairman wrote to him on this subject. The following reply which had been received from the Foreign Secretary was read to the Committee:-

My dear Murray,

Many thanks for your letter of the 19th November, about the projected Mass Meeting in the Queen's Hall. Everybody in the Council is honestly doing his utmost to secure a settlement, but, alas, without any success or immediate prospect of agreement. The present situation is extremely delicate and, although I am most grateful to you and to the Union for the offer of your assistance, I am strongly of the opinion that a meeting such as that which you appear to contemplate would be inopportune and might only further complicate the situation.

In the circumstances, will you very kindly thank your Committee for their offer and tell them how much I appreciated the spirit in which it was put forward, at the same time explaining to them that, in my opinion, a meeting at this moment would probably do more harm than good.

Yours very sincerely,

JOHN SIMON.

The Committee were reminded that since November 9th six hundred and ten meetings had been arranged by the Union and that in every case the speaker and chairman had received a circular letter urging the meeting to adopt a resolution on Manchuria. During the past week two hundred articles had been prepared in the office for the provincial press, all of them referring to Manchuria.

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It was reported that the resolution adopted by the Committee at its last meeting had been communicated by telegram to the League of Nations Societies of States Members of the Council. A reply from the Polish Society was read to the Committee.

It was further reported that arrangements had been made for a meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Federation to be held in Paris during the session of the Paris Conference; and that, as a result of negotiation with Miss Balch, one of the Joint Presidents of the Women's International League, a private conference was being held of League of Nations and other peace societies.

Mr. Syrett and Commander Kenworthy drew the attention of the Committee to a question and answer in the House of Commons on November 23rd concerning the export of arms from this country to China. After considerable discussion, it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That a telegram from the Union be sent immediately to M. Briand."
- (2) "That one of the sessions of the forthcoming meeting of the General Council take place in public - for example in the Queen's Hall - for the purpose of calling attention to the widespread support for the League Council in using every means provided by the Covenant to uphold the League's authority in preserving peace, and in order to condemn the anti-League propaganda of certain newspapers; and that an effort be made to get Lord Grey as one of the speakers."
- (3) "That the Prime Minister be asked to receive a deputation from the Union on the Manchurian situation, particularly with reference to the supply of arms."
- (4) "That members of the Committee and officers of the Union who are attending the Paris Conference be asked to see Sir John Simon."
- (5) "That Admiral Drury-Lowe be asked to take Lady Gladstone's place at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Federation in Paris, and that the Secretary be also requested to attend this meeting."

The Committee then considered a resolution drafted by the Chairman (S.G.4471) together with a memorandum prepared by Mr. Philip Baker (S.G.4470). After discussion it was

- RESOLVED: (6) "That the Chairman be asked to redraft the resolution in the light of the Committee's discussion and of paragraphs 1, 2, 4, and 5 of section I of Professor Baker's memorandum."
- (7) "That copies of the resolution referred to above, together with copies of the resolution adopted by the Committee at its last meeting, be circulated to all members of the Executive immediately."

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- (8) "That a resolution on Manchuria be included, as a matter of urgency, in the Final Agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the General Council."

It was further

- RESOLVED: (9) "That in view of the desirability of making available at the earliest possible moment the pamphlet at present being drafted by Sir Norman Angell on "The British Press and the League of Nations," the draft be not submitted for approval to the usual referees."

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION. S.G. 4476
25.11.31.
RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ON NOVEMBER 24TH, 1931

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The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union records its recognition of the untiring efforts made by the Council of the League to restore peaceful relations between Japan and China, and its conviction that, but for the action of the League of Nations, a general state of war would now exist between those two countries with consequences impossible to foresee.

It deplores both the initiation of hostilities in Manchuria before application was made to the League for peaceful settlement and the continuance after both parties had given assurances to the Council that they would cease.

It expresses its profound sympathy with those elements in Japanese and Chinese Society which have striven against great odds to preserve peace and friendly relations between their countries.

The Executive calls attention

To the dangerous campaign carried on in our own and other countries to undermine the support of the League in public opinion and, if possible, to destroy the League itself, and

To the continued supply of munitions of war to Japan and China from the territories of various Governments which are bound by treaty to co-operate in preventing war.

Finally, it begs His Majesty's Government to give a vigorous lead in ensuring that the Covenant is kept and the authority of the League preserved, seeing that, if the League goes, the civilised world will again be exposed to the forces which brought it to the verge of destruction in 1914.

The Executive regards it as essential, alike for the observation of the Covenant and the Kellogg Pact and for the safety of human society, that the dispute should not be settled by mere force at the will of one of the disputants, but by some form of fair negotiation or arbitration, and that, with that end in view, an independent Commission of Enquiry with full powers should be sent by the League to Manchuria.

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 1931 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), P.J.Noel Baker, L.J.Cadbury, C.Delisle Burns, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Captain L.H.Green, Miss E.M. Guinness, Lady Hall, J.F.Harris, Dr. C.W.Kimmins, Lady Layton, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Permoor, Femia Smith, H.S.Syrett, P.D.Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley and L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

230. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral Allen, Colonel Carnegie, Miss Courtney, Lady Gladstone, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major Hills, Sir Hugh Jevdwine, Commander Kenworthy, Mr. Leif Jones, W.J.Salmon, John Sherborne, Sir Ben Turner and Professor Zimmern.

231. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on minutes 221, 226 and 229, the minutes of the meeting held on November 19th and of the special meeting held on November 24th, 1931 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 221 - Statement upon International Policy,
it was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to redraft the Executive's amendment to section (1) and that the amendment be submitted to the General Council in the revised form."

On Minute 226 - Branch Resolutions, the text of a revised resolution on Manchuria to be submitted to speakers and chairmen of forthcoming meetings was read to the Committee, and, subject to the inclusion of the phrase 'to uphold the authority of the League', the resolution was approved.

On Minute 229 - Manchuria, (1), the telegram to M. Briand and his reply were read to the Committee, and it was

RESOLVED: "That a further telegram be sent to M.Briand, stating that the Committee proposes to use his reply as a message to the forthcoming meeting of the General Council; and that all three telegrams be circulated to the press."

On (2) it was reported that arrangements had been made for a public session of the General Council to be held in the Central Hall at 8 p.m. on Friday, December 11th, when Lord Grey and Lord Cecil would speak. Professor Murray would be in the Chair. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the subject of the meeting be announced as THE LEAGUE, MANCHURIA AND DISARMAMENT."

232. DEPUTATION TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY. It was reported that Sir John Simon had agreed to receive a deputation from the Union at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8th at the Foreign Office. The Chairman hoped that as many members of the Executive Committee as possible would accompany the deputation.

233. MANCHURIA. The Chairman stated that he had spoken with Lord Cecil in Paris who seemed decidedly hopeful about the present situation. He thought that the latest proposal of the Council would with some modifications, be accepted by both China and Japan. The presence of Observers in Manchuria had proved most helpful.

Mr. Rennie Smith suggested that it would probably serve a useful purpose if a memorandum could be prepared by the Union on the actual political constitution of Japan. With regard to the supply of arms to the Far East, the Chairman was inclined to think that the situation was acute, but that there was something to be said for our taking the line that, since acts of war are being committed in the East, we should cease sending any arms from this country and we should appeal to all other countries to do the same.

234. PARIS DISARMAMENT MEETINGS. Admiral Drury-Lowe reported on the Paris Disarmament Meetings, and a note prepared by Mr. Rennie Smith was circulated to the Committee. The meetings were attended by 1,049 delegates, representing three hundred out of the four hundred organisations which were invited to take part. The following resolution was adopted by the Conference:-

This meeting of one thousand delegates, representing the organised public opinion of 30 different countries, calls upon the Council of the League of Nations to press forward with its efforts to achieve the just and peaceful settlement of the Manchurian dispute between China and Japan;

The meeting urges upon the Council to uphold at all costs the principles of the Covenant and of the Pact of Paris for the renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy;

It recalls that it is the essence of the Covenant that the legitimacy of all measures of reprisals or safeguard taken by any member of the League should be submitted to the control of the Council,

And it endorses the wish already expressed by the President of the Assembly of the League of Nations that the sittings of the Council should be held in public so far as possible, so that the reactions of each of its members may be under the control of public opinion and their responsibilities clearly defined.

Mr. Baker had suggested to Lord Cecil that an official report should be prepared by the Organising Committee and a copy sent to every organisation represented at the meetings. The report should contain the proceedings of the Conference, the text of the most important messages that were received, and other information showing that the Conference had served a very useful purpose. Meanwhile the proceedings were to be published in "L'Europe Nouvelle" for December 5th.

Admiral Drury-Lowe stated that a meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Federation, at which nine nations were represented had been held in Paris. The Union's delegates had submitted a resolution which was finally adopted by the Committee in the following form:-

The Executive Committee of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies, meeting in extraordinary session at Paris on 27th November, 1931,

1. Believing that the machinery of the League is adequate for the peaceful settlement of disputes,
2. Urges all its National Societies to use their utmost endeavours at this critical time
 - a. to strengthen public support, in their respective countries for the Council of the League in the use of every means provided in the Covenant to maintain peace in Manchuria, and to effect a just settlement of the present dispute.
 - b. to counteract the hostile attacks on the League.

The meeting of the International Federation had been followed by a conference of peace societies. No resolution had been put to this conference.

235. FINAL AGENDA FOR THE GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered the Final Agenda for the meeting of the General Council to be held in the Caxton Hall on December 10th and 11th. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the adoption of Resolution 1 (Statement upon International Policy) be proposed by Lord Lytton; and that the following members of the Executive be invited to take charge of the various sections of the Statement in the event of their being discussed by the Council:

Section (i) Lady Layton.
 " (ii) Admiral Drury-Lowe.
 " (iv) Chairmen.
 " (v) Sir Walter Napier.
 " (vi) Lady Hall.
 " (viii) Dr. Kinnins.
 " (ix) Captain Green.

(2) That the amendments proposed by Sir Alexander Gordon be opposed; that the Paddington amendment to section (i), Lady Horeley's amendment to section (ii), and Miss Chrystal Macmillan's amendment to section (vi) be opposed; and that it be left to the discretion of Lady Layton whether or not the Cambridge amendment to section (i) be accepted.

(3) That Lady Layton be invited to take charge of resolution 2 (Tariffs); and that Lady Hall be invited to move and Lady Henschel to second the amendment to resolution 3 (Representation of Women at the Conferences of the International Labour Organisation).

(4) That the Branches Committee be asked to nominate members of the Executive to deal with the remaining resolutions on the agenda.

236. REPORT OF CO-OPTATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE. It was

RESOLVED: "That the recommendations of the Co-optations Sub-Committee for filling the seven vacancies at present existing on the Executive, be approved."

237. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Welcome Committee. (Lady Hall reported). The minutes of the Committee dated November 17th, 1931, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (41) Arising out of Minutes; (42) Report on the work of the Committee; (43) Reception to Delegates attending Disarmament and Unemployment Conference; (44) International Section; (45) Conference on International Disarmament; (46) Service in St. Paul's, December 15th; (47) Resignations; (48) Conference on Twelfth Assembly of League of Nations.

(b) Christian Organisations Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). The minutes of the Committee dated November 18th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (97) Day of Prayer for Disarmament Conference; (98) Denominational Resolutions; (99) Intercession Leaflet; (100) Service in St. Paul's Cathedral; (101) Affirmation on Disarmament; (102) Missionary Societies and Disarmament; (103) Composition of Committee for 1932; (104) Corporate Membership.

(c) Women's Advisory Council. (Lady Hall reported). The minutes of the Committee dated November 18th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (434) Report of Sub-Committee; (435) Conference on XIIIth Assembly; (436) Disarmament Campaign; (437) Representation of Women at I.L. Conferences; (440) Applications for Corporate Association; (441) Nominations to Council.

(d) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Captain Green reported). Subject to the following decision on minutes 75, 76 and 80, the minutes of the Committee dated November 19th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (74) Membership of Committee; (75) Composition of Committee for 1932; (76) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (77) Trade Union Congress; (78) Disarmament; (79) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (80) The Political Situation and the Work of the Industrial Advisory Committee; (81) Conference on Disarmament and Unemployment.

On Minute 75 - Composition of Committee for 1932,
it was

RESOLVED: "That if Mr. Loder becomes a member of the Executive Committee, he be invited to serve also on the Industrial Advisory Committee."

On Minute 76 - International Federation of League of Nations Societies, it was

RESOLVED: "That the word 'may' be substituted for the word 'will' in the third line of the second paragraph of the resolution to be submitted to the Brussels meeting of the International Federation."

On Minute 80 - The Political Situation and the Work of the Industrial Advisory Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this minute be adjourned until the next meeting."

- (e) Finance Committee. (The Secretary reported). Subject to the following decisions on minutes 87 and 89, the minutes of the Committee dated November 25th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (87) Budget for 1932; (88) Financial Statement; (89) Appeal; (90) Headquarters' Income in 1930; (91) HEADWAY; (92) Disarmament Fund; (93) Sussex Federation; (94) Derbyshire Federal Council; (95) London Regional Federation; (96) Composition of Committee for 1932; (97) Central Office for International Exchanges; (98) Passing of Cheques for Payment; (99) General Council Meeting; (100) Subsistence Allowance; (101) Headquarters' Office; (102) Miss Hutchinson; (103) Future Meetings.

On Minute 87 - Budget for 1932. The Chairman promised to consider the best method of giving effect to recommendation (d).

On Minute 89 - Appeal. Captain Green stated that several members of his branch had stated that, since they had responded to the Headquarters Guarantee Appeal, they were unable to continue their subscriptions to the local Branch. The Secretary stated that the Appeal was for gifts in addition to subscriptions, and that if the names and addresses of the Chelsea members who were now withdrawing their subscriptions because they had subscribed to the Appeal were sent to him, he would take such steps as would prevent the finance of the Branch from suffering.

- (f) Iraq Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 19, the minutes of the Committee dated November 26th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (19) Minority Declaration for Iraq; (20) Letter from Captain Hormuzd Rassam.

On Minute 19 - Minority Declaration for Iraq, it was

RESOLVED: (1) That paragraph (2) be amended to read as follows:-

2. Jurisdiction of spiritual councils of minority communities in questions of succession and testamentary disposition.

- (2) That paragraph (a) of the resolution be amended to read as follows:-

'That Captain Gracey and Mr. Macartney be asked to mention to members of the Foreign Office the Union's intention to send Sir Nigel Davidson's declaration to the League for information if the Foreign Office made no strong objection.'

- (e) Political Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated December 1st, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (71) General Council and Parliament; (72) Manchuria; (73) Parliament and International Policy; (74) Report on the Union's Activities for Disarmament; (75) Paris Meetings on Disarmament, November 26th and 27th; (76) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (77) Criticisms of the League; (78) Meetings for Members of Parliament; (79) Time of Future Meetings.

- (h) Junior Branches Sub-Committee. (The Secretary reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated December 2nd, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (37) Revision of Regulations for Junior Members and Young People's Organisations; (38) Certificate of Constitution; (39) Letter from Chantry Mount school.

238. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION. A communication from the South Australian Branch of the Australian League of Nations Union was reported to the Committee, suggesting that in all countries arrangements should be made for the pealing of bells at a time corresponding with the hour at which the Disarmament Conference will open on February 2nd. Such arrangements had already been made in South Australia. It was

RESOLVED: "That this suggestion be brought to the notice of the General Council at its meeting next week."

239. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. It was reported that to date resolutions on the Manchurian crisis had been passed at thirty-one meetings. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the Kenton Branch and Openshaw Wesleyan Guild.

240. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Junior Members Groups, Corporate Members and Corporate Associates, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

9 Branches, 10 Junior Branches, 1 Junior Members Group, 21 Corporate Members, 3 Corporate Associates.

Deletions.

2 Branches, 2 Junior Branches.

BRANCHES: Endsleigh Training College, Hull; Emsworth, Hants; Littletons, Worcs; Londonderry, Northern Ireland; Saitley College, Birmingham; Sea Mills, Glos; Swansea west, Glam.; Whitchurch, Somerset; Witton, Warwicks. DELETIONS: Gennholme, Bradford; Havant and Emsworth, Hants. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Moseley Secondary School, Birmingham; The Collegiate School, Durham Down, Bristol; Newhall Council School, Burton-on-Trent; Our Lady and St. Francis Secondary School, Glasgow; Calderstones Preparatory School, Liverpool; Rothfield Street L.C.C. School, London; Harpurley Municipal High School, Manchester; Grovelands Baptist Church Sunday School, Reading; United Methodist Church Sunday School, South Lambeth; Summerleigh School, Teddington. DELETIONS: Victoria Road Girls' School, Burton-on-Trent; York House School, Stony Stratford. JUNIOR MEMBERS' GROUP: Second Upton Manor Company of Girl Guides, Lifford. CORPORATE MEMBERS: The Scottish Sunday School Union for Christian Education, Clydebank; Young People's Guild of Radnor Park Church, Eyemouth Congregational Church, Scotland; Congregation of St. Bride's Episcopal Church, Glasgow; Cores End Congregational Church, Bourne End, Bucks; Eccles Free Church Council, Cheshire; Eccles Presbyterian Church, Cheshire; Eccles Wesleyan Church, Cheshire; Ilkeston Co-operative Society, Ltd., Derbyshire; Holy Innocents' Church, Fallowfield, Manchester; Christian Brethren Church, Oldham; Delph Wesley Guild, Oldham; Hollins Wesleyan Church, Oldham; Potticott Parish Church, Lancs; Moss Side Wesleyan Church, Whalley Range; Holy Trinity Church, Balham; Nottinghamshire Women's Liberal Union, Nottingham; British Legion, Paulton, Somerset; St. Margaret's Junior Church Fellowship, Coventry; British Women's Temperance Association, Beverley, Yorks; Silsden British Legion Club, Yorks. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Castle Donington Women's Institute, Leics; Langham Women's Institute, Rutland; Oakham Women's Institute, Rutland.

It was reported that there were now 3,036 Branches, 1,139 Junior Branches, 36 Junior Members' Groups, 3,492 Corporate Members and 710 Corporate Associates, that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 936,012 of whom 313,311 had paid a subscription to date in 1931, as compared with 319,486 in corresponding period in 1930, and 301,373 in corresponding period in 1929, and that the number of Foundation Members enrolled to date in 1931 was 2,447.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH,
1931 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Admiral Allen,
Major Anthony Buxton, L.J. Cadbury, Lord Cecil,
Miss A.D. Courtney, C. Delisle Burns, Admiral Drury-
Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Captain Green,
Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, C.H. Harris, Percy Harris,
Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Hugh Jaudoin, Rt. Hon. Leif
Jones, Morgan Jones, Dr. Kimmins, Lady Layton,
Sir Walter Napier, Lord Eustace Percy, John Sherborne,
Rennie Smith, Sir Ben Turner, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson
Fox, Herbert Worsley and L.M. Wynch, together with
the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

241. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Colonel Carnegie,
Colonel Grosfield, Lady Gladstone, Commander Kenworthy,
G. Le M. Mander and Professor Zimmern.
242. WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed those members who were attend-
ing the Committee for the first time, and expressed the plea-
sure of the Committee at Sir Ben Turner's return after his
long illness.
243. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions and reports on
minutes 233, 236, 237(d), 237(f) and 238, the minutes of the
Committee held on December 3rd were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 233 - Manchuria, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'did not' be substituted for
the words 'was inclined to' in the third
paragraph of this minute."

On Minute 236 - Report of Co-optations Sub-Committee,
it was reported that Major Anthony Buxton, Mr. Percy Harris
M.P., Mr. Morgan Jones, M.P., Mr. Mander, M.P., and
Lord Eustace Percy, M.P., had accepted the invitation to
serve on the Executive. Lord Cranborne and Major Milner,
although they would like to be able to accept the Commit-
tee's invitation, found a difficulty in promising to
attend every meeting of the Committee. It was

RESOLVED: "That a further letter be sent to Lord Cran-
borne and Major Milner."

On Minute 237(d) - Composition of Industrial Advisory
Committee for 1932, it was

RESOLVED: "That the name of Mr. F.W. Rafferty be included
among those persons to be invited to serve on
the Committee in 1932."

On Minute 237(f) - Iraq Committee, it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That Professor Murray's name be substi-
tuted for that of Sir Walter Napier as
reporter of the Committee."
- (2) "That consideration of the decision on
minute 19 (Minority Declaration for Iraq)
be adjourned until Lord Cecil can be
present."

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On Minute 238 - Communication from the Australian League of Nations Union, it was reported that the General Council had been informed of the suggestion made by the Australian League of Nations Union, but had given the Executive no instructions in the matter.

244. THE POLITICAL SITUATION AND THE WORK OF THE INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The Committee considered (adjourned) minute 80 of the Industrial Advisory Committee dated November 19th. After considerable discussion, during which it was stated that Lord Cecil was ready to provide a sum of money for the temporary appointment - at a cost not exceeding the rate of £500 a year - of a speaker specially qualified to deal with the economic side of Disarmament, it was

RESOLVED: "That the proposal contained in Captain Green's memorandum to make a temporary appointment of an additional speaker in connection with the Disarmament Campaign, to deal particularly with the economic side of Disarmament, be approved in principle; and that a small sub-Committee consisting of Mr. Worsley, Captain Green and Mrs. Dugdale be appointed with power to act."

245. MANCHURIA. The Chairman reminded the Committee that excellent memoranda had been prepared in the office on the Manchurian issue, and that the speeches made by Lord Grey and Lord Cecil in the Central Hall were to be printed. At the same time he felt the need of a short paper answering the attacks which have been made on the Council and explaining the present situation. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked, in consultation with Lord Cecil, to prepare a paper on the lines suggested."

246. REPORT ON DEPUTATION TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY. The Chairman reported on the deputation which, he said, had been most cordially received by the Foreign Secretary on Tuesday, December 8th. An account of the proceedings would be available after it had been agreed upon with the Foreign Office.

247. REPORT ON MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. The Secretary reminded the Committee that this was the first occasion on which the Council had met under its new constitution. He felt that, from the point of view of quality as well as quantity, it was the best Council meeting that had yet been held in London. The roll call showed that, with the exception of Cornwall, Westmorland, Rutland and Durham, every English county, together with the North of Scotland, Wales and the East of Scotland, was separately represented. Mr. Worsley suggested that the roll call should, in future, be taken at a later stage in the Council's proceedings. The Chairman suggested that it might be a good thing if, for future meetings, arrangements could be made for more representatives from the provinces to speak to resolutions on the agenda paper.

It was

RESOLVED: "That a cordial vote of thanks be extended to the Westminster Branch for the luncheon they arranged on December 10th at which the Foreign Secretary and Mr. Duff Cooper spoke."

248. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Overseas Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported). Subject to the inclusion of Admiral Drury-Lowe's name in the list of those present, the minutes of the Committee dated December 2nd, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (59) Paris Disarmament Conference; (60) Special Meeting of the Federation's Executive Committee held in Paris on November 27th; (61) Composition of Committee; (62) Overseas Report; (63) Delegation to the Spring Meetings of the Federation; (64) Proposed Paris Branch.

- (b) Minorities Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported). Subject to the following decisions on minutes 33 and 35, the minutes of the Committee dated December 3rd, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (33) East Galicia; (34) Statelessness; (35) Composition of Committee.

On Minute 33 - East Galicia, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the cordial thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Sir Walter Napier and the Secretary of the Committee for their valuable memorandum."

- (2) "That a copy of the memorandum be forwarded to the Royal Institute of International Affairs with a view to its being discussed at Chatham House."

Mrs. Ralph Glyn undertook to inform Captain Eden of the Union's views on this subject.

On Minute 35 - Composition of Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That, in future, the Executive Committee be consulted before a County Secretary of the Union is appointed to serve on a sub-Committee."

- (c) Branches Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 32, the minutes of the Committee dated December 3rd, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (32) Final Agenda for General Council Meeting; (33) Dates of Future Meetings; (34) Composition of Committee for 1932.

On Minute 32 - Final Agenda for General Council Meeting, it was

RESOLVED: "That, in the second paragraph, the words 'that she knew the Trades Union representatives on the I.A.C. were opposed to (b) and (c)' be substituted for the words 'that she was opposed to (b) and (c).'"

- (d) Services Committee. (Sir Hugh Jaudwine reported.) Subject to the following report on minute 18, and decision on minute 19, the minutes of the Committee dated December 4th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (18) Minutes; (19) Leaflet; (20) Composition of Committee for 1932; (21) Dates of Future Meetings.]

On minute 18 - Minutes, it was reported that at the meeting of the General Council Dr. Garnett, on behalf of Admiral Mark Kerr, read a memorandum from the Services Committee giving certain reasons, including the recent abandonment of the Gold Standard by so many countries, for omitting the words 'budgeted for' and substituting the word 'or' in the second paragraph of section (ii) of the Statement of International Policy. The effect of this change would be to demand an all-round reduction by 23 per cent. in the total amount of world armaments within a period of say five years without stipulating that the measure of these reductions should be their cost in gold.

On minute 19 - Leaflet, the Committee considered a Second Proof of the Leaflet, including alterations which had been suggested by the International Law Committee at its meeting on December 15th. Sir Hugh Jaudwine accepted these suggested alterations which he thought improved the document. It was

RESOLVED: That the following amendments be made to the draft leaflet:-

Paragraph 6. Amend the last four lines to read:

'religious differences, for example in parts of India and in Palestine, where differences between Jews and Arabs necessitated intervention, the presence of a neutral force has been essential to the preservation of peace and order.'

Paragraph 7. Amend the last line to read:

'so engaged upon the frontiers of the Soudan and of Kenya.'

Paragraph 8. Insert the word 'immediately' before the word 'made' in the last line but one.

Paragraph 9. Amend this paragraph to read:

'There are also certain regions, not within the borders of the Empire, where our special position imposes upon us obligations of defence.'

Paragraph 10. Amend this paragraph to read:

'As to (d), under the Covenant of the League of Nations we are pledged to take our part in protecting the covenants of the League by common action should any State resort to war in disregard of these covenants. Under the Locarno Pact we have given pledges to France and to Germany to come to the help of either if it is attacked by the other. Clearly the value of these pledges, and the sense of security which they give, depend upon our power to implement them if necessary.

If some expansion of the services should become necessary, this, in the case of the army, is provided by the Territorial Army for the embodiment of which the concurrence of Parliament is needed and which requires time for mobilisation and training. The Territorial Army, therefore, menaces no one with aggression, but does provide a visible indication of our power to fulfil our international obligations if we are required to do so.'

Paragraph 14. Delete this paragraph.

Paragraph 15. Delete the word 'proportionate' in the third line.

Amend the last sentence to read:-

'But the Union does believe that competition in armaments leads to war, and that we cannot get security by increasing armaments.'

(At this point Professor Murray was obliged to leave the meeting, and Lord Cecil took the Chair.)

After further discussion, the Committee, with the exception of Mr. Morgan Jones and Sir Ben Turner,

RESOLVED: "That the leaflet as amended, together with such changes in form as Sir Hugh Jevons and the Chairman may agree to make in the light of the Committee's discussion, be approved for publication."

- (c) Christian Organisations Committee. Lord Cecil reported that, at the meeting of the Committee held on the previous day, it had been decided to recommend the Executive to agree to the holding of a mass meeting of the Churches in the Albert Hall on the evening of Tuesday, February 2nd, under the auspices of the Arms and the Churches Committee. In response to a question from Admiral Drury-Lowe, the Chairman said that the question of payment for the meeting would have to be considered by the Finance Committee. It was

RESOLVED: "That the proposal to hold a meeting in the Albert Hall on Tuesday, February 2nd, 1932, be approved; and that the necessary arrangements be put in hand immediately."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That a hearty vote of thanks be extended to Canon Alexander and to all those who contributed to the success of the Disarmament Service held in St. Paul's Cathedral on December 15th."

- (f) Education Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated December 14th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (182) Arising out of minutes; (183) Membership of the Committee; (184) Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (185) Report on work in Universities and Colleges; (186) Junior Branches; (187) Handbook for Junior Branches; (188) Report of the Youth Sub-Committee; (189) Membership of Youth Sub-Committee; (190) Report on Progress; (191) Recognition of Youth Groups; (192) Message to Japan; (193) Youth Conference at Geneva, 1932; (194) Correspondence Exchanges; (195) Record of Service Cards; (196) International Federation, Sixteenth Plenary Congress; (197) The League of Nations and the Public Schools; (198) Advisory Education Committee of the Welsh National Council; (199) Visit of Dr. G.G. Kullmann; (200) Report of the Board of Education on League Instruction in the Schools; (201) "The League in the Schools of the world"; (202) Disarmament Conference and the Schools; (203) Proposal for a Nursery History of the world; (204) Unsuitable Story Books; (205) New Education Fellowship; (206) Twentieth Annual Conference of Educational Associations; (207) Visit of French Secondary Schools Association; (208) Resolutions from Educational Associations.]

249. WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. The Committee considered a resolution submitted by the Standing Sub-Committee of the women's Advisory Council in accordance with minute 436 of the W.A.C., dated November 18th and approved by the Executive on December 3rd, 1931. It was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution be approved in the following amended form:-

'The Women's Advisory Council

Having in mind the vital interest of women in questions of peace and war,

Recalling the resolution adopted in September by the Assembly of the League of Nations, on the report of its Third Committee, which affirmed its conviction "of the great value of the contribution of women to the work of peace" and which requested the Council "to examine the possibility of women co-operating more fully in the work of the League,

Trusts that H.M. Government will observe the spirit of this resolution by including in the British Delegation to the Disarmament Conference, women competent to make constructive contributions to the discussions of the Conference."

250. DISARMAMENT FIGURES.— PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION AND ANSWER.
The attention of the Committee was drawn to the answer given by the Prime Minister to a question asked by Mr. Lander in the House of Commons on December 10th. The prospects of the Disarmament Conference had been injuriously affected by an interpretation placed upon the statement made by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons on June 29th, 1931, when he said:

This country has been swift, patient and persistent in carrying out what it believes to be its obligations to reduce armaments and which were its obligations which it held in common with other nations. But those other nations had been responsible for those expansions which have been so evident in the figures that I have quoted.... We have gone pretty nearly to the limit of example. I would appeal to every nation that is interested in peace and in Disarmament, to study those figures and to admit and confess that one nation cannot by its own example, bring about Disarmament.

This statement has led to the assumption in certain quarters that the British delegation to the Disarmament Conference would have to explain that, as Britain had gone so much further in the direction of Disarmament than any other country, the purpose of the Conference so far as Britain was concerned must be to increase the relative proportion of British armaments, and thus to endanger the success of the Conference. The grounds for this assumption were removed by the following extract from Hansard of December 10th, 1931:

The Prime Minister: I have given this matter further consideration and though the actual figures of expenditure which I gave were, of course, accurate, I feel that in the case of Naval expenditure the comparison which I then made of the reductions of expenditure in this and other countries as between pre-war and post-war years does not give a reliable picture of the situation. I was careful to explain the difficulty, owing to various causes, of presenting reliable figures of comparison. It is, however, certain that the ratio of British armaments to-day to British armaments in 1914 is less than the corresponding ratio for any other Great Power, except, of course, Germany.

251. CLOSING OF OFFICE. It was
RESOLVED: "That the office be closed from 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, December 24th until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 29th."
252. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. It was reported that to date resolutions on the Manchurian Issue had been passed at eighty-three meetings. The Committee received with interest resolutions from Kettering, Murrey and Bingley on the subject of the Disarmament Conference.
253. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was
RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members and Corporate Associates, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

5 Branches, 11 Junior Branches, 6 Corporate Members, 7 Corporate Associates.

Deletions.

1 Branch, 2 Junior Branches, 1 Corporate Member, 1 Corporate Associate.

BRANCHES: Grangemouth, Scotland; Hallam and Broomhill District Branch, Yorks; Hasbury, Worcs; St. Peter's Church, Plymouth; Terling, Essex. DELETION: Swanley Horticultural College Branch, Kent. JUNIOR BRANCHES: County School, Abertillery, Mont; Blockley, Worcs; The Academy, Bo'ness, West Lothian; Winton and Moordown Council School for Boys, Bournemouth; Royal Grammar School for Boys, Clitheroe; Henrietta Barnett School, Hampstead Garden Suburb; Heathfield High School, Harrow; The Secondary School, Hull; High School, Longton; High School for Girls, Northampton; County High School for Girls, Walthamstow. DELETIONS: Snowfield Girls' School, Bermondsey; Council School, Gerizim, Mont; CORPORATE MEMBERS: Adelaide Place Church Women's Auxiliary, Glasgow; Rutherglen Old Parish Church Young Folk's Class, Glasgow; Students' Peace Group of the Glasgow and West of Scotland College of Domestic Science, Glasgow; Women's Co-operative Guild, Ryde; Low Hill Women's Own, Wolverhampton; National Council of Women and Women Citizens' Association, Worthing. DELETION: Independent Methodist Church, New Herrington. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Sheffield-Loddon Women's Institute; Castle Donington Women's Institute; Langham Women's Institute; Neesham Market Women's Institute; Wembley Women's Adult School; Peterborough Women's Co-operative Guild; Barnstable Women's Liberal Association. DELETION: Tonaridge and Crownhurst Women's Institute.

It was reported that there were now 3,040 Branches, 1,148 Junior Branches, 3,497 Corporate Members and 742 Corporate Associates and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 940,526 of whom 340,680 had paid a subscription to date in 1931, as compared with 342,118 in corresponding period in 1930, and 332,599 in corresponding period in 1929.

254. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, January 21st, 1932."

J.M.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 21ST, 1932
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Admiral Allen,
P.J. Noel Baker, Major Anthony Buxton, L.J. Cadbury,
Lord Cecil, Miss K.D. Courtney, Rhys Davies, Lord
Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Digdale,
Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Captain Green, Miss Guinness,
J.J. Harris, Percy Harris, Major Hills, G.Le M. Mander,
Sir Walter Napier, Lord Rhyder, Mrs. Runciman,
H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley,
L.M. Wynch, Professor Zimmern, together with the
Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Sir Norman Angell,
Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cranborne, H.H. Elwin, Lady Gladstone,
Lady Hall, Sir Hugh Jauwine, Commander Kenworthy, Sir John
Power, John Sherborne, Rennie Smith and H.G. Syrett.
2. WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed those members of the Committee
who were attending a meeting for the first time.
3. MINUTES. Subject to the inclusion of Mr. Syrett's name in the
list of those who apologised for absence, and subject also to
the following decisions and reports on minutes 243, 244, 245,
246(a), (d) and (e), the minutes of the Committee held on
December 17th, 1931 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 243 (236) - Report of Co-optations Sub-
Committee: It was reported that further letters had been
written to Lord Cranborne and Major Milner. Lord
Cranborne had now accepted the Committee's invitation, but
Major Milner was unable to do so since he had been asked
to serve on a Committee which was shortly proceeding to
India. It was further reported that Mr. Rhys Davies had
accepted membership of the Committee.

On Minute 244 - The Political Situation and the Work of the
Industrial Advisory Committee, Mr. Worsley reported that
the sub-Committee, consisting of Mrs. Digdale, Captain
Green and himself, formed to consider the appointment in
connection with the Union's Disarmament Campaign of a
temporary additional assistant specially qualified to deal
with the relation between Disarmament and Employment and
generally with the economic side of Disarmament, had met
twice and had interviewed Captain Sanders - the only name
suggested to or by the sub-Committee. The members of the
sub-Committee were impressed very favourably by Captain
Sanders' record, experience and personality, and they
unanimously recommended his appointment. The sub-
Committee's understanding of the conditions of this
appointment was that:

- (1) the cost of the appointment should be a charge on
Lord Cecil's special Disarmament Fund;
- (2) the appointment should be temporary and terminable
by one month's notice on either side;
- (3) the remuneration should be at the rate of £500 a
year;
- (4) Captain Sanders' work should ordinarily be done at
15, Grosvenor Crescent and he should be responsi-
ble in the usual way to the Secretary;

- (5) Captain Sanders' first duty would consist of research work directed to the production of a scheme for submission to the Executive, such scheme, if approved, to be used thereafter by Captain Sanders and all other accredited Union speakers.

After considerable discussion, it was

RESOLVED: "That Lord Cecil be asked to ascertain the amount at present at the disposal of his Disarmament Fund, and thereafter to make arrangements for the work outlined above to be carried out in whatever manner seems to him most suitable."

On Minute 245 - Manchuria, the Chairman stated that the memorandum which he and Lord Cecil had been asked to draft was difficult to prepare, but was now available for consideration, with Professor Zimmern's paper, if the committee desired.

On Minute 248 (b) - Minorities Committee, Sir Walter Napier reported that his memorandum on East Galicia (S.G.4513) had been forwarded to the Royal Institute and that he had been invited to read a paper on the subject of Chatham House. He further reported that some members of the Minorities Committee had had a satisfactory interview with Captain Eden on the subject of the Ukraine and on the position of minorities generally.

On Minute 248(d) - Services Committee's Leaflet, the Chairman reported that he and General Jeudine had agreed upon an amended form of the leaflet, and that copies were being sent to individual members of the Services Committee for their approval.

On Minute 248(e) - Christian Organisations Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Finance Committee be asked to consider, in consultation with Lord Cecil, the question of payment for the Albert Hall meeting on February 2nd."

4. COMMUNICATION FROM THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND. The attention of the Committee was drawn to a communication from Mrs. Buxton of the Save the Children Fund suggesting (1) the collection of funds for relief work in China and (2) the production of a film of events in China. Mr. Watson said that it was proposed to call together a representative Committee to consider the formation of a relief fund. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That Major Anthony Buxton be invited to represent the Union on this Committee."

With regard to the proposed production of a film, the Secretary suggested that M. de Fec and M. de Montnach, who had shown great readiness to arrange for a cinematograph film to be taken of the work of the League's Commission of Enquiry in Manchuria for purposes of historical record, might be equally ready, for the same reason, to arrange for a film of the League's relief work in China proper.

5. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE LONDON REGIONAL FEDERATION.** The Committee considered the following resolution which had been received from the London Regional Federation:-

"This meeting of delegates from the London Branches of the League of Nations Union is of opinion that, where toasts are proposed at future Public Banquets, one of them should be on behalf of the workers for peace and international concord throughout the world."

It was

RESOLVED: "That the above resolution be referred to the Branches Committee for consideration and report."

6. **MINORITY DECLARATION FOR IRAQ.** The Committee reconsidered their decision (contained in minute 237(F) of December 3rd, 1931) on minute 19 (Minority Declaration for Iraq) of the Iraq Committee dated November 26th, 1931. The Chairman stated that he had given authority for the draft declaration and Sir Walter Napier's annex to be forwarded to Sir Eric Drummond with a private note, asking him to use the documents in whatever way he thought fit. A letter of thanks had been received from Sir Eric Drummond. Lord Cecil expressed the opinion that the Union ought to be extremely careful in communicating directly or otherwise than through H.M. Government, with international governmental authorities. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman's action be approved."

7. **INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMITTEE.** (Sir Walter Napier reported.) With the exception of minute 19, consideration of which was adjourned, the minutes of the Committee dated December 15th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (17) Meetings of Committee; (18) Services Committee's Leaflet on the League of Nations, the League of Nations Union and the Services; (19) Responsibility of States for Crimes committed on their territory against a national of a Foreign State; (20) Manchuria; (21) Composition of Committee for 1932.

Lord Cecil read to the Committee the draft minutes of the meeting held on January 19th. These minutes would be submitted for approval to the Executive at their next meeting.

8. **MANCHURIA - MEMORANDUM BY PROFESSOR ZIMMERN.** The Committee considered a memorandum and draft resolution on Manchuria (S.G.4623) submitted by Professor Zimmern. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the memorandum be received."

- (2) "That a sub-Committee, consisting of the Chairman, Professor Zimmern, Mrs. Dugdale and Mr. Noel Baker be appointed to redraft the resolution in the light of the Committee's discussion for consideration at the next meeting."

9. DISARMAMENT AND REPARATIONS CONFERENCES. The Secretary suggested that, in order to assure R.M. Government of the widespread support existing in the country for the League of Nations Union policy, on "Disarmament" and Reparations, arrangements should be made for communications (perhaps in the form of telegrams) to be sent by members of Branches of the Union to their local Member of Parliament on February 2nd, the day on which Parliament re-assembles and on which the Disarmament Conference opens at Geneva. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That this proposal be approved, but that the communications to Members of Parliament be made by letter and not by telegram."

10. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES - MEETING OF DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE. The Committee were informed that the Disarmament Committee of the Federation would be meeting at Geneva under the Presidency of Lord Cecil, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 30th. It was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Eppstein be asked to represent the Union at this meeting."

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, January 28th at 11 a.m."

E.H.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 1932 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), R.J. Davies, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Digdale, R.H. Elvin, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Captain L.H. Green, Miss E.M. Guinness, Sir Arthur Heworth, Morgan Jones, Dr. Kilmine, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Rhayader, John Sherborne, H.S. Syrett, H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch and Professor Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

12. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Admiral Allen, C. Delisle Burns, Major Buxton, L.J. Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Miss Courtney, Lord Dickinson, Lady Gladstone, Sir Hugh Jevons, Commander Kenworthy, G. le Mander, Lady Parmoor, Sir John Poyer, Mrs. Runciman, Rennie Smith, Sir Ben Turner, and Mrs. Wilson-Pox.
13. **MINUTES.** Subject to the following report on minute 3 - 244, the minutes of the Committee held on January 21st, 1932 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 3 - 244 - The Political Situation and the Work of the Industrial Advisory Committee, the Secretary stated that it was doubtful whether, when all the existing commitments had been met, any money would be available in Lord Cecil's Disarmament Fund for the purpose of making this appointment. But a generous donor had placed £50 at Lord Cecil's disposal for this purpose, and, in these circumstances, Dr. Garnett had, at Lord Cecil's request, offered the appointment to Captain Sanders under the conditions set forth in minute 3 (244) for a period of five weeks from Monday, February 1st. subject to further money being forthcoming. Captain Sanders' appointment would be renewed at the end of the five weeks for a further period up to six months from February 1st. Before Captain Sanders was appointed all the circumstances were explained by Mr. Worsley and Captain Green to a meeting of the whole staff on January 26th.

14. **MANCHURIA.** The Committee considered resolutions submitted by the sub-Committee in accordance with minute 8 of the last meeting, and it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That these resolutions be approved in the following form:-

(First Resolution.)

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

- (1) PLACES on record its conviction that any claim on the part of a great Power to take the law into its own hands in contravention of treaty obligations involves a challenge to the whole post-war international organisation and, indeed, to the very principle of public right;

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- (ii) TRUSTS that the Council of the League will unequivocally declare that it can recognise no settlement of the Manchurian dispute based upon, or achieved by, measures which constitute a violation of the Covenant, the Kellogg Pact or the Nine Power Treaty;
- (iii) NOTES with satisfaction that the Terms of Reference of the League's Commission of Enquiry confer on that body unlimited discretion to report on the points in dispute, the events which have taken place since September 18th, and the whole facts of the Manchurian situation.
- (iv) Realising that only on the basis of this Commission's report is a just and lasting settlement likely to be achieved EXPRESSED its earnest hope that the Chinese and Japanese Governments will both give it their cordial co-operation; and
- (v) DETERMINES to use every means in its power to awaken public opinion to the crucial character of these issues for the future of the League and decide during the coming months to give prominence to the Manchurian question, as well as to Disarmament.

(Second Resolution).

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

DECIDES to make vindication of the authority of the Covenant the basis of its policy at the 1932 Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Associations.

It was further

RESOLVED: (2) "That the Political, Overseas and International Law Committees be asked to consider and report how best to carry out the intention of making the vindication of the authority of the Covenant the basis of the Union's policy at the 1932 Congress of the Federation."

The Committee also considered resolutions adopted by a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Welsh National Council on January 15th, 1932 (S.G.4649), and it was

RESOLVED: (3) "That these resolutions be received with thanks; and that the Reverend Gwilym Davies be invited to let this Office see a copy of his memorandum before it is printed, with a view to co-ordinating policy."

The Committee finally considered the present situation in the Far East, and it was

- RESOLVED: (4)(a) "That H.M. Government be informed immediately that the Union's organisation throughout the country, with its three thousand Branches, will support, by every means in its power, vigorous action by the Government to restore peace in the Far East and to vindicate the authority of the Covenant; and that if, for any reason, the present means at the disposal of the Council are insufficient to deal with the present grave and growing dangers, the Committee respectfully suggests that H.M. Government should propose an immediate convocation of the Assembly."
- (b) "That a copy of this communication be forwarded to Lord Cecil in Geneva."

15. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Christian Organisations Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported.) The minutes of the meetings held on December 16th, 1931 and January 20th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (108) Service in St. Paul's Cathedral; (109) Arms and the Churches; (110) Prayers for Disarmament Conference; (111) Corporate Membership; (112) Denominational Resolutions; (2) Vice-Chairman of Committee; (4) Albert Hall Meetings; (5) International Religious Co-operation; (6) New Member of Committee; (7) Resolutions; (8) Applications for Corporate Membership.

- (b) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Captain Green reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 84, 81, and 5(b) and (c), the minutes of the meetings held on December 17th, 1931 and January 21st, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (84) Composition of Committee for 1932; (85) The Political Situation and the work of the Industrial Advisory Committee; (86) Union Policy; (87) Disarmament; (88) Disarmament and Unemployment; (89) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (90) Industrial Affiliation; (91) Firorite; (92) Dame Ethel Bentham's Memorial Fund; (93) General Council; (94) International Federation of League of Nations Societies - Spring Meetings; (2) Composition of Committee; (3) Washington Hours Convention and other Union Policy; (4) Political situation and work of the Industrial Advisory Committee; (5) Disarmament and Unemployment; (6) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (7) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (8) International Labour Conference.

On Minute 84 - Composition of Committee for 1932, it was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. G. le M. Mander and Sir Percy Harris be asked to represent the Executive on the Industrial Advisory Committee."

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On Minute 91 - Fircroft, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report."

On Minute 5(b) and (c) - Disarmament and Unemployment, it was

RESOLVED: "That Captain Green and the Secretary be asked to consider what arrangements can be made for obtaining a record of the Conference proceedings; and that, provided no alternative arrangement is possible, authority be given for a verbatim record to be taken of the proceedings at a cost not exceeding £21."

- (c) Economic Committee. (Lord Rhasvader reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 9, the minutes of the Committee dated January 12th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Report by M. Delaisi on the International Wheat Market; (3) Report by M. Delaisi on Agricultural Credits; (4) Memorandum by Mr. Raymond Watt; (5) National Advisory Economic Councils; (6) Restoration of Budgetary Equilibrium; (7) Stability of Legal Means of Payment; (8) Ernst Falk Plan; (9) Reparations, War Debts and "Disarmament."

On Minute 9 - Reparations, War Debts and "Disarmament", it was

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary be asked to draft a resolution on this subject for consideration by the Executive with a view to its being submitted to the International Federation of League of Nations Societies."

- (d) Library Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 2, the minutes of the Committee dated January 18th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Report on the Work of the Library during 1931; (3) Book Lists (4) Composition of the Committee for 1932.

On Minute 2 - Report on the Work of the Library during 1931, it was

RESOLVED: (i) "That the Committee be congratulated on the work of the Library during 1931."

(ii) "That the Committee be asked to consider placing a collecting box in the Library."

See minute 61.

(e) International Law Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 24(A) and (D)(ii), the minutes of the Committee dated January 19th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (24) Questions arising out of the Manchurian Dispute; (25) Abolition of 'Blockade'- Sir Leslie Probyn's Proposal.

On Minute 24 - Questions Arising out of the Manchurian Dispute (Question A), it was

RESOLVED: "That the International Law Committee be asked to draft a resolution for submission to the 1932 Congress of the International Federation, with a view to the necessary steps being taken in this and other countries to give immediate effect to the obligatory sanctions of Article 16."

On Minute 24 - Question (D)(ii), it was

RESOLVED: "That, since in the opinion of this Committee, the answer to question (D)(ii) is liable to be misunderstood, the International Law Committee be invited to reconsider the form of their answer to this question."

16. UNANIMITY RULE. Sir Walter Napier proposed that the following additional clauses should be recommended for inclusion in Articles 10 and 11 of the Covenant:-

Article 10. In deliberations of the Council under this Article the vote of any Member of the League alleged to be guilty of aggression or of some act involving a threat or a danger to the integrity or independence of a Member of the League, and the vote of any Member whose integrity or independence is violated or in danger shall not be counted.

Article 11. In deliberations of the Council under this Article the vote of any Member of the League alleged to be at war or to have threatened war, and of any member against which a threat of war is alleged to have been made, shall not be counted.

After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That Sir Walter Napier's proposal be referred to the International Law Committee for consideration and report."

17. MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. The Secretary reported that, after the December meeting of the Education Committee, he had written to the President of the Board of Education on December 15th suggesting that a Message should be sent to the schools on the occasion of the opening of the Disarmament Conference. Sir Donald Maclean had acted on this suggestion and had written a Message to be read in the schools on February 2nd. Copies of this Message had been issued by the Board of Education this week to all the Local Education Authorities in England and Wales.

A similar Message had been addressed by Sir Archibald Sinclair to schools and scholars of Scotland. The Secretary was sending copies of the Message to public schools, preparatory schools and other schools not earning Government grants.

18. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION AND FEDERAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.
It was reported that Miss Courtney would be in Geneva on January 30th, and it was

RESOLVED: "That Miss Courtney be invited to represent the Union, along with Mr. Epstein, at the meeting of the Disarmament Committee of the Federation on January 30th."

It was further reported that the Federation's Organisation Committee of Five would be meeting at Geneva on January 30th, and that Mr. Wynch would be representing the British Committee for European Co-operation at a meeting of the Agricultural Sub-Committee of the Federal Committee for European Co-operation on January 30th. It was

RESOLVED: "That the appointment of Mr. Wynch be approved."

19. LABOUR CONDITIONS IN RUSSIA. The Secretary reported that the Duchess of Atholl had asked Lord Cecil to bring her book on THE CONSCRIPTION OF A PEOPLE to the notice of the Union with a view to getting the matter brought before the League. A letter dated 31st December from Mr. J.F. Harris who had been consulted, was read to the Committee. Mr. Harris suggested the Executive might with advantage appoint a small Committee to go into the matter and make recommendations. It was

RESOLVED: "That further consideration of this matter be adjourned until such time as Mr. J.F. Harris can be present."

20. ARTICLES IN EVENING STANDARD. The Committee were reminded that a letter written by Dr. Garriot in reply to 'A.A.B.'s' article of January 12th had been published in the EVENING STANDARD on January 16th. A scorching article on the subject appeared in the February number of HEADWAY.

21. COMMUNICATION FROM INTERNATIONAL FIXED CALENDAR LEAGUE. It was reported that the International Fixed Calendar League had requested the Union to circulate, among its Branches, leaflets on the subject of Calendar Reform. It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this matter be adjourned, and that, in the meantime, copies of the leaflet be circulated to members of the Committee."

22. COMMUNICATION FROM THE WOMEN'S GUILD OF EMPIRE. It was reported that the women's Guild of Empire was arranging for a deputation to wait upon the Home Secretary on Friday, January 29th at 12 noon, on the subject of the Nationality of Married Women's Bill. It was

RESOLVED: "That Mrs. Ralph Glyn be asked to represent the Union on this deputation."

23. THE LEAGUE, MANCHURIA AND DISARMAMENT - COMMUNICATION FROM MR. CLIFF. It was reported that arrangements had been made in Manchester for 3s.6d. members to receive a copy of the pamphlet No. 312(a) (THE LEAGUE, MANCHURIA AND DISARMAMENT), and Mr. Cliff had suggested that it might be a good thing if copies of the pamphlet were sent to all 3s.6d. members of the Union. It was

RESOLVED: "That this suggestion be not adopted."

24. COMMUNICATIONS FROM LORD LYTON AND LORD EUSTACE PERCY. It was reported that letters had been received from Lord Lyton, who was accompanying the Commission of Enquiry to Manchuria, and from Lord Eustace Percy, who had been called to India, offering to resign their membership of the Executive. It was further reported that, in connection with the Postal Ballot, the names of Lord Lyton and Lord Eustace Percy had been included in the list of members of the Executive who are eligible for re-election. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That Mrs. Dugdale be asked to consult Major Hills with a view to recommending the names of two Conservative Members of Parliament to serve on the Committee until June next."

25. COLONEL DELAHAYE. It was

RESOLVED: "That Colonel Delahaye's appointment with the Union be extended until March 24th, 1932."

26. MAJOR JOHNSON. It was reported that Major Johnson of the I.L.O. and of the Nansen Refugee Office, was willing to act as unofficial and unpaid representative of the Union at Geneva from February 1st, 1932, and it was

RESOLVED: "That Major Johnson's appointment be approved."

27. DATE OF THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the General Council be held at Cheltenham from Tuesday, June 28th to Saturday, July 2nd, subject to the Plenary Congress of the International Federation not being called for that period."

28. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the Heaton Moor and District Branch, Leytonstone Branch, Tamworth and Lichfield Circuit of Wesleyan Methodist Church, Reigate and Redhill Branch, Cardiff District Committee of Welsh National Council, and the Plymouth Branch of the Co-operative Women's Guild.

29. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members, Corporate Associates and Junior Groups."

Additions.

10 Branches, 17 Junior Branches, 24 Corporate Members, 5 Corporate Associates, 1 Junior Group, 1 District Council.

Deletions.

33 Branches, 6 Corporate Members.

BRANCHES: Abersoch, Caerns; King's Hall Sisterhood, Bolton; Boston United Methodist Church, Bristol; St. George's, Bristol; Rochabers, Scotland; Goldington, Beds; Kirriemuir, Scotland; Madeley and District, Salop; Oakhurst, Warwick; Prestwick, Scotland; Watton-at-Stone, Herts; Woodley Methodist Church, Cheshire. **DELETIONS:** St. John's Church, Ainsdale, Lancs; Burton, Hants; City Women's Club, London; Garston Welsh C.M. Church, Liverpool; Liscard Welsh Congregational Church, Cheshire; St. Helen's Primitive Methodist Church, Lancs; Hammarsh, Yorks; Rock Ferry, Cheshire; Walsingham, Norfolk; Chapel Wesley, Ferndale; English Wesleyan Ferndale, Nazareth Blaewlechan, Ferndale; North Street English Congregational, Ferndale; Salem Newydd, Ferndale; Tabernacle, Ferndale; Temple, Ferndale; Tremondda, Ferndale Bethel Baptist, Holyhead; Church in Wales, Holyhead; Bethel Welsh Wesleyan, Holyhead; Disgwylfa, Holyhead; Gwynfa, Holyhead; Tytrede M.C., Holyhead; Kingsland (Beebezer), Holyhead; Mount Pleasant, Holyhead; Noddfa, Holyhead; Tabernacl Chapel, Holyhead; Tabernacl Newydd, Holyhead; Towns Chapel, Holyhead; Llytleston, Merthyr Tydfil; Robary Club, Pwllheli; Salem, Pwllheli; Seion Wesleyan, Pwllheli. **DISTRICT COUNCIL:** Kesteven and Holland District Council, Lincs. **JUNIOR BRANCHES:** Leamington Road Baptist Church, Blackburn; Healy Wood School, Burnley; Cockfosters Junior Branch; B'nai B'rith Junior Branch, Crickleswood; Senior Girls' School, Rossington, Doncaster; Christ's Hospital, Hertford; The Grammar School, Kettering; Trade School for Girls, Paddington Technical Institute, London; High School for Girls, Plymouth; Deepdale Modern School, Preston; Cumberland Road Primitive Methodist Sunday School, Reading; Tyndale Free Church Sunday School, Reading; The Girls' School, Stockport; Thatcham Congregational Church Sunday School, Berks; Grammar School for Girls, Ware; Windermere Junior Branch; Rockleford Cross School, Yeovil. **CORPORATE MEMBERS:** Ferryhill North Church Guild, Aberdeen; University and New College Edinburgh, Joint Faculty of Divinity; Bedford Adult Schools; Elm Park Hall Wesleyan Church, Reading St. Mary's Church, Reading; Barrow-on-Trant Wesleyan Church; Ashbourne Road Wesleyan Church, Derby; Queen's Hall Wesleyan Guild, Derby; Somercotes Primitive Methodist Church, Somercotes, Derbys; United Methodist Church, Argyll Road, Southend; Hinckley Working Men's Club, Leics; Emmanuel Parish Church, Northwick Terrace, St. John's Wood; Greenford Liberal and Radical Association, Middlesex; Wood Green Primitive Methodist Church, Middlesex; Guild of the Holy Spirit, St. Matthew's Church, Yiewsley, Middlesex; St. Bartholomew's Church, Nottingham; Shirley Methodist Church, Surrey; Midland Area of the National Union of Clerks and Administrative Workers, Birmingham; Victoria Street Congregational Church, Swindon; Greengates Primitive Methodist Church, Bradford; Kingston Wesleyan Church, Hull; Leeds Soroptimists Club; Holmesfield Church, Sheffield. **DELETIONS:** Banchoory Women's Social Club; Chapleshade Parish Church, Dundee;

Duns Rural Institute; Pitlochry Women's Rural Institute; Leighton Park School, Reading; Telephone Staff, Richmond Exchange. JUNIOR GROUP: Sixth Clerkenwell Guide Company, London. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Burgeside Women's Institute; Eltham Green Sisterhood, Kent; Holy Trinity Mothers' Union, Riddrie, Scotland; Lewick Women's Institute, Northumberland; Radgwick Women's Institute, Sussex.

It was reported that there were now 3,017 Branches, 1,165 Junior Branches, 3,515 Corporate Members, 747 Corporate Associates and 36 Junior Groups, that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 971,529 of whom 406,848 had paid a subscription in 1931 as compared with 397,340 in 1930 and 378,059 in 1929, and that 73,157 new members had been enrolled during 1931.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 1932 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Major Anthony Buxton, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Druy-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Miss B.M. Guinness, J.E. Harris, Sir Percy Harris, Sir Hugh Jaudwine, Morgan Jones, G. le M. Mander, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Knayader, Mrs. Luncinan, John Sherborne, H.S. Syrett, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

30. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral Allen, L.J. Casbury, Colonel Carnegie, C. Bellis Burns, Lady Gladstone, Captain Green, Lady Hall, Commander Kenworthy, Dr. Kimmins, Lady Parmoor, Sir John Power, Mr. Rennie Smith, Sir Ben Turner and Professor Zimmern.
31. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on minutes 14, 15(c), (d), (e), 17, 19, 22, 24 and 27, the minutes of the Committee dated January 26th, 1932 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 14 - Manchuria, the Committee were informed that an interesting memorandum on the subject of the Manchurian dispute by Colonel J.E. Stewart, who had had a lifelong acquaintance with China, had been made available by Sir Hugh Jaudwine, and that a further memorandum on the same subject had been received from another source. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That, if possible, arrangements be made to publish these two memoranda, together with an introduction which might, perhaps, be written by a member of the Royal Institute of International Affairs."

On Minute 15(c)-84-Composition of Committee for 1932, it was reported that Mr. G. le M. Mander was unable to serve on the Industrial Advisory Committee, but that Sir Percy Harris was willing to do so. It was

RESOLVED: "That Miss Guinness be invited to represent the Executive on the Industrial Advisory Committee."

On Minute 15(d) - 2 - Report on the work of the Library during 1932, it was

RESOLVED: "That paragraph (1) of this resolution be deleted."

On Minute 15(e) - 24 - Questions Arising out of the Manchurian Dispute (Question A), it was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be approved in the following amended form:-

'That the International Law Committee be asked to draft a resolution for submission to the 1932 Congress of the International Federation, with a view to enabling the necessary steps to be taken in this and other countries to give immediate effect to the obligatory sanctions of Article 16 in the event of such necessity arising.'

On Minute 17 - Messages from the President of the Board of Education, after it had been reported that a letter of thanks had been written to, and an appreciative reply received from Sir Donald Maclean, it was

RESOLVED: "That a letter of thanks be also sent to Sir Archibald Sinclair."

On Minute 19 - Labour Conditions in Russia, Mr. J. H. Harris reported that his society had recently received a letter from the Russian Ambassador stating that Russia has not signed the Conventions of the League governing their system of labour because the League has not yet invited their co-operation in the matter. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Committee is of opinion that it is outside the Union's province to institute an enquiry into this matter, but that the attention of the League Secretariat be drawn to the letter received by the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society from Moscow."

On Minute 22 - Communication from the Women's Guild of Empire, it was reported that owing to the fact that the time of the deputation had been changed to 3 p.m. Mrs. Ralph Glyn was unable to represent the Union on the deputation. It had not been possible to arrange for another representative to be present, but the Union's name was included in the list of Societies supporting the deputation's requests.

On Minute 24 - Communications from Lord Lytton and Lord Aubrey Esrey, Mrs. Dugdale reported that she had written to Major Hills but had so far received no reply. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That if Mrs. Dugdale and Major Hills recommend, and the Chairman approves, the names of two Conservative Members of Parliament who would be willing to serve on the Executive Committee until June next, these Members be invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee on February 18th."

On Minute 27 - Date of Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the General Council, it was reported that it had now been found inconvenient to hold the meeting of the General Council from June 28th to July 2nd, and that June 14th to 18th had been suggested as an alternative.

32. SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST. It was unanimously

RESOLVED: (1) "The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union warmly congratulates His Majesty's Government on the action it has taken in making, together with the Government of the United States of America and the Governments of the principal powers represented on the League, the five proposals to the Japanese and Chinese Governments intended to deal with the critical situation in the Far East.

The League of Nations Union urges His Majesty's Government to press those proposals with all the authority in its power and to endeavour to secure through the Council of the League, through a special meeting of the Assembly, or by any other means, the prompt and active support for those proposals of all States Members of the League."

It was further

RESOLVED: (2) "That copies of this resolution be forwarded immediately to H.M. Government and to the Press."

A letter dated January 30th, from Mr. Sherborne, regarding the strong feeling existing in many Branches concerning the need for further action by the Union in regard to the situation in the Far East and the following extracts from a letter on the same subject, from a subscriber to the Union's £7,000 fund raised since November, were read to the Committee:-

"There is not enough speed in action. If the facilities behind the League of Nations Union were available to someone who wanted to inculcate in the public mind some new political idea or a desire for a new commodity, very different methods would be employed....."

The peace movement as a whole in this country is to my mind not up to its job in the same sense that this comment would apply to a large financial undertaking....."

The draft of a letter to be sent to Branches in one hundred principal towns was then considered, and, after discussion, it was

RESOLVED: (3) "That the Chairman be asked to draft a letter to Branches in one hundred principal towns, enclosing a copy of the above resolution and urging Branches to hold mass meetings at which the above, or some similar resolution may be passed and sent to H.M. Government."

33. ALBERT HALL MEETING. The Secretary reported that the Christian demonstration had filled the Albert Hall on February 2nd, and many hundreds of people had been turned away. Over twenty Bishops were present on the platform, together with the Chief Rabbi, representatives of all the Free Churches, the Salvation Army and other organisations. Most of the speeches were on an extremely high level, and the Archbishop of York had made some striking references to Shanghai. The audience was not only enthusiastic but deeply moved. The collection (which was taken by 150 Boy Scouts) and the total receipts (including a contribution of £20 from

the World Alliance) amounted to over £300, while the expenditure, so far as could be ascertained at present, amounted to £450. The charge on Lord Cecil's Disarmament Fund would therefore be considerably less than the £400 guaranteed. It was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That a hearty vote of thanks be conveyed to Dame Adelaide Livingstone, Mr. Porter Goff, Mr. Focham, Mrs. Talbot and others whose efforts had contributed so largely to the success of the meeting."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That an account of the Albert Hall meeting, and the sermon delivered in Geneva by the Archbishop of York on January 31st, be published as Union pamphlets."

34. THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION, AND THE SERVICES. The Committee considered a Fourth proof of the paper submitted by the Services Committee, and it was HEM CON

RESOLVED: "That this statement be approved and adopted."

35. RESPONSIBILITY OF STATES FOR CRIMES COMMITTED ON THEIR TERRITORY AGAINST A NATIONAL OF A FOREIGN STATE. The Committee considered a resolution drafted by Sir Walter Napier and Lord Dickinson (see minute 7) together with a letter dated January 29th from Sir John Fischer Williams, it was

RESOLVED: "That the delegates of the League of Nations Union on the sub-Committee appointed by the Federation of League of Nations Societies for the consideration of the question of crimes committed within the territory of a State against nationals of another State, be authorised to substitute in place of the resolution submitted by them to the last meeting of the sub-Committee the following resolution:-

That the Council of the League be requested to instruct their secretariat to prepare for signature by the Members of the League a Convention on the following lines:-

1. If a State (hereinafter called the first named State) alleges that a crime has been committed against one of its nationals within the territory of a foreign State (hereinafter called the second named State) and that such crime is calculated to disturb the good relations between the two States unless proper measures are taken to bring the perpetrator of the crime to justice and to inflict adequate punishment upon him, it may apply to the League of Nations for the appointment of a Commission of Enquiry.

2. The application shall be addressed to the President of the Council and a copy of it shall be sent to the second named State which shall within 14 days from its receipt inform the Secretary General whether it agrees or disagrees with the application and in the latter case the grounds of the disagreement.

3. If the second named State does not agree to the application the President shall submit the matter to the Council, if necessary convening a special meeting for the purpose.

4. In case the second named State agrees to the application or in case a majority of the members of the Council represented at the meeting decide that the application should be granted, the President shall appoint a Commission of Enquiry consisting of three persons nominated by himself, or by the Council or by a majority of its members as the case may be.

5. The Commission shall charge the persons appointed Commissioners with the duty of visiting the country of the second named State and of enquiring as to the truth of the matters alleged by either of the States; as to the facts involved in and relating to the Commission of the crime (if a crime has been committed) as to the steps taken to bring the person or persons charged, or who might reasonably have been charged with the crime, and as to the result of any trial which has taken place including the nature of the punishment of any person found guilty of the crime.

6. It shall be the duty of the second named State to give the Commission all the information within its power and to afford it full facilities to enable it to execute the duties imposed upon it.

7. The report of the Commission shall be published in the official journal of the League and the League may take with regard to it any action that may be deemed wise and effectual to safeguard the peace of nations.

Objections having been received later from Professors Brierly and McNair, action on this minute is, by the Chairman's direction, held up.

36. REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Finance. (Lord Rayader reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 11, the minutes of the Committee dated January 27th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

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These Minutes included (3) HEADWAY; (4) London Regional Federation; (5) Appeals Committee; (6) Financial Statement; (7) Disarmament Fund; (8) Albert Hall Meeting on February 2nd; (9) Attendance of Staff at Meetings of the Executive; (10) Mr. Everett Reid; (11) Communication from Messrs. Cadbury; (12) Carbeen; (13) Membership of Committee; (14) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

On Minute 11 - Communication from Messrs. Cadbury, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to thank Messrs. Cadbury for their further donation to the funds of the Union."

37. COMMUNICATION FROM INTERNATIONAL FIXED CALENDAR LEAGUE. The Committee had before them copies of the leaflets which the International Fixed Calendar League had requested the Union to circulate among its Branches, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the leaflets be not circulated to Branches, but that a note on the subject of Calendar Reform be included in HEADWAY."

38. JOINT MEETING OF ROTARY AND THE UNION. It was reported that a joint meeting of Rotary and the Union would be held at Tavistock House on Friday, February 19th at 3.30 p.m. and it was

RESOLVED: "That Admiral Drury-Lowe, Lord Rhyader and Mr. Worsley be asked to represent the Union at this meeting."

39. THE BRITISH PRESS AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS. The Chairman stated that he had looked through the material for the pamphlet on the British press and the League of Nations, but did not consider that it should be published. It was

RESOLVED: "That the draft pamphlet be submitted to Mr. John Sherborne for his comments."

Mr. Sherborne suggested that, when mis-statements concerning the League or the Union are published in the London newspapers, letters correcting these mis-statements should be sent not only to those newspapers but also to the provincial and local press.

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Sherborne's suggestion be adopted."

40. REPORT ON WORK OF EXECUTIVE. On the motion of Mr. John Sherborne it was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to discuss with the Editor of HEADWAY the question of devoting one page in each issue of HEADWAY to an account of the activities of the Executive Committee."

41. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members and Corporate Associates, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

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Additions.

8 Branches, 8 Junior Branches, 9 Corporate Members, 1 Corporate Associate.

Deletions.

2 Branches, 1 Corporate Member.

BRANCHES: Salem Baptist Church, Barry; Tregaron, Ewclgwylnt, Cardigans; Training College of Domestic Arts, Cardiff; Emlyn, Newcastle; Oadby, Leics; Pilton, Somersat; Sawston, Cambs; Tonyrefail, Glams. DELETIONS: Claylands Congregational Church, London; Merthyr Tydfil, Cyfartha, Glams. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Council School for Boys, Brynmawr; Oaklea School, Buckhurst Hill, Essex; Whitehill Senior Girls' School, Chesham, Bucks; East Hill Central Boys' School, Dartford; Girls Central Council School, Ipswich; Stamford Road Senior Boys' School, Kettering; St. James' Mixed and Infants' School, Lancaster Gate, London; Council School, Sawtry, Peterborough. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Scottish Episcopal Theological College, Edinburgh; Dunstable Square Wesleyan Church, Dunstable; Little-borough Congregational Church, Glossop; Manchester and Salford Jewish Peace Society, Manchester; Equitable Co-operative Society, Oldham; Castleton United Methodist Young Men's Class, Rochdale, Lancs; Central Y.M.C.A., Doncaster; Grove Wesleyan Church, Horsforth; Marshall Street F.W.B. Women's Meeting, Leeds. DELETION: Zion Sisterhood, Wakefield. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: New Barkby Women's Institute.

It was reported that there were now 3,023 Branches, 1,173 Junior Branches; 3,523 Corporate Members and 748 Corporate Associates, that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 254,341 of whom 19,063 had paid a subscription to date in 1932 as compared with 23,299 in 1931.

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 11TH, 1932 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Lord Cecil,
Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dagdale,
H.H. Elvin, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Miss E.M. Guinness,
Major Hills, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Rhayader,
Mrs. Runciman, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox,
Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch and Professor Zimmern,
together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

42. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from C. Delisle Burns, Major Euxton, L.J. Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Lady Gladstone, Captain Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Hugh Jendwine, Morgan Jones, Commander Kenworthy, Lady Parmoor, Sir John Power, W.J. Salmon, Rennie Smith, H.S. Syrett and Sir Ben Turner.
43. SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST. The Committee considered a draft resolution on this subject (S.G.4391). Sir Arthur Salter, who was present at the invitation of the Committee, spoke on the situation in the Far East and of the need for arranging for a large mass meeting in London. After considerable discussion it was
- RESOLVED: (1) "That the Chairman be asked to redraft the resolution in the light of the Committee's discussion."
- (2) "That a sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Sir Arthur Salter, Major Hills and Lord Cecil be asked to draft a memorandum based on Sir Arthur Salter's statement to the Committee." *[The sub-committee]*
- (3) "That the resolution and memorandum be communicated immediately to H.M. Government, the Press and Branch Secretaries."
- (4) "That arrangements be made for a deputation from the Union to wait upon Sir John Simon, and for the proceedings of the deputation to be published."
- (5) "That at the next meeting of the Committee the question of arranging for an Albert Hall meeting be considered."
44. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. The Committee considered a resolution drafted by Lord Cecil on this subject, and it was
- RESOLVED: "That consideration of this resolution be adjourned until the next meeting."

RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LEAGUE
OF NATIONS UNION ON THE CRISIS IN THE FAR EAST:-
(12.2.32)

"The League of Nations Union records its warm support of His Majesty's Government in insisting upon the five proposals which it, together with the Government of the United States of America and the Governments of some of the principal Powers represented on the League, has made to the Japanese and Chinese Governments.

The Union strongly urges H.M. Government to use every means in its power to secure the co-operation of the United States with the Council of the League in insuring the acceptance of these proposals, the vindication of the Covenant and the Pact of Paris, and the immediate cessation of hostilities.

The Union urges that, if either party to the dispute continues to reject these proposals, H.M. Government should take steps to convene a special meeting of the Assembly and, in concert with the Government of the United States and Members of the League, should apply (on the lines of Article XVI of the Covenant) whatever pressure of a diplomatic and economic character might be necessary to re-establish peace.*

In the meantime, the Union trusts that States Members of the League will send a Note to the Chinese and Japanese Governments referring to the last paragraph of Mr. Stimson's Note of January 7th and declaring that they will in no circumstances recognise any situation or agreement which may be brought about by means contrary to the Covenant and other treaty obligations to which they, as well as both Japan and China, are parties.

* NOTE Such measures might include

1. An embargo on the export of arms.
2. The exclusion from the world's ports of the goods of whichever party continues to reject the five proposals.
3. The refusal of financial facilities.
4. The withdrawal of diplomatic representatives.

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THE CRISIS IN THE FAR EAST.

The League of Nations Union records its warm support of His Majesty's Government in insisting upon the five proposals which it, together with the Government of the United States of America and the Governments of some of the principal Powers represented on the League, has made to the Japanese and Chinese Governments.

The Union strongly urges H.M. Government to use every means in its power to secure the co-operation of the United States with the Council of the League in insuring the acceptance of these proposals, the vindication of the Covenant and the Pact of Paris, and the immediate cessation of hostilities.

The Union urges that, if either party to the present dispute continues to reject these proposals, H.M. Government should take steps to convene a special meeting of the Assembly and, in concert with the Government of the United States and Members of the League, should apply (on the lines of Article XVI of the Covenant) whatever pressure of a diplomatic and economic character might be necessary to re-establish peace.*

In the meantime, the Union trusts that States Members of the League will send a Note to the Chinese and Japanese Governments referring to the last paragraph of Mr. Stimson's Note of January 7th and declaring that they will in no circumstances recognise any situation or agreement which may be brought about by means contrary to the Covenant and other treaty obligations to which they, as well as both Japan and China, are parties.

* NOTE. Such measures might include

1. An embargo on the export of arms.
2. The exclusion from the world's ports of the goods of whichever party continues to reject the five proposals.
3. The refusal of financial facilities.
4. The withdrawal of diplomatic representatives.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

concerning the League of Nations Union's resolution on
THE CRISIS IN THE FAR EAST.

The time is critical for the League of Nations and for the maintenance of peace based upon the Covenant, the Pact of Paris and other collective treaties. If, in the first case of a really serious issue between two Great Powers, this system does, in fact, fail, the peace of the world will be imperilled, and all belief in the validity of collective treaties will have been undermined.

There are, of course, special difficulties in the Far Eastern dispute. But there are also special opportunities. The present instance is particularly favourable for American co-operation: a rare opportunity unlikely to recur if we have trouble in Europe. The American people will seldom have such strong reason for joining in collective pressure upon a country which seems to be breaking collective engagements. As regards our own country it is sometimes said, as an excuse for our inaction, that no British interest is involved. On the contrary, apart from the general truth that the greatest of British interests is peace, there are special reasons for saying that in this case there are issues vitally important for the British Empire. If Japanese policy cannot be checked or modified by the disapproval of the world it is clear that other countries with interests in the East must expect to hold them in future at the mercy of the one dominant Power. The destruction of the collective peace in the East and submission to the military dictatorship of Japan must have disastrous repercussions in India and would cause the gravest anxieties in Australia and Canada.

Moreover, if we do not now do all in our power to secure joint action with other countries in honouring our common engagements and employing the system of pooled security — the defence of each by the strength of all — at a time when we may have the co-operation of practically the whole world to restrain Japanese aggression, we must not hope to benefit from this system in a case where British Imperial interests were directly threatened: for example, if Japan demanded a free entry for Japanese colonists into Australia.

The dominant purpose of British policy in regard to the Far East should be to secure world action, including both America and the States Members of the League, in defence of the collective system and the sanctity of treaties. There is certainly no escape from danger by neglect of our honour and duty.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 1932 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Lord Rhayader (in the Chair), Major Anthony Buxton, Colonel Carnegie, Lord Dickinson, Mrs. Dugdale, The Hon. Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Captain Green, Miss E.M. Guinness, Lady Hill, J.H. Harris, Sir Hugh deudwine, Morgan Jones, Dr. Kinnings, Sir Walter Napier, Professor Murray, Mrs. Runciman, John Sherborne, H.S. Syrett, H.B. Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch and Professor Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

45. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral Allen, C. Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury, Lord Cranborne, Colonel Grosfield, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Lady Gladstone, Sir Arthur Haworth, Commander Kenworthy, Lady Pamoor, Sir John Power, W.J. Salmon, Rennie Smith and Sir Ben Turner.
46. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions and reports on minutes 31(14), (27), 35, 39, the minutes of the meeting held on February 4th and of the special meeting held on February 11th, 1932 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 31(14) - Manchuria, it was reported that the Chairman was in communication with Mr. Stanley Unwin on the question of publishing the memoranda.

On Minute 31(27) - Date of Thirteenth annual Meeting of the General Council, it was reported that the Cheltenham Branch had found it inconvenient to have a meeting of the General Council from June 14th to 16th, and that the Annual Meeting of the Council would now take place from June 28th to July 2nd.

On Minute 35 - Responsibility of States for Crimes Committed on their Territory against a National of a Foreign State, the Chairman reported that objections to this Resolution had since been received from Professors Brierley and McNair, and after discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be referred back, with an expression of the Executive Committee's support for further consideration by the International Law Committee; and that thereafter the resolution, if approved by the International Law Committee, be forwarded to the International Federation of League of Nations Societies."

On Minute 39 - The British Press and the League of Nations, Mr. Sherborne stated that he had carefully considered the draft pamphlet, and that in his opinion it would be unwise for the Union to publish it in its present form.

47. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Branches Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) The minutes of the Committee held on February 4th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Toasts; (3) Conference at Cheltenham; (4) Foundation Members' subscriptions.

- (b) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Captain Green reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 10, the minutes of the special meeting of the Committee held on February 4th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (10) Captain Sanders; (11) Conference on Disarmament and Unemployment.

On Minute 10 - Captain Sanders, Colonel Carnegie suggested and the Committee agreed that Captain Sanders should be asked to consider and report upon the economic results that would be likely to follow the public control of manufacture of munitions and implements of war.

- (c) Education Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minute 11, 20 and 29, the minutes of the Committee held on February 4th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Arising out of the Minutes (3) Membership of the Committee; (4) Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (5) Report on work in Universities and Colleges; (6) Report on the Films and slides sub-Committee; (7) Report on Exhibitions of the Union's Films; (8) The League and the Cinema; (9) Report of Curriculum sub-Committee; (10) Composition of Curriculum sub-Committee; (11) Report of Junior Branches sub-Committee; (12) Regulations for Junior Members and Young People's Organisations; (13) Composition of Junior Branches sub-Committee; (14) Scheme of work for Junior Members and Junior Branches; (15) Report of Youth sub-Committee; (16) Composition of Youth sub-Committee; (17) New Forest Peace Camps; (18) Correspondence Exchanges; (19) Youth Hostels Association; (20) Report of Board of Education on League Instruction in the Schools; (21) Report of Scottish Education Department on League Instruction in Scottish Schools; (22) Report on Recommendations of Representative Committee in Scotland; (23) Statement upon International Policy; (24) Fourteenth International Congress of Secondary Education; (25) Visit of German School Teachers; (26) Colleges of Preceptors; (27) Literature for Schools; (28) "The Dawn of World Government"; (29) Observance of Empire Day in the Schools; (30) International Auxiliary Language; (31) Summer Schools; (32) Disarmament.

On Minute 11 - Report of the Junior Branches Sub-Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report."

On Minute 28 - "The Dawn of World Government", it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'under the auspices of a sub-Committee appointed by' be substituted for the words 'at the request of'."

On Minute 29 - Observance of Empire Day in the Schools, the Committee felt that the words 'double allegiance both to the Empire and the League' might be open to misconception, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the Education Committee be asked to redraft paragraph (a) of this minute."

Mr. Syrett reported that the City of London Corporation had arranged for a celebration of Empire Day to be held this year in the Guildhall, as in the past. He suggested that the Secretary should communicate with the City of London Corporation in this connection.

- (d) Welcome Committee. (Mrs. Ralph Glyn reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 4, the minutes of the Committee held on February 9th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Arising out of Minutes; (3) Secretary's Report; (4) International Security; (5) Reception to Delegates attending Disarmament and Unemployment Conference; (6) Constitution of Committee for 1932; (7) Central Office for International Exchanges; (8) Eighth Council of International Universities League of Nations Federation; (9) Congress of Secondary Education; (10) Biennial Conference of International Federation of Journalists; (11) Fourth Women's World Games; (12) Hospitality in Geneva.

On Minute 4 - International Section, on the motion of Professor Zimmern, seconded by Mr. Lynch, it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this minute be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee."

- (e) Women's Advisory Council. (Lady Hall reported.) The minutes of the meeting held on February 10th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (441) Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon; (442) Minutes; (443) Composition of W.A.C. for 1932; (444) Reports of Representatives; (445) Disarmament Conference; (446) Applications for Corporate Associateship.

- (f) Minorities Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 3, the minutes of the Committee held on February 11th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Statelessness; (3) Eastern Galicia; (4) Composition of Committee.

On Minute 3 - Eastern Galicia, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved, and that the resolution contained in paragraph (b) be communicated to the International Federation for consideration as a matter of urgency at the March meeting of the Federation."

The Chairman said that he would be glad to look through the sub-Committee's memorandum before it was submitted to the International Federation.

(At this stage in the Committee's proceedings Professor Murray took the Chair.)

- (g) Office Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) The minutes of the Committee held on February 9th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Mr. Everett Reid; (3) Composition of Committee for 1932; (4) Miss Monroe; (5) Miss Mackenzie and Miss Cowan; (6) Captain Sanders; (7) Colonel Delahaye; (8) Office Salaries and wages; (9) Mr. Archer; (10) Office Premises; (11) Rest Room; (12) Mr. Boniface; (13) General Council; (14) Hours of Attendance at the Office.

- (h) Political Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) With the exception of minutes 1, 2, 3, and 4, consideration of which was adjourned until the next meeting, the minutes of the Committee dated February 16th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) International Disarmament Campaign; (3) Meetings on Sino-Japanese Conflict; (4) World Disarmament Conference; (5) Parliament and the Crisis in the Far East; (6) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (7) Criticisms of the League.

48. SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST. The Secretary reported that, in accordance with the decision taken at the special meeting on February 11th, he had written to the Foreign Secretary, telling him of the Committee's desire to wait upon him in a deputation and to have the proceedings of the meeting published. He went on to explain the circumstances in which a private deputation, consisting of Sir Arthur Salter, Mr. Mander, Professor Zimmern and himself, had been received by Sir John Simon on Tuesday, February 16th. The deputation had informed the Foreign Secretary how disquieted the members of the Union were concerning the fighting in the Far East, and how powerful and widespread would be the support forthcoming for such a British policy as was outlined in the Committee's resolution and explanatory note of February 11th. Sir John Simon had said that he was convinced, even passionately convinced, that this policy was the right policy. But the deputation did not feel satisfied that either Sir John or the Cabinet intended - assuming the co-operation of the United States and perhaps of some Members of the League - to exert all the economic and diplomatic pressure that might be necessary on the lines of Article 16 of the Covenant to restrain Japan from further

aggression and to vindicate the Covenant. The Committee then went on to discuss what further action should be taken, and after considerable discussion it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That the Executive Committee urges H.M. Government to endeavour to secure the co-operation of the other States Members of the League and the United States of America in withholding licences for the exportation of arms to China and Japan."
- (2) "That an emergency meeting of the General Council of the Union be summoned at the earliest possible date."
- (3) "That the Committee is in favour of following up the emergency meeting of the Council by a mass meeting in the Albert Hall at some convenient date, provided that suitable speakers can be obtained."
- (4) "That no further copies of resolutions passed at Union meetings on the subject of the situation in the Far East be sent to the Chinese and Japanese Embassies, and that the Union's Branch Secretaries be informed accordingly."

49. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. It was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That consideration of Lord Cecil's draft resolution be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee."
- (2) "That the Chairman be asked to decide the conditions under which Dame Adelaide Livingstone may attend the meetings of the International Federation's Disarmament Committee and work for the Union in Geneva during the meeting of the Disarmament Conference."

50. COMMUNICATION TO MINISTER OF LABOUR. Captain Green stated that the communication to the Minister of Labour was to be discussed by the Industrial Advisory Committee at their meeting that afternoon, and it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee."

51. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. After the Committee had been reminded of the decision of March 14th, 1929, that no meetings of the Executive should be held during the session of a Union Conference, such as that on Unemployment and Disarmament which meets on March 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and after it had been stated that the next meeting of the Committee would ordinarily be held on March 3rd, it was, on the motion of Mr. Worsley,

RESOLVED: "That for the present, a meeting of the Executive Committee be held each week."

52. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the North Wales Women's Peace Council passed at 66 meetings, the London Regional Federation, Halifax Branch, The Downs Chapel, Clapton, E. 5., King's Lynn and District Branch, Birmingham District Committee, Edinburgh Branch, Roundhay Branch, Woolwich District Council and Weybridge Branch.

53. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Junior Sections, Corporate Members and Corporate Associates, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

6 Branches, 13 Junior Branches, 1 Junior Section, 10 Corporate Members, 7 Corporate Associates.

Deletions.

1 Branch, 10 Corporate Members.

BRANCHES: Ferndale Town, Glam; Saffron Walden Training College, Essex; Shelton, Notts; Sudden, Lancs; Tilbury, Essex; Tower Hill Branch, London. DELETION: Chiddingfold, Surrey. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Berriew Council School, Mont; Finchley High School, London; Moorshall Council Girls' School, Polkestone; Church of England School, Hornsea, Yorks; Northgate School for Boys, Ipswich; Lady Hawkin's Grammar School, Kington, Hereford; Lemington Secondary School, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Manning Secondary School, Nottingham; Friar Street Primitive Methodist Sunday School, Reading; Brereton Senior School, Rugeley; Shilpton-Bellinger Council Mixed and Infants School, Tidworth; Downhills Girls' School, Tottenham; Gartlett School, Watford. JUNIOR SECTION: Second West Essex Company Boys' Brigade, Manor Park. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Braid Church, Edinburgh; St. John's Parish Church, Perth. St. Leonard's-in-the-Palace Church, Perth; Laindon and District Branch of the British Legion, Essex; Blackburn and District School Masters Association, N.A.S., Lancs; Wesleyan Temperance and Social Welfare Committee, Manchester; Co-operative Society, Ltd., Rishton; Swindon Branch of the Y.M.C.A. and Red Triangle Boys' Club; Goole Brotherhood, Yorks; Topcliffe Wesley Guild, Thirsk, Yorks. DELETIONS: Cambridge Hebrew Congregation; Hawick Liberal Club; Cotnamay United Methodist Church, Ilkeston; Glove and Warp Makers' Association; Ilkeston; Holy Trinity Church, Ilkeston; Kirktall Wesleyan Church, Leeds; Meanwood Wesleyan Church, Leeds; Cherrybank Boys' Bible Class, Perth; Girl's Auxiliary, St. Leonard's Church, Perth; Young Men's Fellowship Association of St. Leonard's Church, Perth. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Downham Women's Institute; Raitby Women's Institute; Women's Adult School, Eltham; Women's Co-operative Guild, Tooting; Friends' Women's Adult School, Dudley; Zion Congregational Church Sisterhood, Wakefield; Y.M.C.A. Wayfarers' Club, Bristol.

It was reported that there were now 3,028 Branches, 1,186 Junior Branches, 37 Junior Sections, 3,523 Corporate Members and 755 Corporate Associates, and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 956,453 of whom 34,648 had paid a subscription to date in 1932 as compared with 44,450 during the corresponding period of 1931.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 1932 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Major Anthony Buxton, Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, H.H.Elvin, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Captain L.H.Green, Miss E.M.Guinness, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, Major Hills, Sir Hugh Jeudwine, Dr. Kimmins, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Rhayader, Mrs. Runciman, John Sherborne, Sir Ben Turner, H.D.Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley and L.M.Wynch, together with the secretary and deputy secretary.

54. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral Allen, C.Delisle Burns, L.J.Cadbury, Lord Cranborne, Lady Gladstone, Morgan Jones, Commander Kenworthy, G. le M.Mander, Lady Parmoor, Sir John Power, Rennie Smith, W.J.Salmon, H.S.Syrett and Professor Zimmern.

55. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on minutes 47(h) and 48, the minutes of the Committee dated February 18th, 1932, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 47(h) Political Committee, the Committee considered the resolution of the Belgian League of Nations Society referred to in minute 6, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's delegates to the Brussels meeting of the International Federation should support the Belgian Society's resolution with such modifications as may be necessary to bring it into line with the policy of the Union."

On Minute 48 - Situation in the Far East, it was

RESOLVED: "That the report given in this minute of the deputation to Sir John Simon be amended by the inclusion of the names of the following members of the deputation:-

Mrs. Dugdale, Professor Toynbee and Mr. Worsley;

and that the following passage be also included in the report:-

Mrs. Dugdale thought that Sir John Simon had appreciated the fact that the Union was anxious to help him, and he had taken the line that the Union might do something to restrain public feeling and make it understand how delicate the situation was. Sir John Simon had therefore made an almost direct appeal to the Union to suppress great demonstrations rather than to encourage them. The Secretary added that Sir John Simon suggested to the deputation that, if the Union thought of holding a public meeting, it might be difficult in the speeches that were made to take sufficient account of the extreme delicacy of the situation. Sir Arthur Salter had replied to this suggestion, and the deputation had left the Foreign Secretary's room with complete freedom of action in the matter.

56. SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST. The Committee were informed that an emergency meeting of the General Council had been summoned for Saturday, February 27th. Lord Cecil, who had promised to take the Chair at this meeting, informed the Committee of the line he proposed to follow. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the following resolution be moved at the emergency meeting of the General Council, together with such further resolutions as the Chairman may approve:-

'The General Council promises widespread and powerful support for His Majesty's Government in its efforts to secure the co-operation of the States Members of the League of Nations, as well as of the United States of America, in order

- (i) to bring about the immediate cessation of hostilities;
- (ii) to vindicate the Covenant of the League of Nations and the Pact of Paris; and eventually
- (iii) to effect a just settlement of all the issues between China and Japan."

(2) "That a summary of Lord Cecil's address to the Council be circulated to delegates at the meeting."

The Committee were also informed that, in accordance with the decision in minute 43, arrangements were being made for a mass meeting in the Albert Hall on Monday, March 7th, and that Lord Grey, Lord Cecil, Sir Arthur Salter and Sir Frederick Whyte would be among the speakers. Major Hills moved, and Mrs. Dugdale seconded a proposal that the Albert Hall meeting should be abandoned. A vote of the Committee was taken, and this proposal was not adopted.

57. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Committee desires to reiterate its adherence to the policy adopted by the International Federation of League of Nations Societies and to express the view that in consideration of drastic disarmament along those lines the international organisation of civil aviation and the creation of an international air force should be carefully considered.

It recognises with gratitude that the principles underlying this policy have received the support of the British and several other delegations and it trusts that the Conference will give full and courageous effect to them."

(2) "That this resolution be communicated to the press and to Sir John Simon at Geneva."

58. COMMUNICATION TO MINISTER OF LABOUR. It was reported that, following the meeting of the Industrial Advisory Committee on February 18th, a letter had been sent to the Minister of Labour asking him to receive a deputation from the Union on the subject of the Washington Hours Convention, the attendance of the Minister of Labour at International Labour Conferences and hours of labour in coal mines. Arrangements had that morning been made for such a deputation to wait upon the Minister of Labour at 11.30 a.m. on Friday, March 4th. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That it be left to Major Hills and Captain Green to arrange for speakers at the deputation."

(2) "That members of the Executive and of the Industrial Advisory Committee be invited to take part in the deputation."

59. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN. The Committee considered a proposal made by Captain Green that the position of Deputy Chairman, rendered vacant by the acceptance by Mr. R.S. Hudson of a Government appointment, be filled, and it was

RESOLVED: "That Lord Khayader be invited to allow the Secretary of the Union to consult him when the Chairman of the Executive is not available."

60. VACANCIES ON COMMITTEE. The Committee were delighted to learn from Major Hills that Sir Austen Chamberlain and Mr. Patrick were willing to accept membership of the Committee. It was

RESOLVED: "That Sir Austen Chamberlain and Mr. Patrick be co-opted."

61. REPARATIONS, WAR DEBTS AND DISARMAMENT. The Committee considered a resolution on this subject as drafted by the Secretary (S.G.4917) in accordance with the request contained in minute 19(c) of January 28th and as amended by the Economic Committee on 23rd February (S.G.4917a). After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That in the opinion of the Committee this subject could more conveniently be dealt with in the course of a speech than by means of a resolution, and that therefore copies of the resolution as drafted by the Secretary (S.G.4917) be circulated to the Union's delegates to the meeting of the International Federation in order that it may be used if and when opportunity arises."

- The Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to a Course on Reparations to be held at Ashridge from March 18th-21st.
62. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Welcome Committee. The Committee considered (adjourned) minute 4 (International Section) of the Committee dated February 9th, 1932, and it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved."

- (b) Library Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated February 15th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (7) Collecting Box in the Library; (8) Books; (9) Story Books for Children written during the war; (10) Charges made by branches to their members for the loan of books from the Union Library.

(c) Political and Parliamentary Committee. Mr. Worsley reported. Minutes 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Committee dated February 16th, consideration of which had been adjourned, were approved and adopted.

(d) Christian Organisations Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated February 17th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (12) New Members of Committee; (13) Albert Hall Meeting; (14) Further Activities; (15) International Religious Co-operation; (16) Corporate Membership; (17) Resolutions.

(e) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Captain Green reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 16, the minutes of the Committee dated February 16th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (13) Captain Sanders; (14) Composition of Committee; (15) Washington Hours Convention - Proposed Deputation to Minister of Labour; (16) Disarmament and Unemployment; (17) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (18) International Labour Conference; - Union's Party; (19) Governing Body of the I.L.O.

On Minute 16 - Disarmament and Unemployment, it was

RESOLVED: "That paragraph (1) be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report."

see Minute 69.

63. INTERNATIONALISATION OF CIVIL AVIATION AND CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL AIR FORCE. The Committee considered a proposal that an advisory committee should be appointed to consider the recommendations that have been made at the Disarmament Conference for the internationalisation of civil aviation and for the creation of an International Air Force. Lord Cecil stated that when he was last in Geneva Sir John Simon had asked him to prepare a scheme on these points, but that he was of the opinion that this work could more easily be done by a departmental Committee, and he had made a suggestion on these lines to the Foreign Secretary. In the event of his suggestion not being accepted, Lord Cecil hoped that the Union would appoint an advisory sub-Committee. It was

RESOLVED: "That it be left to the Chairman to nominate an advisory committee if such a course appears to him desirable."

64. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, March 10th."

65. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the University of Liverpool League of Nations Society and the Reigate and Redhill Branch.

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66. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Junior Sections and Corporate Members, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

4 Branches, 4 Junior Branches, 1 Junior Section, 11 Corporate Members.

Deletions.

4 Branches, 1 Corporate Member.

BRANCHES: Rhyl Town, Flints; Slough, Bucks; Treorchy, Glam; Whitchurch, Glam. DELETIONS: Bolsover and District, Derbys; Normanton, Yorks; Noddfa, Mynybwyl, Glam; Tabernacle, Mynybwyl, Glam. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Lathom Road Boys' Council School, East Ham; Secondary School, Pontllanfraith, Mon; Priory Grove L.C.C. Girls' School, Wandsworth; Penketh Council School, Warrington. JUNIOR SECTION: The Church of the Redeemer Sunday School, Healey Road, Birmingham. CORPORATE MEMBERS: St. Ebba Church, Eyemouth, Scotland; St. John's Church of Scotland, Eyemouth, Scotland; St. George's Church Bible Class, Queen's Park Glasgow; Millshot U.P. Church Sunday School, Glasgow; St. Mary's Church, Bolsover, Derbyshire; Heanor Primitive Methodist Church, Derbyshire; Bristol and District Brotherhood Federation, Glos; Girl Guides, Burnley; St. Lawrence's Church Lads' Brigade, Chorley, Lancs; St. Phillip's Church, Heigham Road, Norwich; Church of England Lads' Society, Christ Church, Stafford. DELETIONS: Burton Wesleyan Chapel.

It was reported that there were now 3,028 Branches, 1,190 Junior Branches; 38 Junior Sections and 3,533 Corporate Members, and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 958,090 of whom 45,438 had paid a subscription to date in 1932 as compared with 55,725 during the corresponding period of 1931.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH, 1932, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Admiral Allen, Sir Norman Angell, Major Anthony Buxton, Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Miss K.D. Courtney, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, Major Hills, Dr. Kimmins, G. le M. Mander, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, C.M. Patrick, Lord Rhayader, H.S. Syrett, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch and Professor Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

67. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from L.J. Cadbury, Lord Cranborne, C. Delisle Burns, Lady Gladstone, J.H. Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Hugh Jevons, Morgan Jones, Commander Kenworthy, Sir John Power, W.J. Salmon, John Sherborne and Sir Ben Turner.
68. SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN AND MR. PATRICK. The Committee welcomed Sir Austen Chamberlain and Mr. Patrick, who were attending the Committee for the first time.
69. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on minute 63, the minutes of the Committee dated February 25th, 1932 were confirmed as circulated.

see Minute 85.

On Minute 63 - Internationalisation of Civil Aviation and Creation of an International Air Force, it was, on the motion of the Chairman,

RESOLVED: "That the following be invited to serve on a sub-Committee to advise the Executive on this subject: - General Groves, Commander Burney, Major Leicoure, Captain Liddell Hart, Air-Marshal Longcroft, Lord Cecil, General Hartley, Mr. Gerald Merton, and Colonel Arthur Grenfell."

70. DEATH OF M. BRIAND. It was reported that each of the principal speakers at the Albert Hall meeting on March 7th had paid a tribute to M. Briand, and the text of a telegram sent by the Secretary to the French League of Nations Association, was read to the Committee. Dr. Garnett reported on the negotiations which had taken place between the Union, the Foreign Office and the French Embassy with a view to a Memorial Service being held at St. Margaret's. But the French Embassy had received instructions from the Quai d'Orsay to hold a Memorial Service at the French Catholic Church, 5, Leicester Place, W. on Saturday, March 12th at 11 a.m. It was therefore

RESOLVED: (i) "That the French Embassy be informed that the Union will be represented at the Memorial Service."

(ii) "That a wreath be sent on behalf of the Union to M. Briand's funeral in Paris."

71. **SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST.** A telegram from Mr. Raymond Rich, the Secretary of the World Peace Foundation in New York, was read to the Committee, stating that the official British attitude at Geneva had caused great concern in America and that they therefore welcomed the Albert Hall meeting and other moves for English support of courageous League action. The Lowell petition for American concurrence in possible economic measures by the League was now endorsed by thousands of leaders in America. After considerable discussion, and in view of the fact that the Assembly was at the moment considering the form of its resolution, it was

RESOLVED: "That the following telegram be sent to Sir John Simon:-

"Executive of League of Nations Union expresses warm approval of your proposed resolution reported in to-day's TIMES "that it is incumbent upon members of the League not to recognise any situation, treaty or agreement contrary to Articles 10 and 12 of Covenant and Pact of Paris." Executive assures you of support for any steps you can take for vindicating authority of Covenant and condemning use of armed force for settlement of international disputes."

72. **EMERGENCY MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL.** It was reported that the emergency meeting of the General Council held in the Caxton Hall on February 27th, had been one of the largest and most representative meetings the Council had ever held. Lord Cecil had addressed the Council at its morning session, and a report of his speech had been given to each delegate at the close of the meeting. The resolution, which had been adopted by the Council at the afternoon session and immediately communicated to His Government, was read to the Committee. On the motion of Admiral Drury-Lowe, it was
- RESOLVED: "That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to those members of the staff who reported Lord Cecil's speech at the meeting."
73. **ALBERT HALL MEETING.** It was reported that the meeting held in the Albert Hall on Monday, March 7th had been attended by between six and seven thousand people. A large number of tickets had been sold or distributed on the day of the meeting. Although the Liberal and Labour Party Headquarters has assisted, as in the past, in the organization of the meeting, the Conservative Office had not co-operated with the Union on this occasion for reasons which Mrs. Wilson-Pox explained to the Committee. After allowing for the sale of tickets and for the collection, the nett cost of the meeting would be in the neighbourhood of £300.
74. **PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF ADMIRALS AND ECONOMISTS.** The Committee considered a proposal for the appointment of a Committee of Admirals and Economists to draw up a report on how economic sanctions could be applied to Japan without involving military or naval action of any kind. It was

RESOLVED: "That this proposal be not adopted."

See Minute 85

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75. DEPUTATION TO MINISTER OF LABOUR. Major Hills gave the Committee an interim report on the deputation which had waited upon Sir Henry Birtterton and Mr. Foot on Friday, March 4th. The deputation had dealt with the Washington Hours Convention, the attendance of the Minister of Labour at International Labour Conferences, and hours of labour in coal mines; and it had been well received by the Ministers.

76. CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT. Lady Hall, on behalf of the Industrial Advisory Committee, asked for authority to have the publication of the Report of the Conference put in hand immediately. In order to cover the cost of publishing the proceedings, it would be necessary to sell 436 copies of the report, and orders had already been obtained for 276 copies.

RESOLVED: "That, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, a report of the Conference proceedings be published."

77. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. Miss Courtney, who had recently returned from Geneva, reported briefly on the Disarmament Conference. Lord Cecil felt that the Conference would shortly arrive at a critical stage in its proceedings. There was good reason for thinking that general agreement at the Conference could be obtained on some such lines as those which the Italian Government had put forward or as the Federation of League of Nations Societies had proposed at Budapest. At the same time there was evidently strong opposition to such a policy in France. Lord Cecil therefore suggested that the situation should be carefully considered by the Union, and it was

RESOLVED: "That a special meeting of the Political Committee be called to consider the present situation in regard to the Disarmament Conference."

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to a memorandum on Moral Disarmament (Conf. D.98) which had been circulated to the Conference on behalf of the International Committee on Intellectual Co-operation and in reply to the Polish Government's representation on this subject.

78. RESPONSIBILITY OF STATES FOR CRIMES COMMITTED ON THEIR TERRITORY AGAINST A NATIONAL OF A FOREIGN STATE. The Committee reconsidered the draft resolution referred to in minute 46 (35) of this Committee dated 18th February, 1932, and in minute 29 of the International Law Committee dated February 25th, together with comments on the resolution by Dr. McNair and Professor Brierly. The Committee were of opinion that it is desirable to proceed on the lines of the Covenant rather than to try to set up new machinery to deal with this particular international difficulty. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's delegates at the Brussels meetings of the International Federation be instructed to oppose the French Society's proposals for the creation of an international criminal court."

79. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Economic Committee. (Lord Rhayader reported.) Subject to the decision contained in minute 61 of the last meeting, and to the following decision on minute 11, the minutes of the Committee dated February 23rd, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (11) National Advisory Economic Councils; (12) Agriculture and Public Works; (13) Pamphlet on Economic Development of the World through the League of Nations; (14) Dr. Robert Eisler's Plan.

On Minute 11 - National Advisory Economic Councils, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Committee is in favour of the general principle contained in this resolution, and that it be left to Lord Rhayader and the Chairman to make any necessary drafting amendments."

NOTE. The Chairman and Lord Rhayader subsequently agreed that the resolution should be amended to read as follows:-

"That with a view to giving effect to the resolution of the XIIth Assembly concerning the establishment of national economic councils and their co-operation in the work of the League, it was desirable that each country should possess an Economic Advisory Council which should make periodical statements with regard to the economic position of the country, and should be encouraged to meet together and communicate with similar Councils in other countries. The Council should be representative of different interests and should act as interpreter of the economic recommendations put forward by the League of Nations."

- (b) Overseas Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 4, the minutes of the Committee dated February 24th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Federation Meetings in Geneva; (3) Brussels Meetings; (4) Union's Policy at 1932 Congress of the Federation; (5) Proposed Paris Branch; (6) Federation's Minorities Bulletin; (7) Overseas Report; (9) Agriculture and Public Works.

On Minute 4 - Union's Policy at 1932 Congress of the Federation, it was

RESOLVED: "That, in accordance with the decision contained in minute 55(47)(h) of the last meeting, the Union's delegates be instructed to propose the following as an amendment to the fourth paragraph of the Belgian Society's resolution:-

See Minute 85

'Regrets the tendency to increase private sessions of the Council, although it fully recognises such sessions to be necessary upon occasion.'

Sir Austen Chamberlain dissented from the whole of the Belgian Society's resolution.

- (c) Welcome Committee. The following resolution of the Committee dated March 8th, 1932, which was reported as a matter of urgency by Lady Hall, was approved and adopted.

"That during Dame Adelaide Livingston's absence, Miss Bruce should act as Secretary of the Welcome Committee with power to consult any member of the Standing Sub-Committee in a question of emergency."

80. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Junior Sections, Corporate Members and Corporate Associates, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

7 Branches, 4 Junior Branches, 1 Junior Section, 16 Corporate Members, 2 Corporate Associates.

Deletions.

1 Branch, 2 Corporate Members, 1 Corporate Associate.

BRANCHES: Fenwick, Scotland; Great Missenden, Bucks; Lye and Wellescote, Worcs; Southfields, Surrey; Stanford-le-Hope, Essex; Stranmillis Training College (Women's Section), N. Ireland; Woodley, Berks. DELETIONS: Radcliffe, Lancs. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Brentwood School, Brentwood, Essex; The High School of Glasgow; Senior Girls' School, Horwich, Lancs; "The Herold" Senior Girls' School, Upton Park, London. JUNIOR SECTION: Woodford Wesleyan Church Sunday School, Essex. CORPORATE MEMBERS: North Church, Ferryhill, Aberdeen; St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Douglas, Scotland; St. Paul's Wesleyan Church, Bedford; All Saints' Church, Luton; Tilehurst Congregational Church, Reading; Wesley Guild, Ponsanooth, Cornwall; Boulton St. Mary's Church, Alveston, Derbys; Cranbrook Park Wesleyan Church, Ilford; New Milton Branch of the Post War Brotherhood, Hants; St. Augustine's Church, Southampton; Cochrane Street Independent Methodist Church, Liverpool; St. Gabriel's College, Camberwell; Worthing Brotherhood, Sussex; Worthing Primitive Methodist Church, Sussex; Christ Church, Summerfield, Birmingham; Women's Liberal Association, Ossett, Yorks. DELETIONS: West Church Girls' Auxilliary, Perth; Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Wimborne. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Roffey Women's Institute, Sandhurst (Kent) Women's Institute. DELETION: Raitby Women's Institute.

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It was reported that there were now 3,034 Branches, 1,194 Junior Branches; 39 Junior Sections; 3,547 Corporate Members and 756 Corporate Associates; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 960,672 of whom 64,133 had paid a subscription to date in 1932 as compared with 75,137 during the corresponding period of 1931.

81. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, March 17th."

82. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest Resolutions from the Montague Burton Branch and the Transport and General Workers' Union. It was reported that 141 resolutions had been received on the situation in the Far East.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH, 1932 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Admiral Allen, C. Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Miss R.D. Courtney, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Captain Green, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, Sir Percy Harris, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Lord Rhyader, John Searborne, H.D. Mason, The Hon. Mrs. Wilson Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch and Professor Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

83. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Sir Norman Angell, Major Buxton, Lord Cranborne, H.H. Elvin, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major Hills, Sir Hugh Jeddwine, Commander Kenworthy, C.M. Patrick, Sir John Power, Rennie Smith, Mrs. Runciman, W.J. Salmon and Sir Ben Turner.
84. LADY GLADSTONE. The Committee welcomed Lady Gladstone who had lately returned to this country from a visit to China.
85. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions and reports on minutes 69, 76, 77 and 79(b), the minutes of the Committee dated March 10th, 1932 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 69 - Internationalisation of Civil Aviation and Creation of an International Air Force, the Chairman reported that General Groves, Major Leleure, Captain Liddell Hart, Mr. Gerald Merton and Lord Cecil had expressed their willingness to serve on the sub-Committee. Air Marshall Longcroft was unable to serve owing to his being out of town, and replies had not yet been received from Commander Burney, General Hartley and Colonel Grenfell. It was

RESOLVED: "That it be left to the Chairman to nominate a further member of the Committee in place of Air Marshall Longcroft."

On Minute 76 - Conference on Disarmament and Unemployment, it was reported that the Finance Committee, at its meeting on the previous day, had agreed to the publication of a report of the Conference proceedings, the cost of the production of which would be guaranteed out of the remainder of the Disarmament Fund.

On Minute 77 - Disarmament Conference, the Chairman reported that, on the proposal of the Polish delegates, a sub-Committee had now been set up to study the question of moral disarmament.

On Minute 79(b) - Overseas Committee, Sir Walter Napier suggested that, in the present financial situation of the Union and of the Federation, it might be advisable to consider dispensing with the autumn meeting of the International Federation. It was

RESOLVED: "That this suggestion be discussed at the forthcoming Brussels meeting of the International Federation."

86. SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST. The Committee received a memorandum (S.G.5019) which had been written for the information of the Executive by Miss Wade, who was present at the Extraordinary Session of the Assembly. Sir Austen Chamberlain observed that, in regard to the sino-Japanese dispute, "the Council and the Assembly had behaved with great discretion and with every promise of their achieving a great success; the end of the Extraordinary session of the Assembly had found the Great Powers and the smaller Powers with their differences reconciled, the Japanese and the Chinese each rather better satisfied than they had expected to be, and the authority of the League considerably re-established."

The attention of the Committee was drawn to two recent articles in the MORNING POST on "Humanity's Task in China" by Colonel Stewart.

87. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. In view of the impossibility of arranging for a special meeting of the Political Committee to be held before Easter (in accordance with minute 77 of the last meeting) and in view of the urgency of the disarmament situation, the Committee considered a memorandum on Disarmament (S.G.5018) prepared by Lord Cecil. It was

RESOLVED: "That, subject to the Dominions being separately mentioned by name in paragraph II(a) and to the word 'prohibit' being substituted for the word 'abolish' in paragraph II(c), the memorandum be approved and adopted."

88. PRIVATE MANUFACTURE OF ARMS AND THE TRAFFIC IN ARMS. The Committee considered a resolution concerning the private manufacture of arms, passed by the Toronto Council of Women, who had suggested that a resolution on similar lines should be adopted by the Union. The Committee also considered a memorandum by Colonel Carnegie (S.G.5023) including a suggested amendment to the Toronto resolution. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That a sub-Committee consisting of Sir Austen Chamberlain, Sir Holberry Mansforth, Major Hills, Colonel Carnegie, Captain Green, Mr. Arthur Pugh, Sir Hugh Jeurwine and Miss Courtney, together with Captain Sanders as Honorary Secretary, be appointed to consider and report what steps, if any, the Union should take

(a) in regard to the Arms Traffic Convention;
and

(b) in respect of the Private Manufacture of Arms
with special reference to the present Disarmament Conference.

89. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) International Law Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 30, the minutes of the Committee dated February 25th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (27) Situation in the Far East; (28) Communication from Dr. McNair; (29) Abolition of Blockade - Sir Leslie Probyn's Proposal; (30) Responsibility of States for Crimes committed on their

Territory against a National of a Foreign State; (31) Vindication of the Covenant; (32) Finnish Ships Case. ✓

On Minute 30 - Vindication of the Covenant, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred back to the International Law Committee; and that they be requested to prepare a memorandum for consideration by the Executive on the basis of the suggestions contained in this minute."

- (b) Religions and Ethics Committee. (Mr. Wynch reported). The minutes of the Committee dated February 26th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (3) Note for Speakers; (4) Communication from International New Thought Alliance; (5) Report of Geneva Meeting of the Executive Committee of the World Conference for International Peace through Religion; (6) Proposed Report to Federation of League of Nations Societies; (7) Resolution of Lambeth Conference, 1930. ✓

- (c) Political Committee. (Mrs. Dugdale reported). The minutes of the Committee dated March 1st, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (9) Meetings on Sino-Japanese Conflict; (10) Disarmament Conference; (11) Disarmament Campaign; (12) Albert Hall Meeting, March 7th; (13) Parliament and the Far East; (14) International Federation of League of Nations Societies. ✓

- (d) Welcome Committee. (Lady Hall reported). Subject to the following decision on minutes 15(a) and 16 the minutes of the Committee dated March 9th, 1932, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (15) Arising out of Minutes; (16) Secretary's Report; (17) Congress of Secondary Education; (18) Letter from Admiral Drury-Lowe; (19) Absence in Geneva of Secretary. ✓

On Minute 15(a) - International Section, Sir Percy Harris thought that the proposal contained in this minute for the association of foreigners with the work of the Union might be exploited by unscrupulous people and by certain sections of the press. It was therefore

RESOLVED: "That the 'special letter' referred to in this minute be sent only to the secretaries of a selected number of Branches and should make it clear that foreigners cannot be actual members of the Union."

On Minute 16(a) - Eighth Council of International Universities League of Nations Federation, it was

RESOLVED: "That letters of thanks be sent to Major Lawrence Wright and Mr. Syrett for arranging the Guildhall Luncheon, and to those Members of Parliament who had entertained members of the I.U.L.N.F. Council to dinner."

- (e) Education Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) Subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on minutes 41, 42 and 43, and subject to the following decision on minute 44, the minutes of the Committee dated March 10th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (35) Arising out of the Minutes; (36) Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (37) Report on Work in Universities and Colleges; (38) An International Auxiliary Language; (39) Moral Disarmament; (40) "War is Hell"; (41) Report of Junior Branches Sub-Committee; (42) Posters from the Manchester School of Art; (43) Report of Camp Sub-Committee; (44) Award of FIDAC Medals; (45) Result of the World Essay Contest; (46) Summer Schools; (47) Report of the Workers' Educational Association; (48) Conference of History Teachers at the Hague; (49) Communication from the London Teachers' Association; (50) "Goodwill Day".

On Minute 44 - Award of FIDAC Medals, the Committee hoped that an effort would be made to secure press publicity for the award of FIDAC medals.

- (f) Office Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported). The minutes of the Committee dated March 8th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (16) Mr. Everett Reid; (17) Northern Region; (18) Hours of Attendance at the Office; (19) Staff.

- (g) Finance Committee. Lord Rhayader reported on certain urgent matters arising out of the Committee's meeting of the previous day, and it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That the Treasurer and Secretary be authorised to sign the approved accounts for 1931."
 (2) "That additional expenditure, not exceeding £75 per annum on cleaning the office be approved."
 (3) "That the resolutions on the relation of the L.R.F. to the head office be approved and adopted."
 (4) "That the repayment on July 31st, 1931 of £1,434 9s.3d. to Lord Cecil's private Disarmament Fund be confirmed."

90. PRESS ATTACKS ON THE LEAGUE AND THE UNION. Mr. Sherborne stated that the attacks on the League, the I.L.O. and the Union, appearing in the DAILY EXPRESS and the EVENING STANDARD were causing perturbation among Branches. After discussion it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That the exposure of unfair attacks on the League and the I.L.O. be a normal feature of HEADWAY and the NEWS SHEET."
 (2) "That the practice of sending letters and articles correcting mis-statements to the provincial and local press be continued."

- (3) "That the Publicity Committee be asked to consider the publication of a leaflet on the cost of the League and the I.L.O."
91. ADDRESS BY MR. STANLEY BALDWIN TO THE I.U.L.N.F. On the motion of Admiral Allen it was
 RESOLVED: "That the Publicity Committee be asked to consider the question of reprinting, as a Union leaflet, Mr. Baldwin's address to the I.U.L.N.S.; and that a report of the address be included in the next number of HEADWAY."
92. CLOSING OF OFFICE AT EASTER. It was
 RESOLVED: "That the office be closed from 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 24th until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 29th."
93. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was
 RESOLVED: "That the Committee revert to its normal practice of meeting on the first, third and fifth Thursdays in the month, and that the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, April 7th."
94. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the Executive Committee of the Welsh National Council on the Publication of Exchange of Notes and the Far East. It was reported that 157 resolutions had been received on the situation in the Far East.
95. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was
 RESOLVED: "That the following additions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Junior Sections, and Corporate Members, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

4 Branches, 4 Junior Branches, 1 Junior Section,
 5 Corporate Members..

BRANCHES: Birtenshaw Wesleyan Church, Lancs; Crumlin, Northants; Stoneage Baptist Chapel, Plymouth; West Wickham, Kent. JUNIOR BRANCHES: St. Mary's Hall, Brighton; Upper Horfield Girls' School, Bristol; North Weal School, North Weald, Essex; Junior Branch, Norwich. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Charles Church, Plymouth; Chamber of Commerce, Telmmouth; Liberal Association, Gateshead, Durham; Highfields Presbyterian Church, Blackham, Kent; Bradshaw Street Independent Methodist Church, Nelson, Lancs. JUNIOR SECTION: Mere Company of Girl Guides, Mere.

It was reported that there were now 3,038 Branches, 1,198 Junior Branches, 40 Junior Sections and 3,552 Corporate Members; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 962,115 of whom 73,879 had paid a subscription to date in 1932 as compared with 83,967 during the corresponding period of 1931.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH, 1932
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Lord Cecil (in the Chair), Admiral Allen, Sir Norman Angell, C. Delisle Burns, Major Anthony Buxton, Colonel Carnegie, Miss R.D. Courtney, Admiral Drury-Lowe, H.H. Elvin, Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Captain L.H. Green, Miss E.M. Guinness, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, Sir Percy Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Commander Kenworthy, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Lady Layton, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, C.M. Patrick, Lord Rensynder, Mrs. Walter Runciman, John Sherborne, Rennie Smith, H.S. Syrett, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch and Professor Zimmern together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

96. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Cranborne, Major Hills, Sir Hugh Jevdwine, Sir John Power, W.J. Salmon and Sir Ben Turner.
97. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision and report on minutes 85(76), 87, 88 and 89(a), the minutes of the Committee dated March 17th, 1932 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 85(76) - Conference on Disarmament and Unemployment, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'and had recommended that the cost of the production should be met' be substituted for the words 'the cost of the production of which would be guaranteed'."

On Minute 87 - Disarmament Conference, Lord Cecil reported that he and the Chairman had signed a letter to the constituency representatives in the Union's Branches, enclosing a copy of the memorandum (S.G.5056) and urging them to communicate with their Members of Parliament on the subject.

On Minute 88 - Private Manufacture of Arms, and the Traffic in Arms, the hope was expressed that the statement recently made by the Chairman of Messrs. Vickers concerning government assistance for the private manufacture of arms, would be considered by the sub-Committee at its first meeting.

On Minute 89(a) - International Law Committee, it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the memorandum asked for in this minute be prepared in consultation with the Political Committee."

- (b) "That the International Law Committee be asked, at its next meeting, to consider and report on the desirability of amending Article 5 of the Covenant in order that the vote of an interested Member of the League may not be counted in deliberations of the Assembly or of the Council on any matter which specially affects such a Member."

98. THE FAR EAST. The Committee considered a memorandum (S.G.5061) and draft resolutions (S.G.5058) proposed by Professor Zimmern, together with a revised version of the first resolution (S.G.5061). Letters were read to the Committee from Sir Austen Chamberlain and Mrs. Dugdale who were unable to be present at the meeting. After considerable discussion, in the course of which Lady Gladstone spoke of the situation as she had found it during her recent visit to China, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That a private communication, based on the amended resolution S.G.5061 be sent to the Foreign Office on behalf of the Committee, asking for further information regarding the present position and urging that, in no circumstances, should any modification of the Assembly's resolution be countenanced by British Government representatives."

(2) "That Professor Zimmern's memorandum and resolutions, with such alterations as were agreed to by the Committee, be referred for consideration by a small sub-Committee to be nominated by the Chairman and to include Lady Gladstone and Professor Zimmern among its members."

99. ARCHBISHOP OF YORK'S SERMON AT GENEVA. The attention of the Committee was drawn to letters by Dr. Harold Temperley in the NEW STATESMAN on the subject of the sermon preached by the Archbishop of York at Geneva and reprinted by the Union as a pamphlet. The Secretary reported that since the last letter had appeared in the issue of April 2nd, Mr. Wilson Harris had written to Dr. Temperley inviting him to contribute an article to the next issue of HEADWAY, and that that invitation had now been accepted. The article would be shown to the Archbishop of York before it was printed. In these circumstances Professor Zimmern withdrew the resolution which appeared in his name on the agenda.

100. BRUSSELS MEETINGS. Sir Walter Napier drew the attention of the Committee to certain items in the report (S.G.5063) on the meeting of the International Federation which had been held in Brussels from March 20th to March 23rd. It was

RESOLVED: Disarmament.

(1) "That a special meeting of the Executive Committee be held on Thursday, June 23rd to consider the report of the Federation's Disarmament Committee."

(2) "That the words 'the total amount budgeted for' be inserted before the word 'armaments' in the second line on page 2 of the report."

Finance and Organisation.

(3) "That the proposal for a voluntary levy be referred to the Overseas, Finance and Branches Committees for consideration and report."

Other Matters.

- (4) "That a communication be addressed to His Majesty's Government regarding the alleged shooting by Soviet soldiers of refugees crossing the river Dniester from the Ukraine into Roumania."

Political and Juridical Questions.

- (5) "That the International Law Committee be asked to consider and report on the questions to be considered by the Federation's sub-committee on Responsibility of states for crimes against foreigners committed within their territory."

I.L.O. and Economic Questions.

- (6) "That the Industrial Advisory Committee be requested to prepare an amended form of the Resolution on Disarmament and Unemployment for consideration by the Plenary Congress at Paris."

The Committee considered a note by Sir Walter Napier (S.G. 5062) on the Resolution of the Austrian Society on Chemical Warfare and Loans. It was

RESOLVED: "That this Committee is of opinion that it is undesirable for the Federation to undertake the duty of drafting treaties and that together with this expression of opinion and Sir Walter Napier's note, the proposal of the Austrian Society be referred to the Political Committee for consideration and report."

The Committee also considered a note on the meeting of the Federal Committee for European Co-operation (S.G. 5060).

101. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. It was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That the Political Committee be asked to nominate a small sub-Committee to deal with questions arising out of the Disarmament Conference; that any members of the Executive who desire to serve on this Committee be asked to send in their names to the Secretary of the Union; that the Committee hold weekly meetings and, if necessary, report direct to the Executive; and that it work in constant touch with the Publicity Committee."
- (2) "That the Disarmament Conference appear as an item on the agenda at each meeting of the Executive Committee."

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the following circular letter addressed by the Executive Committee of the International Federation to all constituent societies.

"In the opening stages of the Disarmament Conference three Great Powers and Twelve smaller States have declared for the whole system of "Disarmament" proposals made by the Federation at Budapest last

June. These proposals have also been accepted in part by the other States represented at the Conference.

The Executive Committee of the Federation has noted these facts with great encouragement. The Committee now calls upon the League of Nations Societies in all lands for a supreme effort to seize the opportunity afforded by this initial success, so that the Conference may bring about a substantial reduction, as well as the limitation of national armaments.

The Executive Committee accordingly urges every Society to use its whole strength in order to impress upon its national Government that widespread and powerful public opinion demands disarmament on the lines of the Budapest proposals, and particularly:-

1. The abolition of the so-called offensive armaments - warships of over 10,000 tons, submarines, tanks, heavy artillery and military aeroplanes - which are forbidden to Germany under the Peace Treaties, and thus the beginning of the equalisation of armaments as between the "vanquished" and the "victorious" Powers;
2. By this or other means a reduction of armaments by 25 per cent. within five years; and
3. The international organisation of aviation under the auspices of the League of Nations.

It was

RESOLVED: (3) "That this letter be published in HEADWAY."

102. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Joint Committee of R.I.E.I. and L.N.U. (Mr. Worsley reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 5, the minutes of the Committee dated February 19th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (3) Report on Co-operation during 1931/32; (4) Questions Arising; (5) The Far East Situation; (6) Disarmament; (7) Esperanto.

On Minute 5 - The Far Eastern Situation, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the words 'have serious grievances' be substituted for the words 'be within her rights' in the first paragraph of this minute."

- (2) "That so soon as the up-to-date statement referred to in this minute is available, it be submitted to the Executive Committee."

- (b) Christian Organisations Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 24, the minutes of the Committee dated March 16th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (21) Minutes of the Church's Call for Disarmament Committee; (22) Minutes of a Meeting of Church Representatives; (23) Further Activities; (24) Sermon Notes; (25) Sunday School Lessons; (26) Sunday School Demonstration on Disarmament; (27) Literature for Sunday School Children; (28) Denominational Resolutions; (29) Corporate Membership.

On Minute 24 - Sermon Notes, it was

RESOLVED: "That paragraph (2) be approved in the following amended form:-

'That Lord Cecil be asked to edit the Notes, and that they be issued as from the Committee."

- (c) Finance Committee. (Lord Mayader reported.) Minutes 17, 18 and 22 having been approved on March 17th, the remaining minutes of the Committee dated March 16th, 1932 were approved and adopted, subject to the following decision on minute 22.

These minutes included (16) Financial Statement; (17) Accounts for 1931; (18) London Regional Federation; (19) Albert Hall Meeting on March 7th; (20) Mr. Everett Reid; (21) Messrs. Cadbury's Gift; (22) Cleaning of Office; (23) Disarmament Fund; (24) Rotary; (25) Dame Adelaide Livingstone; (26) Disarmament and Unemployment Conference; (27) Pircroft Residential College; (28) International Camping Ground; (29) Work for Junior Members and Junior Branches; (30) Northern Region; (31) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

On Minute 22 - Cleaning of Office, the Secretary reported that he and Lord Queenborough had seen Sir Arthur Stanley, the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the British Red Cross Society, who was willing to grant the Union the use of his Society's Board Room on the first, third and fifth Thursday of each month from 11 a.m. until lunch time, at a nominal charge of one guinea per meeting to cover wear and tear. It was

RESOLVED: "That Sir Arthur Stanley's offer be gratefully accepted."

- (d) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Captain Green reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 26, the minutes of the Committee dated March 17th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (22) Composition of Committee; (23) Conference on Disarmament and Unemployment; (24) Disarmament and Unemployment; (25) Deputation to the Minister of Labour; (26) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (27) Music Hall Artistes; (28) International Labour Conference - Union's Party; (29) Pircroft.

On Minute 26 - Mr. Gillinder's Report, it was

RESOLVED: "That the substance of Mr. Gillinder's reports be included in the minutes of the Industrial Advisory Committee as circulated to the Executive."

(e) Office Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated March 17th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (20) Northern Region.

(f) Publicity Committee. (Sir Norman Angell reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 3, the minutes of the Committee dated March 21st, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Report of Publicity Activities; (3) Anti-League Press Campaign; (4) The Union and the London Press; (5) Disarmament Posters; (6) The Cost of the I.L.O.; (7) Speech by Mr. Baldwin at the Guildhall, March 14th; (8) Membership of the Committee.

On Minute 3 - Anti-League Press Campaign, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the broad sheets be not submitted in draft to the usual referees, but that they be approved by the Chairman of the Publicity Committee."

(2) "That one of the first broadsheets should deal with disarmament, and should make it plain that it is international disarmament and not unilateral disarmament for which the Union is working."

103. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received a resolution from the Wembley Branch on the subject of Disarmament. It was reported that, up to date, 150 resolutions had been received on the situation in the Far East.

104. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Junior Sections, Corporate Members and Corporate Associates, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

12 Branches, 13 Junior Branches, 1 Junior Section, 15 Corporate Members and 3 Corporate Associates.

Deletions.

1 Branch, 1 Junior Branch, 14 Corporate Members.

BRANCHES: Albrighton, Selop; Ballymonev, County Antrim; Bishop Monkton, Yorks; Grangetown, Cardiff; Heden, Yorks; Lavenham, Suffolk; L.C.C. Shoreditch Training College Union; Llantrisant, Glam; Lockerley and East Dean, Hants; Newton Mearns, Scotland; Sileby, Leicestershire; Paris. DELETION: Hampton-on-Thames, Middlesex. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Bembridge School, Isle of Wight; Bingley Girls' Grammar School, Yorks; Cwmelydach Girls' Council School, Glam; Boothroyd Lane Girls' School, Dewsbury, Yorks; St. Margaret's School, Edinburgh;

Scholes Council School, Holmfirth, Yorks; Hoylelake Girls' School, Cheshire; St. James' Senior Girls' School, King's Lynn; Stand Grammar School, Whitefield, Manchester; The Cliff School, Seaford, Sussex; Lancing College, Shoreham; Trowbridge Boys' High School, Wilts; Amisgath School, Windermere. **DELETIONS:** Hawes Lane Council School, West Wickham. **CORPORATE MEMBERS:** Co-operative Women's Guild, Montrose; Perth Middle Church of Scotland, Perth; Grosvenor Square Church, Stalybridge, Cheshire; Andover Co-operative Society, Hants; Baptist Church, Welwyn Garden City; St. Francis' Church Men's Bible Class, Blackburn; Eccles Primitive Methodist Christian Endeavour Society, Lancs; Lowton St. Mary's Church, Manchester; Manchester Branch Women's International League; New Islington Primitive Methodist Circuit, Manchester; Openshaw Branch of the Junior Imperial League, Manchester; Whaley Bridge and Buxton Co-operative Society, Manchester; Royton Urban District Council, Lancs; Syston Men's Adult School, Syston, Leics; 1st. Twickenham District Ranger Company, Middlesex. **DELETIONS:** Basingstoke Brotherhood; Holy Trinity Church, Burslem, Sneyd; Cleveland Miners' Association; Eltham Men's and Women's Adult School; Leicester Independent Labour Party; Leicester Labour Party; Railway Clerks' Association, Leicester; Narborough and District Free Church Council; Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers (No.1) Reading; Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers (No.2) Reading; British Legion, Spencer Wood Branch, Reading; Spencer Wood Congregational Church, Reading; Independent Labour Party, Weymouth; Walford Parochial Church Council. **CORPORATE ASSOCIATES:** Woodhouse Bayes Women's Institute; Yarrow Women's Institute; Women's Guild, East End Branch of Paisley Provident Co-operative Society. **JUNIOR SECTION:** Walkerburn Guide Company, Peebles.

It was reported that there were now 3,049 Branches, 1,210 Junior Branches, 42 Junior Sections; 3,553 Corporate Members and 759 Corporate Associates; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 964,553 of whom 93,412 had paid a subscription to date in 1932 as compared with 102,215 during the corresponding period of 1931.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, APRIL 21st, 1932
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Admiral J.D.Allen,
Major Anthony Buxton, L.J.Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie,
Lord Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Cranborne,
C.Delisle Burns, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone,
Mrs. Ralph Glynn, Miss Guinness, J.H.Harris, Major
J.W.Hills, Dr. C.W.Kimmins, Sir Walter Napier,
C.M.Patrick, Mrs. Walter Runciman, John Sherborne,
H.D.Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley and
L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy
Secretary.

105. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Miss Courtney,
Admiral Drury-Lowe, Rhys Davies, Captain Green, Sir Arthur
Haworth, Sir Hugh Jaudwine, G. le M.Mander, Sir John Power,
W.J.Salmon, Rennie Smith, H.S.Syrett and Professor Zimmerman.
106. WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed Lord Cranborne, who was
attending the Committee for the first time.
107. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions and reports on
minutes 98, 100, 101, 102(c), the minutes of the Committee
dated April 7th, 1932 were confirmed as circulated.

On minute 98 - The Far East, it was reported that a letter
had been written to Sir John Simon on the lines indicated
by the Committee. The following reply, dated April 18th,
from Captain Eden was read:-

"Sir John Simon unfortunately could not find time during
his very brief stay in London to reply personally to
your letter of the 9th of April regarding the Shanghai
negotiations, and perhaps you will permit me to reply
in his place.

You do not explicitly state the views of your Executive
Committee which your letter was to convey, but I infer
that the Committee is under the impression that His
Majesty's Minister in China may be working for Articles
of Agreement inconsistent with the resolutions of the
Assembly of the League. I can assure you at once that
any such impression would be entirely wrong.

As regards the present position, you will have noticed
that there has been an important change in the last few
days. The Chinese representative at Geneva has asked for
a special meeting of the Assembly Committee of Nineteen
to consider various points arising out of the Shanghai
negotiations, which are suspended pending the result
of the Committee's deliberations. The Committee held
a preliminary meeting on the 16th of April, and are
expected to meet again shortly."

It was further reported that the sub-Committee on
the Far East (consisting of Sir Austen Chamberlain,
Lady Gladstone, Professor Zimmerman, Mrs. Dugdale, Major
Buxton and the Chairman) would hold its first meeting at
11.30 on Friday, April 22nd.

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES.

XVth Plenary Congress, Paris, July, 1932.

Draft Resolutions as provisionally adopted by the Executive Committee on April 21st.

The Sino-Japanese dispute and the efforts of the League of Nations to terminate hostilities and eventually to effect a just settlement of the issues between Japan and China have aroused doubts whether the organised collective action of the League of Nations can be relied upon to forestall or arrest any resort to war and to protect any state victim of aggression. Such doubts might re-act unfavourably on the prospects of the Disarmament Conference.

In these circumstances the League of Nations Union has urged that the vindication of the authority of the Covenant of the League should be one of the main objects of the annual Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies, and has promised to submit proposals in support of that object. Its proposals could best take the form of resolutions to be adopted by the Congress. These proposals must include a re-affirmation of the Federation's Disarmament policy without which no improvement in the machinery for preventing aggression can be permanently effective.

The following draft resolutions have been prepared for this purpose.

Resolution I.

The XVth Plenary Congress

Considering that the recent events in the Far East have made it necessary to strengthen and improve the collective action of Nations for the maintenance of peace;

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On Minute 100 - Brussels Meetings, the following letter from Sir Robert Vansittart, dated April 19th, regarding the alleged shooting by Soviet soldiers of refugees crossing the river Dniester from the Ukraine into Roumania, was read to the Committee:-

'I have looked into the matters raised in your letter of April 9th (O.S. 346(13)) regarding the incidents which have recently occurred along the Soviet-Roumanian frontier.

The record of events so far reported by His Majesty's Minister in Bucharest is as follows:-

On the night of February 3rd a party of sixty-two unarmed Moldavian peasants, all Soviet citizens, attempted to cross the Dniester from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to Roumania, near Cetatea Alba. Of these forty were reported to have been shot dead by the Soviet frontier guards, and twenty-two reached Roumania, some of whom were badly wounded. Amongst those killed were women and children.

A fresh incident occurred opposite Tighina on the night of February 24th, when about three hundred peasants were shot by Soviet guards on attempting to cross the river. None of these persons reached Roumania. The proportion of killed and wounded was not reported.

On March 11th a family of Moldavians, living in Soviet Russia, attempted to cross the Dniester, and were shot by Soviet guards, one child being killed and the father and mother wounded.

Following upon this last case, the Committee of Assistance for Moldavian Refugees at Kishineff addressed to the League of Nations a protest in regard to these incidents, the magnitude and frequency of which have caused much discussion in the Roumanian press and Parliament. A fund for the refugees has been opened in the Senate; and the Chamber has approved a proposal that the Government should address the League of Nations on the whole subject.

It also appears from a despatch dated March 29th from His Majesty's Minister at Bucharest that there have been a certain number of other incidents, involving the deaths of refugees; but no particulars of these are known.

You will of course realise that our Minister is not in a position to check independently the accuracy of the accounts of these events.'

On Minute 101 - Disarmament Conference, it was reported that the small sub-Committee, appointed to deal with questions arising out of the Disarmament Conference, would meet at noon on Tuesday in each week when the Political Committee does not meet. Lady Palmoor expressed her willingness to serve on this sub-Committee.

Recognising that as the Assembly of the League of Nations stated on September 26th, 1927, the success of the work of disarmament depends upon every State being able to rely on the organised collective action of the League of Nations as well as on its own armaments for its security;

Believing that collective action organised by the League of Nations in the case of a dispute similar to that of the controversy between China and Japan would be much strengthened if the General Convention to Improve the Means of Preventing War adopted at Geneva on September 26th, 1931, were in force as against the parties to the dispute;

Urges that this Convention be signed and ratified by all nations without delay;

Recommends to the League of Nations the desirability of examining other means for dealing with ^{the problem of} recourse to armed force which does not legally amount to war;

Suggests in this connection that the Assembly should adopt a formal resolution to the effect

(a) that where an emergency arises in State A endangering the lives or property of nationals of State B and it becomes necessary for State B or some third State to take immediate action involving the use of armed force in order to protect such lives or property, the State taking such action must at once communicate the fact to the League of Nations; and

(b) that the Council of the League is by virtue of such communication immediately seized of the matter, and shall take any action that may be deemed wise and effectual to safeguard the peace of nations;

Recommends that every State Member of the League should make such constitutional and/or legal provisions as will enable the Government without undue delay.

On Minute 102(c) - 22 - Cleaning of Office, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Office and Finance Committees be asked to consider the question of redecorating the Board Room and improving the heating."

108. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Welcome Committee. (Lady Gladstone reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated April 5th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (22) Arising out of Minutes; (23) Secretary's Report; (24) Communication to Branches on Minute 4 (International Section); (25) Suggested New Member; (26) Miss Kydd; (27) International Association for Social Progress.

(b) Sub-Committee on the Private Manufacture of Arms and the Traffic in Arms. (Sir Austen Chamberlain reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 7, the minutes of the Committee dated April 8th and April 13th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Traffic in Arms; (3) Private Manufacture of Arms; (4) Government Credits for Export of Armaments; (7) Private Manufacture of Arms.

On Minute 7 - Private Manufacture of Arms, it was

RESOLVED: "That enquiries be made of the International Federation's Disarmament Committee, now meeting in Geneva, concerning the procedure likely to be followed in the Disarmament Conference on the question of the private manufacture of arms; and that, in the light of the information received, this minute be reconsidered at the next meeting of the Committee."

(c) Education Committee. (Dr. Kilmind reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 67 and 69, the minutes of the Committee dated April 11th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (53) Arising out of Minutes; (54) Membership of the Committee; (55) Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (56) Report of work in Universities and Colleges; (57) Report of Junior Branches Sub-Committee; (58) Scheme of work for Junior Members and Junior Branches; (59) International Camps Ground; (60) Communication from Mr. Epstein; (61) Report of Youth Sub-Committee; (62) Recognition of Youth Groups; (63) Youth Conference at Geneva; (64) Handbook Discussion; (65) Curriculum Sub-Committee: Report on Progress; (66) Report of the Board of Education on League Instruction in the Schools; (67) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (68) The 1932 School; (69) Report of Workers' Educational Association; (70) Headmasters' Association: Correspondence in "Education"; (71) National Union of Teachers; (72) Fourteenth International Congress of Secondary Education; (73) Bursary at Fircroft Residential College.

On Minute 67 - International Federation of League of Nations Societies, it was

RESOLVED: "That the word 'Polish' be substituted for the word 'Federation's' in paragraph (b)."

On Minute 69 - Report of Workers' Educational Association, it was

RESOLVED: "That further details of the courses conducted by the Workers' Educational Association be circulated for the information of the Committee."

- (d) Political and Parliamentary Committee. (Lord Cecil reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 19, the minutes of the Committee dated April 18th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (16) Disarmament Campaign; (17) British Policy at the Disarmament Conference; (18) Disarmament Sub-Committee; (19) Policy of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies.

On Minute 19 - Policy of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies, after considerable discussion, in the course of which a letter dated April 15th from Admiral Drury-Lowe to Lord Cecil was read to the Committee, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That subject to approval by the International Law Committee, the resolutions for submission to the XVIIth Plenary Congress of the International Federation be approved in the [attached] amended form."

It was reported that the International Law Committee would be meeting on April 25th to consider these resolutions.

109. ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1931. The Committee considered the draft Annual Report for 1931, and it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That any amendments to the Annual Report which members of the Committee may have to suggest, be sent to the secretary of the Union not later than Monday, April 25th."

(2) "That in future more time be allowed for members of the Committee to consider the draft Report."

110. WELFARE OF ANIMALS IN TRANSIT. The Committee considered a memorandum and draft Convention, together with two draft resolutions, submitted by the International League against the Export of Horses for Butchery. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That resolution A be approved in the following amended form:-

to join in applying, to a Covenant-breaking State, economic, financial or military pressure in accordance with Article 16 of the Covenant;
 Urges the Council of the League to reduce its private sessions to a minimum; and

Welcomes the declaration of the special Assembly of the League in its resolution of March 11th, 1932, "that it is incumbent upon the Members of the League of Nations not to recognise any situation brought about contrary to the Covenant or to the Pact of Paris".

Resolution II.

The XVth Plenary Congress,

Noting with encouragement that in the opening stages of the Disarmament Conference three Great Powers and 21 other States have declared in favour of the main principle of disarmament unanimously recommended by the XVth Plenary Congress at Budapest in May, 1931,
 Observing that these proposals have also been in part accepted and are being accepted in an increasing measure by the other States represented at the Conference,

Calls upon the League of Nations Societies in all lands by a supreme effort to make the most of the opportunity afforded by this initial success so that the Conference may bring about a substantial reduction as well as the limitation of national armaments; and

Urges every League of Nations Society to use its whole strength for the purpose of impressing upon its national government that widespread and powerful public opinion demands disarmament on the lines of the

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'The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union

Respectfully urges His Majesty's Government to ask its representative on the League's Committee of Veterinary Experts to endeavour to arrange for the inclusion in the draft conventions, now under consideration, of the provisions (including such as are set out in the following annex) which experience has shown to be necessary to secure to animals in course of transit immunity from cruelty and preventible suffering.'

(2)"That consideration of resolution B be adjourned pending enquiries to be made by Major Buxton and Sir George Cockerill at the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries."

111. AUXILIARY LANGUAGE. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following resolution be approved for submission to the XVth Plenary Congress of the International Federation:-

'The XVth Plenary Congress

Having regard to the importance of mutual intelligibility for international understanding, and the consequent need for some auxiliary language to be generally available as a makeshift means of communication;

Considers it highly desirable that the Assembly of the League of Nations should

- (1) encourage the universal use of some one language as an auxiliary means of international communication; and
- (2) immediately seek the advice of the International Committee on Intellectual Co-operation as to the best steps to be taken to this end.

112. LIBERIA. On the motion of Mr. J.H.Harris it was

RESOLVED: "That the Mandates Committee be asked to consider the present situation in Liberia and in Abyssinia, and that Mr. Patrick, Lord Noel Buxton and any other persons whom the Committee may suggest be invited to join the Committee for this purpose."

113. COMMUNICATION FROM MR. DAVID DAVIES. The Committee considered a communication dated April 12th, from Mr. David Davies, asking that prospectuses of his books entitled AN INTERNATIONAL POLICEFORCE and SUICIDE OR SANITY be circulated by the Union at his expense to all Foundation Members and Branch Secretaries. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the prospectuses be not circulated in the manner suggested by Mr. Davies."

Budapest proposals and particularly

- (1) the abolition of the so-called offensive or aggressive armaments, including warships of over 10,000 tons, submarines, tanks, heavy artillery and military aircraft, which are in fact forbidden to Germany under the Peace Treaties;
- (2) by this or other means a reduction of the amount budgeted for ^{world} armaments by 25 per cent. within five years; and
- (3) that the international organisation of aviation under the auspices of the League of Nations and the creation of an international air force should be carefully considered.

Resolution III.

In view of recent events the Federation desires to emphasise the fact that none of the machinery for the maintenance of peace can be successful unless it is operated wholeheartedly by the Governments which are pledged to use it; and calls upon all members of the Federation to create in the minds of their peoples and governments an unalterable will to abide by their obligations under every Article of the Covenant and other collective treaties for the prevention of war and the organisation of peace.

114. COMMUNICATION FROM MR. ELVIN. The Committee considered a communication from Mr. Elvin, dated April 8th, asking for an opportunity to address the staff on "the I.L.O. and its relation to office workers, with a view not only of interesting them but to show the intimate connection between their work and Trade Unions generally, with application to the particular Union which they might consider joining - if not to benefit themselves at any rate to be of assistance in the extension of the appeal of the L.N.U. to organised labour". The Secretary stated that he had received a letter from Miss Ellen Wilkinson on the question of members of the staff joining the National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers, and that he was hoping to have a talk with her on this subject shortly. After discussion, during the course of which the Committee were reminded of the resolution adopted on October 30th, 1930 (minute 256e) it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That arrangements be made for Mr. Elvin to address the staff on the I.L.O. and its relation to office workers, but that he be asked to confine his address to this subject only on this occasion."
- (2) "That any request from Mr. Elvin to address members of the staff on the question of their joining the National Union of Clerks and Administrative Workers would be sympathetically considered by this Committee, on the understanding that members of the staff are, and will continue to be, perfectly free to join or not to join a Trade Union as they may individually prefer."

115. COMMUNICATION FROM THE ANTI-SLAVERY AND ABORIGINES PROTECTION SOCIETY. The Chairman reported a communication he had received from Mr. Charles Roberts regarding the proposed activities of the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society during the celebration of the Centenary of the abolition of slavery in British Possessions. The Committee agreed that in certain forms co-operation of the League of Nations Union Branches should be invited, provided that none of the expenses attaching to such celebrations should be made a charge on the Union's funds.

116. DISARMAMENT. Lord Cramborne stated that in many parts of the country the Union's Disarmament policy in regard to the 25 per cent. reduction within five years was apt to be misunderstood. It was

RESOLVED: "That a statement be included in the next issue of HEADWAY, pointing out that the policy advocated by the Union is for reduction of 25 per cent. of the total amount budgeted for world armaments within five years."

117. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the Kirbymoorside Branch, the Reading Branch and the North-West Branch of the Educational Workers' League, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the N. and N.W. London Branch of the National Union of Clerks and Administrative Workers be informed of the Executive Committee's decision regarding the question of members of the Union's staff joining a trade union."

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118. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members and Corporate Associates, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

3 Branches, 5 Junior Branches, 5 Corporate Members, 7 Corporate Associates.

Deletions.

1 Branch, 2 Corporate Members, 9 Corporate Associates.

BRANCHES: Crown Terrace Baptist Church, Aberdeen; Camelford, Cornwall; Insch, Scotland. DELETION: Orrell and District, Lancs; JUNIOR BRANCHES: Tinkers Farm School, Birmingham; Clydebank High School, Clydebank; Ealing and District Junior Branch, London; Congregational Church Sunday School, Harrow, Middlesex; Sheringham Junior Branch, Norfolk. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Tynemouth Branch of the National Union of Teachers, Northumberland; St. Michael's Church, Boldmere, Warwick; Brown Street Baptist Church, Salisbury; Knowle Wesleyan Church, Mirfield, Yorks; Zion Congregational Church, Attercliffe, Sheffield. DELETIONS: East Ham Presbyterian Church; St. George's Congregational Church, Middlesbrough. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Claybrooke and Wibtoft Women's Institute; Riseley Women's Institute; Kingston Women's Co-operative Guild; St. John's Church Women's Meeting, Smith Square; Hoxton Sunshine Townswomen's Guild; 1st Neadvale Ranger Co.; Heathfield Sisterhood. DELETIONS: Scotton Women's Institute; Y.W.C.A., Hitchin; 1st Mere Co. Girl Guides; Mellis Women's Institute; Alvechurch Women's Institute; Shepherdswell Women's Institute; Hildonborough Women's Institute; Keston Women's Institute; Coghnam Mothers' Union.

It was reported that there were now 3,051 Branches, 1,215 Junior Branches, 3,556 Corporate Members and 757 Corporate Associates; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 968,463 of whom 114,666 had paid a subscription to date in 1932 as compared with 131,607 during the corresponding period of 1931.

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 14, GROSVENOR CHURCH, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH, 1932 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Admiral Allen, C. Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury, Lord Cecil, Lord Dickinson, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H. Green, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Pamoor, C.M. Patrick, Mrs. Walter Runciman, H.S. Syrett, Herbert Worsley and L.M. Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

119. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Sir Austen Chamberlain, Miss Courtney, Lord Cranborne, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Miss Guinness, Commander Kenworthy, Sir John Power, W.J. Salmon, J. Sherborne, Rennie Smith, H.D. Watson and Professor Zimmern.
120. RESOLUTIONS FOR XVITH PLENARY CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION. The Committee considered the amendments which had been suggested by the International Law Committee at its meeting on April 25th to the first of the three draft resolutions for submission to the XVith Plenary Congress of the International Federation (see minute 108(d)19). After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the draft resolutions be submitted for consideration by the XVith Plenary Congress in the following amended form:-

Resolution I.

The XVith Plenary Congress

X Considering that the recent events in the Far East have made it necessary to strengthen and improve the collective action of Nations for the maintenance of peace;

Recognising that as the Assembly of the League of Nations stated on September 26th, 1927, the success of the work of disarmament depends upon every state being able to rely on the organised collective action of the League of Nations as well as on its own armaments for its security;

Believing that collective action organised by the League of Nations in the case of a dispute similar to that of the controversy between China and Japan would be much strengthened if the General Convention to Improve the Means of Preventing War adopted at Geneva on September 26th, 1931, were in force as against the parties to the dispute;

Urges that this Convention be signed and ratified by all nations without delay;

Recommends to the League of Nations the desirability of examining other means for dealing with the problem of recourse to armed force which does not amount to a state of war;

Suggests in this connection that the Assembly should adopt a formal resolution to the effect

- (a) that where an emergency arises in State A endangering the lives or property of nationals of State B and State B or some third State takes immediate action involving the use of armed force in order to protect such lives or property, the State taking such action must at once communicate the fact to the League of Nations; and
- (b) that the Council of the League is by virtue of such communication immediately seized of the matter, and shall take any action that may be deemed wise and effectual to safeguard the peace of nations;

Recommends that the League of Nations should invite the States Members of the League to take such steps as will enable their Governments without undue delay, and in particular without further constitutional and/or legal provisions, to join in applying, to a Covenant-breaking State, economic, financial or military pressure in accordance with Article 16 of the Covenant;

Urges the Council of the League to reduce its private sessions to a minimum;

Welcomes the declaration of the special Assembly of the League in its resolution of March 11th, 1932, "that it is incumbent upon the Members of the League of Nations not to recognise any situation brought about contrary to the Covenant or to the Pact of Paris";

Recommends that consideration be given by the League to the best method of making this resolution effective as a general instrument for the maintenance of international peace and security. X

Resolution II.

The XVth Plenary Congress,

Noting with encouragement that in the opening stages of the Disarmament Conference three Great Powers and twenty-one other states have declared in favour of the main principle of disarmament unanimously recommended by the XVth Plenary Congress at Budapest in May, 1931,

Observing that these proposals have also been in part accepted and are being accepted in an increasing measure by the other States represented at the Conference,

Calls upon the League of Nations Societies in all lands by a supreme effort to make the most of the opportunity afforded by this initial success so that the Conference may bring about a substantial reduction as well as the limitation of national armaments; and

Urges every League of Nations Society to use its whole strength for the purpose of impressing upon its national government that widespread and powerful public opinion demands disarmament on the lines of the Budapest proposals and particularly

- (1) the abolition of the so-called offensive or aggressive national armaments, including warships of over 10,000 tons, submarines, tanks, heavy artillery and military aircraft, which are in fact forbidden to Germany under the Peace Treaties;
- (2) by this or other means a reduction of the amount budgeted for world armaments by 25 per cent. within five years; and
- (3) that the international organisation of aviation under the auspices of the League of Nations and the creation of an international air force should be carefully considered.

Resolution III.

In view of recent events the Federation desires to emphasise the fact that none of the machinery for the maintenance of peace can be successful unless it is operated wholeheartedly by the Governments which are pledged to use it; and calls upon all members of the Federation to create in the minds of their peoples and governments an unalterable will to abide by their obligations under every Article of the Covenant and other collective treaties for the prevention of war and the organisation of peace."

121. REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL AVIATION SUB-COMMITTEE. The Committee considered the Report on Aerial Disarmament submitted by the International Aviation Sub-Committee. Letters dated April 27th from Sir Austen Chamberlain and from Captain Liddell Hart (who was a member of the sub-Committee but who had been unable to be present except at the first meeting) were read to the Committee. After considerable discussion it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That Lord Cecil be authorised to communicate to the Foreign Office the expert sub-Committee's Report on Aerial Disarmament; but that, in doing so, he be asked to explain that the report, although it has been considered, has not been accepted by the Executive Committee."
- (2) "That a resolution for submission to the General Council on the subject of aerial disarmament be prepared for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting; and that consideration be also given to the desirability or otherwise of circulating the sub-Committee's Report on Aerial Disarmament to the General Council."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, MAY 5TH, 1932
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Admiral
Allen, Sir Norman Angelil, C. Delisle Burns,
Major Anthony Buxton, Colonel David Carnegie,
Lord Granborne, Lord Dickinson, Mrs. Dugdale,
Lady Gladstone, the Hon. Mrs. Ralph Glyn,
Captain L.H. Green, Lady Hill, Major Hills,
Sir Hugh Jendwine, Dr. Kimmins, Lady Layton,
Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, C.M. Patrick,
John Sherborne, Sir Ben Turner, H.D. Watson,
the Hon. Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley and
L.M. Wynch, together with the Secretary and
Deputy Secretary.

122. APLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Miss Courtney,
Admiral Brury-Lowe, Sir Arthur Haworth, Commander Kenworthy,
G. le M. Mander, Sir John Power, W.J. Salmon, and Rennie Smith.

123. MR. W. J. SALMON. The Committee were distressed to learn
of the recent severe illness of Mr. Salmon, and it was

RESOLVED: "That a letter be sent to Mr. Salmon, express-
ing the sympathy of the Committee in his ill-
ness and their best wishes for his speedy and
complete recovery."

124. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on minutes 120
and 121, the minutes of the Committee dated April 21st,
and of the special meeting dated April 26th, 1932 were con-
firmed as circulated.

On Minute 120 - Resolutions for XVIIth Plenary Congress
of the International Federation, it was

RESOLVED: "That the word 'legislative' be substituted
for the word 'legal' in the seventh para-
graph, and the word 'declaration' substituted
for the words 'resolution' in the last para-
graph of resolution I."

On Minute 121 - Report of International Aviation Sub-
Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That, subject to the decision contained in
minute 126 below, further consideration of
the Report on Aerial Disarmament be adjourned
until Lord Cecil's return from Geneva."

125. HONORARY PRESIDENTS. The Chairman stated that Mr. Lloyd
George might see his way to take a more active part in
the work of the Union and of its Executive Committee. The
Executive saw no reason why the three Honorary Presidents,
as well as the two Joint Presidents, should not participate
in the work of the Executive, although under the Bye-
Laws all the Union's Presidents who have not been elected
as members of the Executive are not members of it and
therefore cannot vote. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Honorary Presidents of the Union be in-
formed that if, at any time, they feel able to
attend meetings of the Executive Committee, their
presence would be greatly welcomed and appreciated.

See Minute 136.

*5 M. BRIAND.

The General Council of the League of Nations Union Mourning the death of the late M. Aristide Briand, Places on record its sense of the profound loss which the world has suffered by his passing, and Affirms its conviction that his memory will be a perpetual inspiration to all those who strive to bring nations closer together in understanding and to achieve through the League of Nations the ideals of justice and peace to the attainment of which M. Briand's life was devoted.

6 THE FAR EAST AND THE VINDICATION OF THE COVENANT.

1 * (i) [Executive Committee.]

The General Council of the League of Nations Union Convinced by recent events in the Far East that the machinery for the maintenance of peace cannot be successful unless it is

operated wholeheartedly by the Governments which are pledged to use it;

Calls upon all members of the Union to use their best endeavours to create in the minds of the British people and of His Majesty's Government a resolute intention to abide by their obligations under every Article of the Covenant and other collective treaties for the prevention of war and the organisation of peace.

2 * (ii) [Executive Committee.]

The General Council of the League of Nations Union

Considering that recent events in the Far East have made it necessary to strengthen and improve the collective action of nations for the maintenance of peace;

Recognising that as the Assembly of the League of Nations stated on September 26, 1927, the success of the work of disarmament depends upon every State being able to rely on the organised collective action of the League of Nations as well as on its own armaments for its security;

Believing that collective action organised by the League of Nations in the case of a dispute similar to that of the controversy between China and Japan would be much strengthened if the General Convention to Improve the Means of Preventing War adopted at Geneva on September 26, 1931, were in force as against the parties to the dispute

Respectfully requests His Majesty's Government in Great Britain to use its influence so that

- (1) this Convention should be signed and ratified by all nations without delay;
- (2) the League of Nations should examine other means for dealing with the problem of recourse to armed force which does not amount to a state of war;
- (3) the Assembly should in this connection adopt a formal resolution to the effect
 - (a) that where an emergency arises in State A endangering the lives or property of nationals of State B and State B or some third State takes immediate action involving the use of armed force in order to protect such lives or property, the State taking such action must at once communicate the fact to the League of Nations; and

126. PRIVATE MANUFACTURE OF ARMS. The Committee considered a memorandum by Miss Courtney on the Position of the Question of Private Manufacture of Arms at the Disarmament Conference (S.G. 5149), in accordance with minute 108(7) of the last meeting. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That Colonel Carnegie and Major Hills be asked to draft, for consideration by the Committee, detailed proposals for dealing with the problem of the private manufacture of arms, including the propaganda work carried on by armaments firms."

127. ANNUAL MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered draft resolutions to be submitted by the Executive for consideration by the General Council at its forthcoming Annual Meeting at Cheltenham. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That resolutions on the following subjects be included, in the attached form, in the Preliminary Agenda for the Annual Meeting of the General Council:

- I. M. Briand.
- II. The Far East and the Vindication of the Covenant. (5 resolutions).
- III. Disarmament. (2 resolutions).
- IV. Traffic in Arms.
- V. Auxiliary Language.
- VI. Church Corporate Members.

- (2) "That Sir Austen Chamberlain be invited to move resolution I at the General Council's meeting."

It was further

RESOLVED: (3) "That the Industrial Advisory Committee be asked to prepare draft resolutions upon

- (1) Disarmament and Unemployment,
- (11) The Washington Hours Convention,

consistent with the Union's Statement upon International Policy in Appendix I of the Annual Report for 1931; and that, subject to the approval of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, these resolutions be included in the Preliminary Agenda of the General Council."

The Committee also considered resolutions which had been submitted by Branches and Districts. It was

RESOLVED: (4) "That these resolutions be referred to the appropriate Sub-Committees for consideration and report."

128. CO-OPTATIONS TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the General Council be recommended to elect the following as Vice-Presidents of the Union:- Lord Cobham, Lord Howard of Penrith, Lord Sankey and Sir Daniel Stevenson."

- (b) that the Council of the League is by virtue of such communication immediately seized of the matter, and shall take any action that may be deemed wise and effectual to safeguard the peace of nations;
- (4) the League of Nations should invite the States Members of the League to take such steps as will enable their Governments without undue delay, and in particular without further constitutional and/or legislative provisions, to join in applying, to a Covenant-breaking State, economic, financial or military pressure in accordance with Article 16 of the Covenant.
- (5) the Council of the League should reduce its private sessions to a minimum;
- (6) consideration should be given by the League to the best method of rendering effective, as a general instrument for the maintenance of international peace and security, the declaration of the Assembly on March 11, 1932, 'that it is incumbent upon the Members of the League of Nations not to recognise any situation brought about contrary to the Covenant or to the Pact of Paris.'

Amendments [Regions Committee].

Omit 'as' in line 5 of (ii).

Insert 'that' between '1927' and 'the' in line 6 of (ii).

Insert 'mainly' between 'disarmament' and 'depends' in line 7 of (ii).

3 * (iii) [Executive Committee.]

The General Council of the League of Nations Union Expresses its satisfaction at the results of the March meeting of the League's Special Assembly and, in particular, at

- (a) the recommendations, accepted by both China and Japan, for the negotiation of the withdrawal of the Japanese forces from the Chinese territory in the Shanghai area without political conditions attached;
- (b) the decision to carry through the procedure of Article 15, as provided in the Covenant, and to apply it to the whole of the matter under dispute;
- (c) the acceptance of the twin principles that it is incumbent upon the Members of the League of Nations not to recognise

- (2) "That the recommendation of persons for co-optation by the Council under Bye-Laws 6(iii) and 6(iv) be referred to the Branches Committee with power to act.

129. XVITH PLENARY CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION.
It was

RESOLVED: "That the following resolutions be submitted to the International Federation for consideration by the XVith Plenary Congress:-

I. M. BRIAND.

XVith Plenary Congress

Mourning the death of the late M. Aristide Briand,

Places on record its sense of the profound loss which the world has suffered by his passing, and

Affirms its conviction that his memory will be a perpetual inspiration to all those who strive to bring nations closer together in understanding and to achieve through the League of Nations the ideals of justice and peace to the attainment of which M. Briand's life was devoted.

II. ECONOMICS.

XVith Plenary Congress,

Being firmly convinced that a constant co-operation between Governments, through the League, in the financial and economic sphere, is absolutely essential for the restoration of economic prosperity,

Calls upon affiliated Societies to do everything possible to secure a demand from public opinion in their respective countries that their statesmen shall forthwith confer, without any limitation whatsoever, upon the present grave and dangerous economic and financial situation, so that the nations may adopt the measures necessary for its amelioration, including in particular,

- (a) the better organisation of international credit and the restoration of international confidence;
- (b) the removal of hindrances to international commerce;
- (c) the resumption of the normal process of investment;
- (d) the discontinuance of the self-contradictory policy which involves the annual payment of large sums by debtor to creditor countries, while at the same time it puts obstacles in the way of the free movement of goods;

any situation, treaty or agreement which may be brought about by means contrary to the Covenant of the League of Nations or to the Pact of Paris, and that the settlement of the dispute must not be sought under the stress of military pressure; and

Relies confidently upon His Majesty's Government in Great Britain to do all in its power to secure that the Assembly Resolutions, reaffirmed in the Foreign Secretary's declaration in the House of Commons on March 22, are carried out both in the letter and in the spirit until a just settlement has been effected of the issues between China and Japan.

4 *(iv) [Executive Committee.]

The General Council of the League of Nations Union Considering that the policy embodied in the Nine Power Treaty, by which we and other Powers undertook 'to provide the fullest and most unembarrassed opportunity to China to develop and maintain for herself an effective and stable government' is the only basis on which satisfactory conditions can be restored in the Far East;

Believes that the League of Nations affords an instrument of which the Chinese Government might consistently with its dignity and national integrity increasingly avail itself for this purpose of national reconstruction; and
Urges that every possible effort should be made by His Majesty's Government to assist the development of this policy.

5 *2 FAR EAST. [Executive Committee.]

That approval be given to the action taken by the Executive Committee in arranging the meeting held in the Albert Hall on March 7; and
that to cover the cost of this meeting the expenditure by Headquarters of the sum of £300 in addition to the expenditure for 1932 fixed by the Council on December 10, 1931, be authorised.

~~knows and press upon the Government's policy in a crisis which~~
knowledge of the British Government's policy in a crisis which
is the greatest since the world war.

7 DISARMAMENT.

*(i) [Executive Committee.]

The General Council of the League of Nations Union
Noting with encouragement that in the opening stages of the

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and

Expresses the hope that tariffs, along with the inter-connected problems of monetary agreements, settlement of war debts, revival of security and real reduction of armaments will be recognised as a matter for international discussion and arrangement.

III. WELFARE OF ANIMALS IN TRANSIT.

XVith Plenary Congress,

Respectfully calls the attention of the Council of the League of Nations to the importance of protecting animals transported by land or sea from preventible suffering; and

Suggests to the Council that it should request the League's Economic Committee either to include in one of the draft veterinary conventions now under consideration or preferably to embody in a separate draft convention all those measures (including such as are set out in the following annex) which experience has shown to be necessary to secure to animals in course of transit immunity from cruelty and preventible suffering.

IV. TRAFFIC IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

XVith Plenary Congress

Notes the fact that the existing International Conventions against traffic in women and children do not provide for the punishment of traffic in women who are over twenty-one years of age, except in cases where the traffickers employ fraud, violence, threats, abuse of authority or other methods of compulsion.

The Plenary Congress also notes the opinion expressed by the Advisory Committee of the League of Nations against traffic in women and children,

- (a) that traffic in women is always and in all circumstances a profoundly immoral and anti social act;
- (b) that experience has shown that impunity as regards traffic in women who are over age, and who consent, is hampering the effective suppression of traffic in minors, and
- (c) that the traffic in women, even if the victims are over age and consent, should be punished.

The Plenary Congress therefore calls upon the constituent societies to examine the legislative position in their respective countries with a view, where necessary, to working for legislation punishing traffic in women of any age, whether consenting parties or not, and with the ultimate aim of introducing the necessary modifications in the International Conventions.

Disarmament Conference three Great Powers and twenty-one other States have declared in favour of the main principle of disarmament unanimously recommended by the XVth Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies at Budapest in May, 1931:

Observing that these proposals have also been in part accepted and are being accepted in an increasing measure by the other States represented at the Conference;

Resolves to use all its strength for the purpose of impressing upon His Majesty's Government that widespread and powerful public opinion demands disarmament on the lines of the Budapest proposals and particularly

- (a) the abolition of the so-called offensive or aggressive national armaments, including warships of over 10,000 tons, submarines, tanks, heavy artillery and military aircraft, which are in fact forbidden to Germany under the Peace Treaties;
- (b) by this or other means a reduction of the total amount budgeted for world armaments by 25 per cent. within five years; and
- (c) that the international organisation of aviation under the auspices of the League of Nations and the creation of an international air force should be carefully considered.

* (ii) [Executive Committee.]

The General Council of the League of Nations Union Believing that if the First General Conference on the Limitation and Reduction of Armaments is to succeed the nations will have to be satisfied that their security is not going to be diminished;
Recognising the importance of the principle that security will increase as the principle of common action gradually supersedes in the minds of the nations that of individual defence;
Recommends to branches and members of the Union a careful study of the report of the Union's Sub-Committee on Aerial Disarmament.

8 TRAFFIC IN ARMS. [Executive Committee.]

The General Council of the League of Nations Union Welcomes the action of the Executive Committee in urging His

Majesty's Government to do its utmost to secure the adoption by the Disarmament Conference of the Spanish Proposal for the incorporation of the Convention of 1925 on the supervision of the international trade in arms and ammunition,* in the Final Convention of the Conference.

130. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Minorities Committee. With the exception of Minute 9 (Minorities Procedure) consideration of which was adjourned, the minutes of the meeting held on April 14th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (8) East Galicia; (9) Minorities Procedure; (10) The Brussels Meetings.

- (b) Christian Organisations Committee. The Minutes of the Committee dated April 20th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (33) Co-optations to General Council; (34) Nominations for Vice-Presidents; (35) New Members of Committee; (36) Sunday School Demonstration on Disarmament; (37) Literature for Sunday School Children; (38) Corporate Membership Conditions; (39) Applications for Corporate Membership; (40) Resolutions; (41) Pamphlet on Chemical Warfare.

- (c) Far East Sub-Committee. Subject to the following decision on minute 2, the minutes of the Committee dated April 22nd were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (2) Resolutions upon the Far Eastern Crisis; (3) Co-optations.

On Minute 2 - Resolutions upon the Far Eastern Crisis, on the motion of Lady Gladstone, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'Far East' be substituted for the word 'China' in the first line of the resolution, and that the following words be added at the end of the last paragraph of resolution (I):

'until a just settlement has been effected of the issues between China and Japan.'"

- (d) International Law Committee. The minutes of the Committee dated April 25th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (35) Vindication of the Covenant; (36) Situation in the Far East; (37) Abolition of Blockade; (38) Finnish Ships Case; (39) Unanimity Rule; (40) Responsibility of States for Crimes against Foreigners committed within their Territory.

- (e) Library Committee. The minutes of the Committee dated April 25th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (13) Story Books for Children written during the War and calculated to promote bad international feeling; (14) Charges made by Branches to their members for the loan of books from the Library; (15) Library opening hours; (16) Book List; (17) Additional Shelving for the Library; (18) Membership of the Library Association.

12. AUXILIARY LANGUAGE. [Executive Committee.]

The General Council of the League of Nations Union Having regard to the importance of mutual intelligibility for international understanding, and the consequent need for some auxiliary language to be generally available as a makeshift means of communication;

- Considers it highly desirable that the Assembly of the League of Nations should
- (1) encourage the universal use of some one language as an auxiliary means of international communication; and
 - (2) immediately seek the advice of the International Committee on Intellectual Co-operation as to the best steps to be taken to this end.

I. CHURCH CORPORATE MEMBERS. [Executive Committee.]

That where more than 60 per cent. of the congregation of a church corporate member are paid-up individual members of the Union, such church corporate members shall be known as Honorary Corporate Members, and shall be relieved of the obligation to pay the fee of £1 a year, being, however, notified that the while the payment has ceased to be obligatory it will still be welcome as a voluntary contribution.

(The Regions Committee recommends that this proposal be not adopted.)

- (f) Publicity Committee. With the exception of paragraph (4) (Obsolete Publications), consideration of which was adjourned, the report by Sir Norman Angell dated April 25th, 1932 was approved and adopted.

The report included (1) Report on Publicity Activities for March; (2) Right of Reply; (3) The Cost of the League; (4) Obsolete Publications.

- (g) Overseas Committee. Subject to the following decision on minute 12, the minutes of the Committee dated April 27th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (12) Report of the Brussels Meetings; (13) XVIIth Plenary Congress; (14) Toast to the League of Nations; (15) Overseas Report; (17) Report of Brussels Meeting; (16) General Assembly of the Federal Committee.

On Minute 12 - Report of the Brussels Meetings, it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this minute be adjourned, pending the report of the Finance and Branches Committees."

- (h) Religions and Ethics Committee. The minutes of the Committee dated April 29th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (10) The Late Bishop of Kensington; (11) The Late Canon Bickersteth Otley; (13) Election of Chairman; (14) Co-optations to General Council; (15) Correspondence in "HEADWAY" on "The Spiritual Side"; (16) Proposed Report to Federation of League of Nations Societies; (17) New Member of Committee.

131. COMMUNICATION FROM THE NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. The Committee considered a communication from the National Peace Council, inviting the Union to send two representatives to a small Conference to be held on Tuesday, May 31st, 'where the relationship of recent events in the Far East to the whole problem of organising and establishing peace could be considered in an intimate and informal way'. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman and the Secretary be asked to represent the Union at this Conference."

132. DANUBIAN STATES. It was reported that communications, dated April 29th and 30th, had been received from Dr. Dumba, the President of the Austrian League of Nations Society, and that Sir Arthur Salter, in response to Dr. Garnett's request, had outlined a course of action which the Executive might wish to pursue. It was

RESOLVED: "That Dr. Dumba's communications be considered at the next meeting of the Committee."

133. CLOSING OF OFFICE AT WHITSUN. It was

RESOLVED: "That the office be closed from 5.30 p.m. on Friday, May 13th until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17th."

134. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members and Corporate Associates, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

BRANCHES: Blaevon, Mon; Treherbert, Blaencym, Glam; St. Gabriel's College, Camberwell; Felbridge, Sussex; Frampton-on-Severn, Glos; Guisborough, Yorks; Aberaman, Hebron, Glam; Market Square Congregational, Methyr Tydfil, Glam; Pll, Somerset; Pocklington, Yorks; Scorton, Yorks; Stocksbridge, Yorks; Yaxley, Hunts. DELETIONS: Alstonfield, Derbys; Parnham Congregational Church, Surrey; Hornsea, Hants; Alnora Primitive Methodist Church, Liverpool; Mount Zion Welsh Church, Liverpool; Welsh Church, Liverpool; Richmond, Yorks; St. Helens, Isle of Wight. JUNIOR BRANCHES: The Grove, Dulwich; The Grammar School, Ossett; Stockwell College Practising School, London; Standis House Sanatorium School, Stonehouse, Glos; Treherbert Girls' Council School, Glam; DELETIONS: Central School, Camberwell; Wilton House School, Reading; Wicnes Open-Air School, Lancs; Wilmington Council School, Kent; Higher Standard Girls' School, Worthington, Cumberland. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Bannside Presbyterian Church, Banbridge, Northern Ireland; United Methodist Church, Town Street, Pinxton, Derbys; Church of St. John the Divine, Romford, Essex; St. Christopher's Church, Bare, Lancs; Eaves Lane Congregational Joint Bible Class, Chorley; Wesleyan Sunday School, Ramsbottom; St. Boniface Missionary College, Warminster; St. Thomas' Church, Dudley, Wores; Duke Street Methodist Church, Castleford, Yorks; Christ Church, Middlesbrough. DELETIONS: Bethnal Green Women's Liberal Association; Hampstead Young Liberal Association; Park Road Congregational Church, Birmingham; Ebenezer Congregational Church and Christian Endeavour Society, Birmingham; Christ Church Men's Guild, Aston, Birmingham; Christ Church, Six Ways, Aston, Birmingham; Bristol Road Wesleyan Church, Edgbaston, Birmingham; Women's Club (Edgbaston Section), Birmingham; Young Men's Class, Edgbaston, Birmingham; Nchells Wesley Guild, Erdington, Birmingham; Presbyterian Church of England, Camp Hill, Birmingham; St. James' Church, Young Men's Bible Class, Handsworth, Birmingham. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Cottesmore Women's Institute; Higham-on-the-Hill Women's Institute; Kennington Women's Institute. DELETIONS: Meola Brace Women's Institute; Wickham Bishops and Great Totham Women's Institute.

It was reported that there were now 3,056 Branches, 1,215 Junior Branches, 3,554 Corporate Members and 756 Corporate Associates; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 971,903 of whom 138,457 had paid a subscription to date in 1932 as compared with 149,784 during the corresponding period of 1931.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
14, Grosvenor Crescent, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, MAY 19TH, 1932
At 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Admiral Allen, C. Bellisle Burns, Major Buxton, Colonel Carnegie, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Cranborne, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, H.H. Elvin, Lady Gladstone, The Hon. Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Captain Green, Miss E.M. Guinness, J.H. Harris, Sir Percy Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Dr. Klamms, Lady Layton, Lady Parmoor, C.M. Patrick, Lord Rhyader, John Sherborne, H.S. Syrett, H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley and L.M. Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

135. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from L.J. Cadbury, Miss Courtney, Lady Hall, Major Hills, Sir Hugh Jevadine, Commander Kenworthy, Sir Walter Napier, Sir John Power, Mrs. Runciman, W.J. Salmon, Rennie Smith and Mrs. Wilson-Fox.

136. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision and report on minutes 125, 127 and 129, the minutes of the Committee dated May 5th, 1932, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 125 - Honorary Presidents, the Chairman reported that, as a first step, he had written to Mr. Lloyd George on this subject, but had not yet received a reply.

On Minute 127 - Annual Meeting of General Council, Sir Austen Chamberlain regretted that, owing to his many engagements, he was unable to attend the forthcoming meeting of the General Council at Cheltenham. But he expressed his willingness to prepare a short paper which could be read to the Council when the resolution concerning the late M. Aristide Briand was being considered.

On Minute 129 - XVIIth Plenary Congress of the International Federation, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution on Economics which has been approved for submission to the International Federation, be submitted also to the General Assembly of the Comité Fédéral."

137. COMMUNICATION FROM GENERAL CHAMPAIN. The Committee considered a letter, dated May 6th, from General Champain, the Secretary-General of the British Red Cross Society, concerning the use of the Society's Board Room. The members of the Committee desired to associate themselves with the reply sent by the Secretary.

138. DANUBIAN STATES. The Committee considered communications dated April 29th and 30th from Dr. Dumba, the President of the Austrian League of Nations Society, inviting the League of Nations Societies in various countries to join with his Society in an urgent request to be addressed to Sir Eric Drummond with a view to obtaining "prompt action by the League of Nations in favour of Central Europe threatened by the gravest economic and social disasters." At the suggestion of Sir Arthur Salter, to whom copies of Dr. Dumba's letters had been sent, it was

RESOLVED: "The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union expresses the hope that H.M. Government will take the earliest opportunity of utilising a renewed effort by the League for facilitating greater freedom for trade in Europe."

139. DEATH OF M. ALBERT THOMAS. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Committee desires to place on record its sense of the very real loss which the cause of international peace has sustained by the death of M. Albert Thomas, and requests that a letter of sympathy be sent to Madame Thomas."

140. THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. Mrs. Corbett Ashby, at the Chairman's invitation, gave the Committee a short account of the proceedings of the Disarmament Conference, and answered a number of questions. It was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That the hearty thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mrs. Corbett Ashby."

141. REGIONS COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on minute 6, the minutes of the Committee dated May 12th, 1932, were received.

These minutes included (3) Disarmament Conference; (4) Equalisation of Travelling Expenses of Delegates to the Council Meeting on February 27th; (5) General Council; (6) International Federation Funds; (7) Collection, in accordance with Rule 3, of Foundation Membership subscriptions which are six months in arrears; (8) Membership Records; (9) Receipts for Subscriptions of 1s.0d.; (10) Circular Letter to Branches; (11) Procedure at General Council Meetings; (12) Public Meeting in connection with the General Council Meeting in December; (13) Public and Private Sessions of the Council.

On Minute 6 - International Federation Funds, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be considered along with the report of the Overseas, Branches and Finance Committees on the subject."

142. XLIITH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee had before them copies of the Preliminary Agenda of the forthcoming Annual Meeting of the General Council to be held at Cheltenham. It was

RESOLVED: "That a special meeting of the Executive be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 26th, in order to consider the subject of the International Police Force (resolution B.11) and what recommendation, if any, it should make to the General Council; and that, in this connection the Report prepared in 1926 by the Committee on the Reduction and Limitation of National Armaments, together with that section of the Report on Aerial Disarmament which deals with a League Air Force, be considered."

See Minute 154.

143. THE FAR EAST. The Committee had before them a draft of a suggested programme for the Union to follow in regard to the situation in the Far East. (S.G. 5177a). It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That this programme be referred to the Far East Committee for consideration and report."

(2) "That the opinion of the International Law Committee be obtained on the programme's interpretation of Articles 12 and 15."

144. PRIVATE MANUFACTURE OF ARMS. The Committee considered a memorandum and draft resolution (S.G. 5178 and S.G. 5180) prepared by Colonel Carnegie in accordance with minute 126 of the last meeting, together with comments received from Major Hills (S.G. 5182) on the memorandum and draft resolution. Sir Austen Chamberlain suggested that the best course for the Union to follow would be to concentrate on securing ratification of the Arms Traffic Convention. Discussion on the subject of Colonel Carnegie's memorandum revealed considerable difference of opinion among members of the Committee and it was

RESOLVED: "That no further action be taken at the present time."

145. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Traffic in Women and Children. (Lady Gladstone reported). The minutes of the Committee dated May 3rd, 1932, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Meeting of the League of Nations Advisory Committee; (3) Resolution for submission to the XVth Plenary Congress of League of Nations Societies; (4) Note on the Connection between Economic Distress and Prostitution; (5) Representation on the Executive Committee of the Josephine Butler Fellowship; (6) Invitation to Dame Rachel Crowley.

(b) Political Committee. Subject to the following decision on minutes 21 and 22, the minutes of the Committee dated May 3rd, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (21) Interdiction of Chemical Warfare; (22) Cancellation of Loans granted to a State having Recourse to War contrary to the Covenant; (23) Report of the Union's Disarmament Activities during April; (24) By-Elections; (25) Points for Candidates; (26) Disarmament Campaign; Branch Activities; (27) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; Report of the Disarmament Committee; (28) Weekly Report of the Disarmament Conference.

On Minute 21 - Interdiction of Chemical Warfare, Sir Austen Chamberlain drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that in article 171 of the Treaty of Versailles the phrase "of asphyxiating, poisonous or other gases" appearing in the English text was translated in the French text as follows: "gaz asphyxiants, toxiques ou similaires". It was

RESOLVED: "That a footnote be added to this resolution calling attention to the discrepancy between the English and French texts."

On Minute 22 - Cancellation of Loans Granted to a State Having recourse to war contrary to the Covenant. It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this minute be adjourned until the next meeting."

- (c) Women's Advisory Council. (Mrs. Bigland reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 452 and 453, the minutes of the Council dated 4th May, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (449) Report of Sub-Committee; (450) Representation of Women's Organisation on General Council; (451) Address by Lady Gladstone; (452) Disarmament; (453) Co-operation of Women in the work of the League; (454) Applications for Corporate Association; (455) Welfare of Animals in Transit; (456) The League and the Press.

On Minute 452 - Disarmament, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution of the women's Advisory Council on this subject be received."

On Minute 453 - Co-operation of Women in the work of the League, it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this minute be adjourned; and that, meanwhile, Mrs. Bigland be asked to extract from the memorandum drawn up by the Council in Great Britain for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations, those proposals which come within the purview of the League and for which the approval of the Committee is desired."

- (d) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Captain Green reported) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 39(B) and 44, the minutes of the Committee dated May 5th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (32) Mr. Leslie; (33) Conference on Disarmament and Unemployment; (34) Deputation to Minister of Labour; (35) Composition of Committee; (36) Music Hall Artists; (37) Fircroft Residential College; (38) General Council of the League of Nations Union; (39) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (40) International Labour Conference; (41) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (42) Industrial Affiliations; (43) Nottingham Conference on I.L.O.; (44) Monument to M. Arthur Fontaine; (45) Disarmament and Unemployment - Captain Sanders' Report.

On Minute 39(b) - XVth Plenary Congress, it was

RESOLVED: "That resolution (i) be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report."

On Minute 44 - Monument to M. Arthur Fontaine, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report; and that the Committee be asked, at the same time, to consider possible action by the Union in the event of the erection of a monument or memorial to the late M. Albert Thomas."

(e) Branches Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 9 and 11, the minutes of the Committee dated May 5th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (6) Time of Meeting; (7) County Secretaries; (8) Co-optations to the General Council; (9) Proposed Levy for International Federation; (10) Development of the Union in the Provinces; (11) Standing Orders for Meetings of the General Council.

On Minute 9 - Proposed Levy for International Federation, it was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be approved in the following amended form:-

'That the General Council be asked to discuss the proposal that members of the Union should be invited to contribute to a voluntary levy for the funds of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies.'

On Minute 11 - Standing Orders for Meetings of the General Council, the Committee hoped that at meetings of the General Council the same speakers would refrain from catching the Chairman's eye on frequent occasions.

(f) Education Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) Subject to the following report on minute 86, the minutes of the Committee dated May 9th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (76) Arising out of the Minutes; (77) Composition of Committee; (78) Co-optations to the General Council; (79) Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (80) Report on Work in Universities and Colleges; (81) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (82) Report of the Youth Sub-Committee; (83) Voluntary Assistance; (84) Leaflet on Youth Group Organisation; (85) Revision of School Text Books; (86) "The Dawn of World Government"; (87) Observance of Empire Day in the Schools; (88) Summer Schools; (89) Goodwill Day Committee; (90) Death of M. Albert Thomas.

On Minute 86 - The Dawn of World Government, it was reported that the title of the book which Mr. Nowell Smith and Dr. Garnett had written for use in public schools had been changed to the DAWN OF WORLD ORDER. The book would be published on June 11th.

- (g) Services Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated May 11th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Guns, Tanks and Warships; (3) National League of Aviators.

- (h) Office Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated May 10th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (23) Seconding; (24) Miss Monroe; (25) Annual Leave; (26) Staff; (27) Voluntary Workers; (28) Mr. Everett Reid; (29) Cleaning of Office; (30) Library.

146. INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE. Mr. Wynch drew the attention of the Committee to the Report of the Director on the sixteenth Session of the International Labour Conference, and particularly to the section dealing with action taken by the International Labour Organisation against Unemployment.

147. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Districts, Junior Branches, Corporate Members, Corporate Associates, Affiliated Members; Industrial Associates and Junior Sections, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

5 Branches, 6 Junior Branches, 10 Corporate Members, 2 Corporate Associates, 1 Junior Section.

Deletions.

6 Branches, 1 Junior Branch, 8 Corporate Members, 1 District, 1 Affiliated Member, 1 Industrial Associate.

BRANCHES: Bromyard, Herefordshire; Crayford, Kent; Duston, Northants; East Compton, Gloucestershire; St. Anne's Park, Gloucestershire. DELETIONS: Bathgate, Scotland; Benton and Forest Hall, Northumberland; Oxtou Road Congregational Church, Birkenhead; Redfield Brotherhood, East Bristol; Sussex Road Welsh Chapel, Holloway, London; Paulerspury, Northants. DISTRICT COUNCIL: DELETION: South Staffordshire. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Comrie, Perthshire; High School, Grange-mouth, Shropshire; Heckmondwike Grammar School, Yorks; Leytonstone Junior Branch, Essex; Lister Drive Council School, Liverpool; Lauriston Road School, South Hackney. DELETION: National Children's Homes and Orphanages, Chipping Norton. CORPORATE MEMBERS: St. Colm's Parish Church, Gilcomston, Aberdeen; Aberdeen Landward Association, Educational Institute of Scotland; Tilenurst Wesleyan Church,

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Reading; Brierfield Primitive Methodist Church, Lancs; St. Peter's Church, Brockley, London; St. Thomas' Church, Shepherd's Bush, London; Holy Trinity Church, St. Marylebone, London; St. Mary at Finchley, Middlesex; All Saints' Church, Isleworth, Middlesex; Dronfield Baptist Church, Yorks. DELETIONS: Great Synagogue, Aldgate; Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Synagogue; Kingsley Hall, Bow; John Kerr Memorial Comrades' Club, Edinburgh; Harlesden Wesley Guild; Agneth Ahim Synagogue, London; 94th London Boys' Brigade; Green Cross Corps, London. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Long Clawson Women's Institute; Meadvale Women's Institute. AFFILIATED MEMBER: DELETION: National Industrial Alliance; INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATE: DELETION: Hawick Co-operative Society. JUNIOR SECTION: Fifth Sutton Girl Guide Company, Surrey.

It was reported that there were now 3,055 Branches, 60 Districts, 1,220 Junior Branches, 3,550 Corporate Members, 750 Corporate Associates, 39 Affiliated Members, 133 Industrial Associates and 41 Junior Sections; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 973,279 of whom 148,971 had paid a subscription to date in 1932 as compared with 173,721 during the corresponding period of 1931.

148. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the Shelford Branch; Endsleigh Training College, Headingley Branch, Leeds; and the North Wales Women's Peace Council.

C. H.

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT 14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY,
MAY 26TH, 1932 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Admiral Allen, C. Delisle Burns, Major Anthony Buxton, L.J. Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Cranborne, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Druy-Lowe, Mrs. Bagdale, Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Glyn, Captain L.H. Green, Miss Gillman, J.H. Harris, Sir Percy Harris, Sir Arthur Heworth, Major Hills, Lady Layton, G. le M. Mander, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, C.M. Patrick, Lord Rhayader, H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley and L.M. Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

149. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Miss Courtney, Lady Hall, Commander Kenworthy, Sir John Power, John Sherborne, Rennie Smith, H.C. Syrett and Sir Ben Turner.

150. MR. W.J. SALMON. The Committee were distressed to learn of the death of Mr. Salmon and it was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That a letter of sympathy, be sent on behalf of the Committee, to Mrs. Salmon."

151. INTERNATIONAL POLICE FORCE. The Committee considered the proposal for the creation of an international police force. In this connection they had before them (1) a resolution submitted by the Leeds Central Committee for discussion at the XIIIth Annual Meeting of the General Council, (2) a statement proposed by the Chairman as a basis of discussion (S.G. 5197); and (3) that portion of the sub-Committee's Report on Aerial Disarmament (S.G. 5129) which treats of a League Air Force. It was reported that an amendment to the Leeds resolution had been submitted by the Bristol and District Council to the effect that the question should be referred to the Executive Committee who should be asked to produce proposals for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

The Committee proceeded to discuss in detail arguments for and against the creation of an international police force. Major Buxton was in favour of an international force and, in the first place, of an international air force. He did not believe that the difficulties of recruiting such a force (which would act under Article 16 and possibly under Article 11) and of creating a feeling of esprit de corps were insuperable. Lady Layton was in favour of creating an international police force because she could see no solution of the problems now being discussed by the Disarmament Conference without it.

Sir Austen Chamberlain was opposed to the proposal in principle, but he dealt in the first place, with the suggestion that the Union might express itself in favour of the creation of a League Air Force if the success of the Disarmament Conference depended upon the British Government's assent to that proposal. This suggestion, if accepted by the Committee, would lead the French to suppose that the large body of opinion represented by the Union in this country (which would then probably be followed by similar societies in other countries) would be prepared to accept

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the terms laid down by France if she insists upon them. If the British delegates were sent to Geneva under those conditions, there would be no chance of getting the British Government's own proposals accepted. Sir Austen further argued that in any case this suggestion must be judged in the light of the French proposals as a whole to which he felt that it would inevitably lead if the principle were once admitted. He examined these proposals in detail and declared them to be impracticable and incapable of giving a sense of security which was their sole avowed object. Their adoption would in his view entirely change the character of the League and destroy its moral authority. He concluded by reminding the Committee that since America had refused the lesser obligations in the Covenant, it was certain that she would not accept the fundamentally greater obligations of the French scheme; nor did he suppose that they would be accepted by any of the British Dominions.

Lord Cecil agreed with Sir Austen Chamberlain's criticisms of the French plan. So far as land and sea disarmament were concerned, he did not see any difficulty from the broad political standard in the plan presented by Sir John Simon to the General Commission. Since, however, the abolition of national military aircraft would at once give military importance to civilian aeroplanes, he was personally prepared to meet the French point of view in demanding the international control of civil aviation and to be willing to consider, in return for the total abolition of national bombing aircraft, the creation of an international air force in order further to increase security against a sudden bombing raid by converted civil aircraft. The force would be brought into existence as an entity in itself and not merely by contingents of other countries, and its sole duty would be to go to the assistance of any country that was attacked by converted civil aircraft.

A letter from Sir Hugh Jevons was reported to the Committee, in which he pointed out that however convincing in theory the arguments for an international force may appear, they are dissolved in the absence of any practical plan for its creation, maintenance and employment. Lord Dickinson was opposed to the scheme since, in his opinion, it was entirely against the principle for which the League was founded: he thought the economic sanctions already provided in the Covenant would be far more effective than the possession by the League of an air force. After further discussion, in which Mr. Worsley, Lady Gladstone, Major Hills, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mr. Mander, Sir Arthur Haworth, and Sir Percy Harris took part, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That after careful examination of the whole question this Committee is unanimously of opinion that discussion by the General Council on the subject of an international police force at the present time would do harm rather than good to the cause the Union has at heart; and in these circumstances and in agreement with Mr. David Davies, whose writings appear to have inspired the Leeds Central Committee, this Committee urges that Committee, on grounds of public interest, to withdraw their resolution from the General Council's Agenda."

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- (2) "That, in the event of the resolution not being withdrawn, the Chairman be asked, at the meeting of the Council, to read the resolution addressed to the Leeds Central Committee, and, after reminding the Council of the resolution numbered 7(1)(c) on the Preliminary Agenda in the name of the Executive Committee, to appeal to the Council not to discuss the subject of an international police force."

152. RESOLUTION FOR LOCAL MEETINGS ON DISARMAMENT. Lord Cecil read to the Committee the following draft resolution which he had prepared, at the request of the Disarmament Committee, for local meetings on Disarmament:-

"That this meeting desires that the policy of abolishing aggressive armaments, such as those forbidden to Germany by the Versailles Treaty, should be vigorously supported by H.M. Government on broad grounds of principle, independently of narrow technical considerations."

Sir Austen Chamberlain asked that the words "such as those forbidden to Germany" be omitted. As the majority of the Committee were unable to accept this amendment, he asked that his dissent be recorded.

E.M.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JUNE 2ND, 1932
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Admiral Allen,
Major Anthony Buxton, C. Delisle Burns, Lord Cecil,
Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Cranborne, Lord
Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale,
H.H. Elvin, Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Glyn, Lady Hall,
J.H. Harris, Major Hills, Sir Hugh Jevons,
Dr. Kimmins, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor,
Lord Rhayader, H.S. Syrett, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-
Fox and Herbert Worsley, together with the secre-
tary and Deputy Secretary.

153. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Sir Norman Angell,
L.J. Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Miss Courtney, Miss Guinness,
Captain Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lady Layton, C.M. Patrick,
Sir John Power, Mrs. Walter Runciman, John Sherborne,
Rennie Smith and Professor Zimmern.
154. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minutes 144 and
151, the minutes of the Committee dated May 19th and of the
special meeting dated May 26th, 1932, were confirmed as
circulated.

On Minute 144 - Private Manufacture of Arms, it was
reported that a letter had been received from the American
League of Nations Association to the effect that they
would be glad "to take up the resolution to be presented
by the British League of Nations Union at the Arms Traffic
Convention of 1925" and that their Board of Directors had
approved of the Union's resolution on this subject.

On Minute 151 - International Police Force, the Chairman
reported on the correspondence he had had with Mr. Robson
and Mr. Fox of Leeds, and said that a letter had that
morning been received from Mr. Fox, stating that "the
majority of our Leeds Committee most reluctantly agreed
to withdraw the International Police Force resolution as
requested."

155. COMMUNICATION FROM MR. GERVASE HUXLEY. The Secretary reported
a recent conversation he had had with Mr. Gervase Huxley
of the Empire Marketing Board. Mr. Huxley had got to-
gether a small group of persons for the purpose of "projecting
peace", i.e. advertising the League of Nations - on the
lines adopted by M. Jean Carlu, the eminent French artist, in
France and Germany. Mr. Huxley's group included two dis-
tinguished poster designers (Mr. Austin Cooper and Mr. McKnight
Kauffman) and two poster publicity experts (Mr. J.L. Beddington
of Shell Mex, and Mr. G.W. Duncan of the Underground) who
hoped to produce free designs for posters and possibly to
get their posters printed and displayed either free of
charge or at very reduced rates. These experts would be
willing to work as a sub-Committee of the Union's Executive
if invited to do so. Sir Norman Angell had expressed the
opinion that a Committee on these lines might prove a useful
development of the Union's work and should be given a
thorough trial. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That Mr. Gervase Huxley, Mr. Austin Cooper,
Mr. McKnight Kauffman, Mr. J.L. Beddington and
Mr. G.W. Duncan, together with Sir Norman Angell
and Professor Gilbert Murray, be constituted a
Committee on Poster Publicity."

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- (2) "That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Gervase Huxley."

156. MINORITIES PROCEDURE. The Committee considered (adjourned) minute 9 of the Minorities Committee dated April 14th. Sir Walter Napier explained to the Committee the purpose of his memorandum on the Council Procedure Relating to Minorities (S.G.4992a), and the recommendations of the Minorities Committee on that subject: viz:

- (1) The drastic reduction of the delay which now seems to have become habitual.
- (2) More energetic and effective action by the Committee of Three during the period over which it is in charge of the case. Such action should include friendly but determined efforts to bring about a genuine amelioration in such case. It is not sufficient to express pious hopes at four months' intervals.
- (3) Much fuller exercise by the Committee of Three of its right to collect information from every source, and at every stage in its enquiry.
- (4) Amendment of the present rule in the direction that petitioners whose petitions have been declared non-receivable should be informed of the reason why this view has been taken.
- (5) The regular issue by each Committee of Three of a report dealing fully with the information from all sources, which has been laid before it, and giving its own conclusions. This report should be circulated to all Members of the Council simultaneously, and published, in ample time before the meeting at which it is to be considered.
- (6) The alteration of the present rapporteur system. The League of Nations Union considers that the rapporteur on each case should be the Chairman of the Committee of Three dealing with it.
- (7) In case the present system is adhered to under which the rapporteur is a member of the Council who has not served on the Committee of Three, the rapporteur shall submit to the Council a report framed in strict accordance with the merits of the case and such report, accompanied by the report of the Committee of Three, shall be circulated and published in ample time before the meeting at which it is to be considered.
- (8) When a report is considered by the Council the rule that no man may judge in his own cause shall be strictly applied, the vote of the State Member alleged to have infringed a Minorities Treaty not being counted in ascertaining whether a decision of the Council is unanimous. In case the Council is in doubt as to the applicability of the principle to minority cases, an advisory opinion on the point ought to be obtained from the Permanent Court.

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In regard to the fifth of the above proposals, Sir-Austen-Chamberlain suggested that the Assembly might perhaps make a public pronouncement advising petitioners to state their case as shortly and as simply as possible in order to facilitate the reading of each petition by the members of the Committee of Three. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That, subject to such amendments and additions as may be suggested by Sir Walter Napier and approved by Sir Austen Chamberlain, Major Buxton and Lord Dickinson (who should also be asked to approve a revised version of Sir Walter Napier's memorandum for the information of this Committee) the proposals be communicated to H.M. Government with a request to invite the Council of the League of Nations to revise its procedure on the lines suggested."

157. OBsolete PUBLICATIONS. The Committee considered (adjourned) paragraph 4 of the Publicity Committee's report dated April 25th, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the Publicity Committee be asked to take such action as they consider necessary in this matter."

158. CANCELLATION OF LOANS GRANTED TO A STATE HAVING RECOURSE TO WAR CONTRARY TO THE COVENANT. The Committee considered (adjourned) minute 22 of the Political Committee, and it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred back for further consideration to the Political Committee."

159. CO-OPERATION OF WOMEN IN THE WORK OF THE LEAGUE. The Committee considered (adjourned) minute 45 of the meeting of the Women's Advisory Council dated May 4th. In this connection the Committee had before them a précis of the memorandum on Closer Co-operation of Women in the Work of the League prepared by Mrs. Wilson-Fox. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Women's Advisory Council be asked to reconsider the memorandum on Closer Co-operation of Women in the Work of the League."

160. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Christian Organisations Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported.) Subject to the following decision on minutes 44 and 49, the minutes of the Committee dated May 18th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (45) Minutes of the Church's Call for Disarmament Committee; (46) Corporate Membership Conditions; (47) Proposed Book on Christian Internationalism; (48) Literature for Sunday School Children; (49) International Truth Broadsheets; (50) Resolutions; (51) Applications for Corporate Membership.]

On Minute 44 - 23 - Further Activities, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Dean of Chichester be thanked for his letter to the TIMES."

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On Minute 49 - International Truth Broadsheets, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be received."

- (b) International Law Committee. Subject to the following decisions on minutes 42 and 47, the minutes of the Committee dated May 20th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (43) Finnish Ships Case; (44) Unanimity Rule; (45) Responsibility of States for Crimes Against Foreigners committed within their Territory; (46) American Committee on Economic Sanctions; (47) The Need for a Legal Opinion on the Sino-Japanese Conflict; (48) Situation in the Far East - Suggested Programme of Action by the Union.

On Minute 42 - 36 - Situation in the Far East, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's delegates to the XVIIth Plenary Congress of the International Federation be asked, if possible, to get a resolution on these lines adopted by the Congress."

On Minute 47 - The Need for a Legal Opinion on the Sino-Japanese Conflict, it was

RESOLVED: "That the second paragraph of this resolution be approved in the following amended form:-

'That pending the report of the Lytton Commission, the Committee does not desire to express any further opinion.'

- (c) Finance Committee. (Mr. Syrett reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 41, the minutes of the Committee dated May 23rd, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (34) Financial Statement; (35) Finance of International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (36) Finance of County Federations; (37) Derbyshire; (38) Albert Hall Meeting on the Far East; (39) Bank Accounts for Regional Representatives; (40) Regional Representatives' Expenses; (41) Disarmament Fund; (42) General Council Meeting at Caerliff; (43) International Federation Meetings; (44) I.L.O.; (45) Poster for Junior Branches; (46) Sir Edgar Harper; (47) Appeals Committee; (48) Miss Hutchinson; (49) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

On Minute 41 - Disarmament Fund, on the motion of Lord Cecil, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred back for further consideration by the Finance Committee."

- (d) Far East Committee. Subject to the following decision on minute 5, the minutes of the Committee dated May 26th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (5) Memorandum on the Present Situation.

On Minute 5 - Memorandum on the Present Situation,
it was

RESOLVED: "That the second paragraph of the memorandum be amended to read as follows:-

'There has been no competition between the Western Powers to obtain separate national advantages out of the situation.'

- (e) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Lady Hall reported.) The minutes of the special meeting of the Committee dated May 26th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (46) Disarmament and Unemployment.

- (f) Economic Committee. (Lord Rheyader reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated May 27th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (16) Report of the I.L.C. and Economic Committee of the Federation; (17) Sir George Paish's Report; (18) Resolution of American Association.

- (g) Services Committee. It was reported that the draft minutes of the Services Committee, dated May 30th, 1932 had been prepared under considerable pressure, and had since been somewhat modified by correspondence between members of the Committee. It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of the minutes of the Services Committee dated May 30th be adjourned in order that an agreed report may be submitted to the Executive at its next meeting."

- (h) Overseas Committee. After the Committee had considered the report of the Finance and Branches Committees concerning the proposal for a voluntary levy for the funds of the International Federation (see minute 16(c) above), it was

RESOLVED: "That minute 12 of the meeting of the Committee dated April 25th be approved and adopted."

161. REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL AVIATION SUB-COMMITTEE. In view of the fact that the proposals contained in the Report of the International Aviation sub-Committee on Aerial Disarmament had been discussed at the special meeting of the Executive on May 26th (minute 151), it was

RESOLVED: "That no further action be taken."

162. XVTH PLENARY CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION. The Committee had before them the text of draft resolutions adopted by the Standing and Special Committees of the International Federation for consideration at the forthcoming Plenary Congress, and it was

RESOLVED: "That these resolutions be referred to the Political Committee for consideration and report."

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163. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. The Chairman reported that the Disarmament Committee at its last meeting had suggested that, in view of the present critical world situation, it might be worth while to send to the TIMES a letter, appealing to the Government to give a lead to the world. The Chairman read to the Committee the draft of a letter which Sir Austen Chamberlain, Major Hills, Lady Palmoor, Sir Norman Angell and Lord Cecil, in addition to himself, were prepared to sign. It was

RESOLVED: "That the draft letter to the TIMES be approved and that efforts be made to get it printed in the front page; that Lord Rhyader be added to the list of signatories; and that the letter be brought to the notice of members and Branches at the meeting of the General Council and in other ways."

164. LIBERIA. Consideration of this matter was adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

165. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the Headingley, Wembley, Farnborough and Balham and Tooting Branches. It was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution from the Headingley Branch be referred to the Education Committee for consideration and report."

166. BURGE MEMORIAL LECTURE. It was reported that the Sixth Annual Burge Memorial Lecture on "Political Aspects of the World Depression" would be delivered by Sir Arthur Salter on Thursday, June 30th at 8.30 p.m. Members of the Committee who wished to attend this lecture were asked to send their names to the Secretary when tickets of admission would be sent to them.

167. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members, Corporate Associates and Junior Sections, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

7 Branches, 7 Junior Branches, 13 Corporate Members, 1 Corporate Associate, 1 Junior Section.

Deletions.

9 Branches, 1 Junior Branch, 4 Corporate Members.

BRANCHES: Heckfield, Hants; Lyndhurst, Hants; Olveston, Glos; Firton and Holwell, Herts; Hope Baptist Church, Peverell, Plymouth; Rendwick Congregational Church, Plymouth; Tollesbury, Essex. DELETIONS: Baldons, Oxon; Devizes, Wilts; Forton and District, Lancs; Handsworth, St. Andrew's Church, Warwick; King's Norton and Cotteridge, Warwick; Kirkham and Wesham, Lancs; Manor Park, Essex;

Mawdesley, Lancs; Padiham, Lancs. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Senior Girls' Secondary School, Blackpool; The "Brecknock" Senior Girls' School, Holloway; The Beal Modern School, Ilford; Adams' Grammar School, Newport, Shropshire; Church Manor Way L.C.C. Senior Girls' School, Plumstead; The Uplands Senior Girls' School, Smethwick; The Bridge House School, Tadworth. DELETION: Woolwich Road Junior Girls' School, Bexley Heath, Kent. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Women's Rural Institute, Fortsonachan, Scotland; St. Giles' Church, Reading; Longridge Lane Wesleyan Church, Higher Bibbington, Derbys; Plymouth Branch of Toc. H; Romford Catholic Church, Romford, Essex; All Saints', South Lambeth with St. Augustine's, Clapham Rise; Women's Liberal Association, Paddington; St. Michael's Church, Star Street, Paddington; Arnold Parish Church, Nottingham; Barnoldswick Parish Church, Yorks; Park Congregational Church, Halifax; Ingrow Congregational Church, Kelgley; Wesleyan Methodist Church, Yeadon, Yorks. DELETIONS: Ashford Branch of the Typographical Association; Hampshire Bridge Free Church, Havant; Pottersbury Congregational Church; West Ward Labour Association, Reading. JUNIOR SECTION: Irvinebank Church Sunday School, Darvel, Scotland. CORPORATE ASSOCIATE: East Gate Sisterhood, Peterborough.

It was reported that there were now 3,053 Branches, 1,226 Junior Branches, 3,565 Corporate Members, 761 Corporate Associates and 42 Junior Sections; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 974,377 of whom 134,630 had paid a subscription in 1932 as compared with 145,794 during the corresponding period of 1931.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JUNE 16TH, 1932
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Admiral Allen, Sir Norman Angell, C. Delisle Burns, Major Anthony Buxton, L. J. Cadoury, Lord Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Miss K. D. Courtney, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Captain L. H. Green, Lady Hall, J. H. Harris, Sir Hugh Jeudwine, Morgan Jones, Dr. C. W. Kilmins, Lady Layton, G. L. Mander, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Farnoor, C. M. Patrick, Sir John Power, Lord Rhayader, John Sherborne, H. S. Syrett, H. D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, and L. M. Wyck, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

168. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Colonel Carnegie, Miss Guinness, Major Hills, Commander Kenworthy, Mrs. Runciman, Rennie Smith, Sir Ben Turner and Professor Zimmern.
169. **SIR DONALD MACLEAN.** The Chairman referred to the loss which the Union had sustained in the death of Sir Donald Maclean, and paid a tribute to his memory. Sir Donald was a Vice-President of the Union and had been one of its earliest supporters. It was unanimously
- RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to send, on behalf of the Committee, a letter of sympathy to Lady Maclean."
170. **HONOURS.** The Chairman reminded the Committee of the honours which had recently been conferred on Mr. Raymond Unwin and on Mr. David Davies, and it was unanimously
- RESOLVED: "That the congratulations of the Committee be conveyed to Lord Davies and Sir Raymond Unwin."
171. **MINUTES.** Subject to the following decision and report on minutes 154(151) and 156, the minutes of the Committee dated June 2nd, 1932 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 154(151) - International Police Force, the Chairman reported that since the Leeds Central Committee had withdrawn their resolution on the subject of an International Police Force from the agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the General Council, an amendment not on the same subject but to the same effect, had been received from the Montague Burton Branch to the Executive's resolution (8 (i)(c)). The Chairman had written to this Branch and they had reluctantly agreed to withdraw their amendment. It was suggested that since this subject appeared to be much in the minds of the Union's Branches, it might be discussed at the Private Conference of members of the Union at Cheltenham on July 1st, and the Committee were reminded of the decision contained in minute 3 of the Branches Committee dated February 4th, 1932, that this should be done. After considerable discussion, it was

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The Executive Committee of the League of Nations
Union,

Having considered a report by its Minorities Sub-Committee on the present working of the League procedure for the protection of Minorities,

Expresses the view that this procedure is still capable of much improvement, and requests His Majesty's Government to take such steps at the Council of the League as they may think advisable to bring about the necessary reforms. The Executive Committee makes the following suggestions for improvement:-

1. Every effort should be made to secure a more expeditious treatment of minority petitions. In particular greater use should be made of the power accorded to Committees of Three to sit between the sessions of the Council.
2. The Committee of Three should be urged to take more effective action during the period during which they are in charge of a case. Such action should include friendly but determined efforts to bring about an amelioration of the situation.
3. The present rules should be amended to secure that petitioners whose petitions have been declared non-receivable should be informed of the reason for this decision.
4. In all cases where the members of a Committee of Three or any one or more of them decide that a petition ought to be placed on the agenda of the Council, the members of the Committee should be invited to report to the Council on the information which has been laid before them, giving their own conclusions. In cases where no member of a Committee thinks it necessary to place a petition on the agenda of the Council, the Committee's decision, and such reasons as its members think fit to give, should be communicated to the Members of the League.
5. It would facilitate the work of the Council if instead of having one Rapporteur for all Minority questions, the Chairman or another member of the Committee of Three were in each such case nominated as Rapporteur since he would be already familiar with the facts.
6. It is desirable that the Council should obtain from the Permanent Court an Advisory Opinion as to whether the rule that no man may be judge in his own cause is applicable to Minority cases and as to whether the vote of a State Member alleged to have infringed a Minority Treaty ought to be counted in ascertaining whether a decision of the Council is unanimous (cf. the Court's Advisory Opinion No. 12 regarding the frontier between Turkey and Iraq).
7. That it might facilitate the work of the Council and its Committees if some public announcement were made, for instance by the President of the Council to the Assembly, drawing the attention of petitioners to the importance in their own interests of framing their petitions in the shortest and clearest form.

- RESOLVED: (1) "That every effort be made to avoid any discussion on the subject of an international police force at the Cheltenham meeting of the General Council; but that if the question is debated, whether by the Council or the Conference, Professor Murray be asked to explain that the Executive considers a pronouncement by the Union at the present time might impair the prospects of agreement at Geneva."
- (2) "That the decision contained in minute 3 of the Branches Committee, dated February 4th, 1932 be rescinded."

On Minute 156 - Minorities Procedure, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'who should also be asked to approve a revised version of Sir Walter Napier's memorandum for the information of this Committee' be deleted from the resolution; and that Major Burton's name be substituted for that of Sir Austen Chamberlain in the paragraph preceding the resolution."

See Minute 163 Sir Walter Napier expressed his willingness to prepare a revised version of his memorandum (S.G. 4992a).

172. MINORITIES PROCEDURE. The Committee considered a revised resolution (S.G. 5259) prepared by the sub-Committee in accordance with the request contained in minute 156 of the last meeting. It was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution* be referred back for further consideration by the sub-Committee, in consultation with Lord Cecil; and that the Committee be given power to act."

173. LIBERIA. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Mandates Committee to whom the question of the present situation in Liberia was referred on April 21st, be asked to meet as soon as possible."

174. THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered amendments to resolutions contained in the Final Agenda for the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the General Council. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the amendments proposed by the Ealing Branch and the Nottinghamshire Federal Council to resolution 7(11) be approved and that the amendments proposed by the London Regional Federation to the same resolution be opposed; that the amendment proposed by the Ealing Branch to resolution (111) be opposed; that the amendments proposed by the Wembley Branch to resolution V be left to the discretion of the Council; and that the amendment proposed by the East of Scotland District Council to resolution 14 be opposed on the ground that it is irrelevant."

* The resolution was finally approved by the sub-Committee and forwarded to the Foreign Office in the attached form (paper "X")

- (2) "That it be left to the Chairman to invite members of the Executive Committee to take charge of the various items on the agenda paper."

175. XVITH PLENARY CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION.
It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of the agenda for the XVITH Plenary Congress of the Federation be adjourned until the next meeting."

176. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Services Committee. (Sir Hugh Jendwine reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 6, the minutes of the Committee dated May 30th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (5) National League of Aviators; (6) Guns, Tanks and War Ships;

On Minute 6 - Guns, Tanks and War Ships, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That this minute, together with the accompanying memoranda by Sir Herbert Richmond, be received; and that the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Services Committee."

- (2) "That Admiral Richmond's memoranda be not distributed generally, but that they be supplied in answer to any enquiries which may be received on the subjects dealt with in the memoranda."

- (b) Branches Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated June 2nd, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (13) Membership records; (14) London Regional Federation; (15) Receipts for Subscriptions of One Shilling; (16) County Secretaries;

- (c) Library Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 22, the minutes of the Committee dated June 6th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (21) Book List; (22) Library Accommodation; (23) Periodical Stand for the Library; (24) Conference for Librarians; (25) Subscription to Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux;

On Minute 6 - Library Accommodation, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That this minute, together with the Chairman's report (S.G. 5233) be referred to the Office Committee for consideration and report."

- (2) "That the Chairman of the Library Committee be thanked for his report."

See Minute 183

- (d) Political and Parliamentary Committee. (Lord Cecil reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 38, the minutes of the Committee dated June 7th, 1932, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (30) Cancellation of Loans granted to a State having recourse to War contrary to the Covenant; (31) New Members of the Committee; (32) Weekly Report of the Disarmament Conference; (33) The International Crisis; (34) Report of the Union's Disarmament Activities during May; (35) Resolutions; (36) Relations between Branches and Members of Parliament and Parliamentary Candidates; (37) Limitation of Torpedoes; (38) XVIIIth Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (39) The General Convention to Improve the Means of Preventing War; (40) Local Political Organisations; (41) Time of Meeting.

On Minute 38 - XVIIIth Plenary Congress of the International Federation, it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That the Union's delegates be asked to make all possible efforts to get resolution V(1) (Crisis in the League of Nations) withdrawn; but that, if that prove impossible, they should exercise discretion."
 (2) "That consideration of the Political Committee's recommendations on resolution V(2) (Sino-Japanese Conflict) and resolution VII (Disarmament) be adjourned until the next meeting."

- (e) Poster Publicity Committee. (Sir Norman Angell reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated June 9th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Poster Publicity Campaign.

On Minute 2 - Poster Publicity Campaign, it was reported that Mr. Huxley had succeeded in obtaining promises from six artists to prepare one poster design each, free of charge.

- (f) Office Committee. Mr. Worsley reported as a matter of urgency on minutes 32 (Miss Mackenzie) and 33 (Northern Region) of the Office Committee dated June 14th. It was

RESOLVED: "That these minutes be approved."

177. DISARMAMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT. The Committee had before them the report prepared by Captain Sanders on Disarmament and Unemployment (minute 54 of the Industrial Advisory Committee dated June 9th). After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the report on Disarmament and Unemployment be referred for consideration by a small committee consisting of Professor Murray, Major Hills, Sir Norman Angell, Mrs. Dugdale, Captain Green (or Lady Hall)."

178. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. On the motion of Miss Courtney, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to write to Sir John Simon, reminding him of the immense amount of support existing in this country for the policy he has put forward at Geneva."

The Committee were informed that it was proposed to send to all Branches a copy of the recent letter to the TIMES and to ask every one of the 3,000 Branches of the Union to pass its own resolution and send it to the local Member of Parliament, to certain Members of the Government and to Geneva.

179. COMMITTEE PAPERS. On the motion of Mr. Worsley it was

RESOLVED: "That in order to avoid unnecessary duplication of Committee papers, members of the Committee be asked, where possible, to leave their papers on the table at the close of meetings of the Committee."

180. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The Committee were reminded that the general Council would be meeting on Thursday, June 30th and the Plenary Congress of the International Federation on Thursday, July 7th. It was

RESOLVED: "That a meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday next, June 23rd instead of on the two following Thursdays."

181. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members and Corporate Associates, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

5 Branches, 2 Junior Branches, 7 Corporate Members, 6 Corporate Associates.

Deletions.

15 Branches, 1 Junior Branch, 1 Corporate Member, 2 Corporate Associates.

BRANCHES: Hores Welsh Wesleyan, Bangor; Dunster, Somerset; Hingham, Norfolk; Penmaenmawr, Caernarvon; Strathaven, Scotland. DELETIONS: Alfreton, Derbyshire; Small Heath Congregational Church, Birmingham; Bradwell, Derbyshire; Chasewater, Cornwall; Consett, Durham; Crich, Derbyshire; Dearham, Cumberland; Grassmoor, Derbyshire; Middleton-by-Wirksworth, Derbyshire; (Bethel, Penyaeroes, Caernarvonshire; Saxon, Penyaeroes, Caernarvonshire; Soar Penyaeroes, Caernarvonshire; Portsmouth Central, Hants; Tansley, Derbyshire; Winster, Derbyshire. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Watton Central School, Norfolk; Westcliff School, Weston-super-Mare. DELETION: Lawrence Road Elementary School, Liverpool.

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CORPORATE MEMBERS: Banffshire Branch of the Educational Institute of Scotland; Brougham Road United Methodist Church, Southsea; King Street Independent Methodist Church, Oldham; Ramsbottom Branch of the National Union of Teachers; Ramsbottom Branch of the Weavers, Winders and Workers, Association; Girls' Friendly Society, St. Giles Parish Church, Newcastle Staffs; Wesleyan Methodist Church, Hornsea.

DELETION: British Legion, Men's Section, Ambleside.

CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Nedderton Women's Institute; Quedgeley Women's Institute; Aveley Women's Institute; Stockbury Women's Institute; "Tuesday" Women's Fellowship, St. Helier, Morden; Bishop's Cleeve Sisterhood.

DELETIONS: Campton Women's Institute; St. John's Mothers' Union, Paddington.

It was reported that there were now 3,043 Branches, 1,227 Junior Branches, 3,571 Corporate Members, and 765 Corporate Associates; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 975,539 of whom 171,868 had paid a subscription in 1932 as compared with 191,390 during the corresponding period of 1931.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JUNE 23RD, 1932 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Admiral Allen, C. Delisle Burns, L. J. Caddbury, Lord Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Cranborne, Rhys Davies, Lord Dickinson, Admiral S. R. Drury-Lowe, Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Lady Hall, J. H. Harris, Sir Percy Harris, Sir Arthur Heworth, Major Hills, Dr. C. W. Kimmins, Lady Layton, Sir Walter Napier, Sir John Power, Lord Rieuwacker, Renise Smith, H. S. Syrett, H. D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley and L. M. Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

182. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Major Buxton, Colonel Carnegie, H. H. Elvin, Captain Green, Miss Guinness, Sir Hugh Jaudwine, Commander Kenworthy, G. Le M. Mander, Lady Pamoor, Mrs. Runciman, John Sherborne and Professor Zimmern.

183. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on minutes 171(156) and 176(d), the minutes of the meeting held on June 16th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

On Minute 171- 156 - Minorities Procedure, Sir Walter Napier reported that he had prepared a revised version of his memorandum (S.G.4992a), and it was

RESOLVED: "That, subject to the approval of Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Dickinson and Major Buxton, the revised memorandum be forwarded to H.M. Government."

On Minute 176(d) - Political and Parliamentary Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That in view of the fact that a resolution on the subject of the ratification of the Convention to Improve the Means of Preventing War is to be considered by the General Council at its meeting next week, the letter to the Foreign Secretary (in accordance with minute 39) be not sent until after the Council Meeting."

184. CO-OPERATION OF WOMEN IN THE WORK OF THE LEAGUE. The Committee considered (adjourned) minute 453 of the Women's Advisory Council dated May 4th, together with an abridged version of the memorandum on Fuller Co-operation of Women in the League (S.G.5274). After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union,

Considering that the Assembly last September requested the Council of the League to examine the possibility of the fuller co-operation of women in the work of the League and that the Secretariat invited suggestions on the subject from the leading Women's Organisations,

COUNCIL FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN IN THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Memorandum on the Fuller Co-operation of Women in the League

On 11th September, 1931, the Assembly of the League of Nations adopted the following Resolution:

"The Assembly - convinced of the great value of the contribution of women to the work of peace and the good understanding between nations, which is the principal aim of the League of Nations - requests the Council to examine the possibility of women's co-operating more fully in the work of the League."

Equality the Basis of full co-operation with Men in the League's Work.

The Resolution passed by the Assembly is a tacit admission that hitherto a subsidiary part has been given to women in the conduct and affairs of the League, and that now the Assembly desires to have the full strength of women's co-operation.

In the opinion of the women's societies represented on this Council, full co-operation requires that men and women should take part on equal terms. It involves the power of directing criticism to policies in course of formation, with an effective voice in determining what these policies shall be and also with adequate representation among those who administer the policies.

Having in view the present methods of procedure of the League such co-operation can be based only upon:-

- (1) An increase in the number of women members of Delegations to the Assembly and Council (comprising the technical advisers and others who accompany the Delegates), and on all the Commissions, Conferences and other bodies set up by, or in connection with, the League of Nations.
- (2) An increase in the number of women employed in the higher grades of the Secretariat and the I.L.O. with the assurance that women doing responsible work should have the same status and salary as their male colleagues.

Present Position of Women in the Countries of the States-Members.

The crux of the situation lies in the attitude towards women taken by the Governments of the respective countries included within the membership of the League.

At the present time the laws and practice of most countries place women in a subordinate position to men. Few countries accord to women equal status with men, or provide the opportunities of administrative training and experience that would enable them to undertake full co-operation with men in the more highly specialised Commissions and Conferences of the League. Yet this is the basis of any improvement in regard to the FIRST point mentioned above.

Again, in regard to the SECOND point mentioned above, there is at present a very limited number of women employed in the higher grades of the Secretariat, and they

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Transmits for the favourable consideration of H.M. Government and of the League Secretariat the attached memorandum drawn up by the Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations and adopted by the Women's Advisory Council of the League of Nations Union. A list of the constituent societies of the Women's Advisory Council is also attached.

185. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. It was unanimously

RESOLVED: (1) "The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union cordially welcomes the bold and statesmanlike initiative of the President of the United States. It warmly approves the broad lines of his suggestions with regard to land and air armaments, but believes that the naval proposals ought to go even further. It urges again the reduction in the size of battleships which the Union has constantly advocated and the total abolition of submarines.

It hopes that the British delegation will, at the earliest possible moment, state in detail its own proposals and trusts that the private conversations will not be unduly prolonged."

- (2) "That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister and Sir John Simon as well as to the press."

186. XVITH PLENARY CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION. The Committee considered the preliminary (two-stripe) agenda for the XVith Plenary Congress of the International Federation, together with the recommendations of the Overseas Committee (minute 20 of June 22nd). It was

RESOLVED: "That, subject to the following amendments, the recommendations of the Overseas Committee for the guidance of the Union's delegates at the XVITH Plenary Congress be approved:-

Resolution IV. 7. Economic Disarmament. In the event of this resolution not being withdrawn the Union's delegates to support the last paragraph and to ask for the deletion of the preceding five paragraphs.

Resolution V. 5. Toast to the League of Nations. The Union's delegates to withdraw this resolution.

187. THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. In connection with resolution V on the Final Agenda, proposed by the Welsh National Council, a letter addressed to Mr. Mander by Captain Eden was reported to the Committee. Captain Eden's letter had not dealt with the question of publishing a White Paper containing all the communications between the British Government and Japan, China and the League on the subject of the Sino-Japanese dispute since 18th September last, but had discussed the publication of White Papers on each successive Council Meeting. In these circumstances it was

are absent in the highest grades. In explanation of this we were told on enquiry in Geneva that the occupants of such posts have to be selected from applicants who have previously had administrative training of a high order under their own Governments or otherwise, and that such training has seldom been obtained in the case of women.

We thus find ourselves thrown back on the conditions affecting women in their own countries which tend to prevent the full development of women's capacities and resources, and unduly limit their co-operation in the work of the League.

This Council makes request to the British Government to give its most earnest consideration to the state of the conditions at home in respect of the failure to provide opportunities to women, equally with those given to men, for obtaining the requisite experience for administration.

Co-operation of Women of International Experience.

This Council is further of opinion that the Government Delegations to the Meetings and Conferences of the League and the International Labour Organisation would derive considerable advantage by the inclusion within them of more women who have had wide experience in national and international organisations since they possess an intimate knowledge of thought and opinion in the homes of the people in our own and other countries, as well as an intelligent grasp of social and economic inter-relationships.

No Need for a Permanent Women's Commission.

During the discussion by this Council of the best methods of achieving the fuller collaboration of women in the work of the League, the question of a Permanent Women's Commission in the League was raised but was not supported.

In most of the countries attached to the League, large numbers of women are working in active co-operation with men in voluntary organisations established for the aims and purposes of the League generally, or especially in support of the principles of Peace and Disarmament.

This Council is convinced that for the great forward movement of the League and its success the joint work of men and women to their utmost capacity is required, and should be developed upon the basic principle of equal opportunity which is implicit in the Covenant.

M. M. OGILVIE GORDON

President

The following are the Constituent Societies of this Council:- National Council of Women of Great Britain; National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship; National Women Citizens' Associations; Association of Headmistresses; Association of Assistant Mistresses; Association for Moral and Social Hygiene; Association of Teachers of Domestic Subjects; St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance; Conservative Women's Reform Association; Hendon Women Citizens' Council; London Society for Women's Service; Open Door Council; Women's Freedom League; Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (British Group); Young Women's Christian Association.

RESOLVED: (1) "That the General Council be recommended to adopt resolution (V) submitted by the Welsh National Council."

It was further

RESOLVED: (2) "That copies of the Report of the sub-Committee on Aerial Disarmament, referred to in minute 8 (11) on the Final Agenda, be available at the meeting of the General Council."

188. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Welcome Committee. (Lady Gladstone reported.) Subject to the following report on minute 33, the minutes of the Committee dated June 7th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (30) Arising out of Minutes; (31) Secretary's Report; (32) Membership of Committee; (33) International Association for Social Progress; (34) Hospitality to Students; (35) Further Co-operation with A.P.A.; (36) Anglo-Polish Circle; (37) International Course for Speakers on Disarmament.

On Minute 13 - International Association for Social Progress, it was reported that Mrs. Anstruther had very kindly promised to give a reception, at which Lord Burnham had consented to speak, on Thursday, July 7th. Lady Gladstone hoped that as many members of the Executive Committee as possible would be present.

(b) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Lady Hall reported.) With the exception of minute 54, consideration of which had been adjourned, the minutes of the Committee dated June 9th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (49) M. Albert Thomas; (50) Composition of Committee; (51) International Federation of League of Nations Societies - Plenary Congress, July 4th-9th; (52) Monument to M. Arthur Fontaine; (53) Fireproof Residential College; (54) Disarmament and Unemployment; (55) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (56) Trades Union Congress - Newcastle; (57) Industrial Affiliations.

(c) Religion and Ethics Committee. (Professor Murray reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 23, the minutes of the Committee dated June 9th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (22) New Members; (23) Public Meeting.

On Minute 23 - Public Meeting, it was

RESOLVED: "That Mrs. Zangwill be invited to assist in the organisation of this meeting, so that it may pay for itself."

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- (d) Education Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) Subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on minute 101, the minutes of the Committee dated June 13th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (93) Arising out of the Minutes; (94) Resignation of Commander Stephen King-Hall; (95) Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (96) Report on Work in Universities and Colleges; (97) Deputation to the President of the Board of Education; (98) Curriculum Sub-Committee: Further Report on Progress; (99) Report of the Junior Branches Sub-Committee; (100) International Camping Ground; (101) "The Isolatorist"; (102) Communication from the Executive Committee; (103) Federal Committee for European Co-operation; (104) Empire Day; Further Report upon its observance in the Schools; (105) Observance of Armistice Day in the Schools; (106) Summer Schools; (107) Preparation of 1932 List of Books for Children and Teachers; (108) Requests to Exhibit Books for Children and Teachers; (109) Y.M.C.A. Report on Lectures on the League and Allied Subjects; (110) Educational Conferences.

- (e) Office Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) With the exception of Minutes 32 and 33, which were approved at the previous meeting, the minutes of the Committee dated June 14th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (32) Miss Mackenzie; (33) Northern Region; (34) Mr. Everett Reid; (35) Voluntary Workers; (36) Half-Yearly Review of Wages and Salaries.

- (f) Overseas Committee. (Lady Gladstone reported.) With the exception of minute 20 (dealt with in minute 186 above) the minutes of the Committee dated June 22nd, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (20) XVIII Plenary Congress; (21) Communication from the Yugoslav League of Nations Association; (22) Overseas Report; (24) General Assembly of the Federal Committee.

189. EXPORT OF ARMS AND MUNITIONS TO THE FAR EAST. The Committee considered a statement supplied by the Foreign Office of material licensed for exportation to Japan and China during the period November 25th, 1931 to April 29th, 1932. It was

RESOLVED: "That no action be taken."

190. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. In view of the fact that the Plenary Congress of the International Federation would be meeting on Thursday, July 7th, it was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, July 14th."

191. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the Yeaton Branch, Southampton Branch and Leamington Branch.

192. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches and Corporate Members, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

2 Junior Branches, 7 Corporate Members.

Deletions.

1 Branch, 3 Junior Branches, 1 Corporate Member.

BRANCHES: DELETION: Mount Zion Circuit, Brampton, Derbyshire.

JUNIOR BRANCHES: The Godolphin and Latymer School, Hammersmith; Lovewell Road Girls' School, Lowestoft. DELETIONS: Rainhall Road School, Barnoldswick; Thoresby Street Senior Girls' School, Hull; High School for Girls, Spalding. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Aberdeen Local Association of the Educational Institute of Scotland; Deer Branch of the Educational Institute of Scotland; Hartley Congregational Church, Kent; Blackburn Cathedral, Lancs; National Training College of Domestic Subjects, London; Independent Methodist Church, Barnoldswick, Yorks; Firth Park United Methodist Church, Hanover Circuit, Sheffield. DELETION: Women's and Young Liberal Association, Rothwell.

It was reported that there were now 3,042 Branches, 1,226 Junior Branches and 3,577 Corporate Members; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 974,493 of whom 179,140 had paid a subscription in 1932 as compared with 197,297 during the corresponding period of 1931.

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American University Union in Europe (appoints Liaison Officer only)
 Association of Assistant Mistresses in Secondary Schools
 Association of Civil Service Sorting Assistants
 Association of Headmistresses
 Association of Higher Women Officers in the Civil Service
 Association for Moral and Social Hygiene
 Association of Post Office Women Clerks
 Association of Teachers of Domestic Subjects
 Association of University Women Teachers
 Association of Women Clerks and Secretaries
 Association of Wrens
 Baptist Women's League
 British Federation of University Women
 British League of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women
 British Legion, Women's Section
 British Women's Total Abstinence Union
 Catholic Women's League
 Central Employment Bureau for Women
 Central Council for Women's Church Work
 Church of England Zenana Missionary Society
 College of Nursing
 Congregational Union of England and Wales, Women's Guild
 Conservative Women's Reform Association
 Consultative Committee of County Nursing Associations
 Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations
 Ethical Union, Women's Group
 Feblen Society, Women's Group
 Federation of Women Civil Servants
 Federation of Women Zionists
 Federation of Working Girls' Clubs
 Girls' Friendly Society
 Girls' Life Brigade
 Jewish Association for the Protection of Girls and Women
 Joint Parliamentary Advisory Council (appoints Liaison Officer only)
 London Congregational Union, Women's League
 London Missionary Society
 London Society for Women's Service.
 Mothers' Union
 National Adult School Union, Women's Section
 National Council of Evangelical Free Churches, Women's Council
 National Council of Girls' Club
 National Council of Sproptimist Clubs of Great Britain
 National Council of Women
 National Federation of Women's Institutes
 National Sisterhood Movement
 National Union of General Workers, Women Workers' Section
 National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship
 National Union of Teachers
 National Union of Women Teachers
 National Women Citizens' Association
 Open Door Council
 Parents' National Educational Union
 People's League of Health
 St. John's Social and Political Alliance.
 Social Institutes Union for Women and Girls
 Standing Joint Committee, Women's Industrial Organisations
 State Children's Association
 Union of Jewish Women
 Women's Co-operative Guild
 Women's Engineering Society
 Women's Freedom League
 Women's International League
 Women's National Liberal Federation
 Women's Unionist Organisation
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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JULY 14TH, 1932 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major Hills (in the Chair), Sir Norman Angell, C. Delisle Burns, F.M. Burris, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Mrs. Dugdale, H.H. Elvin, Lady Gladstone, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Lady Layton, Sir Walter Napier, Sir John Power, Lord Rhayader, Councillor H.P. Shaw, H.S. Syrett, The Hon. Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright and L.M. Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

193. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Major Buxton, L.J. Cadbury, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lady Henschel, Lady Parmoor, Lord Eustace Percy, Mrs. Walter Runciman, J.A. Trevelyan Leak and Professor Zimmern.
194. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minutes 188(b) and 188(d), the minutes of the Committee held on June 23rd, 1932 were approved and adopted.

On Minute 188(b)(54) - Disarmament and Unemployment, it was reported that, at the request of Professor Murray, consideration of the recommendations of the sub-Committee on the Report on Disarmament and Unemployment had been postponed until the next meeting.

On Minute 188(d)(106) - Summer Schools, Dr. Kimmins reminded the Committee of the suggestion that had been made at the last meeting that members of the Committee might be willing to help in raising the sum of £100 for Geneva Bursaries, and reported that Lady Layton had already secured a donation for this purpose.

195. CO-OPTIONS. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the following be co-opted to serve on the Executive Committee for the year 1932/33:-

Major A. Buxton	Sir John Power
Mrs. Dugdale	John Sherborne
H.H. Elvin	H.S. Syrett
Captain L.H. Green	Sir Ben Turner
Lady Hall	Mrs. Wilson Fox
Sir Hugh Jeudwine	Herbert Worsley
Lord Rhayader	L.M. Wynch
Sir Walter Napier	

- (2) "That a sub-Committee consisting of Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Parmoor and the Vice-Chairman be appointed to recommend not more than five persons for co-optation by the Executive."
- (3) "That a list of the members of the Executive Committee for the year 1932/33 be circulated to the Committee."

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196. THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. The following emergency resolution which had been adopted by the General Council was read to the Committee:-

"Realising the dangers of delay,

The British League of Nations Union, in General Council assembled,

Welcomes the bold and statesmanlike proposals made by the President of the United States and

Urges H.M. Government

- (1) to join with the American, Italian, German and other Governments in persuading the Disarmament Conference to accept Mr. Hoover's proposals in broad outline; and thereafter
- (2) to take the initiative in a further advance towards the establishment of the principle of "equality of status" regarding disarmament between the vanquished and victorious powers, as well as the principle of "collective security".

It was reported that this resolution had been forwarded by telegram to the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary and the Chairman of the Disarmament Conference, and that letters of thanks had been received from Mr. Arthur Henderson and the Prime Minister's Secretary. The resolution had also been printed in the Journal of the Disarmament Conference.

The minutes of the General Council's meeting would be circulated to the Committee so soon as they were available.

197. **DISARMAMENT.** Sir Austen Chamberlain asked leave to withdraw a memorandum (S.G.5311) which had been circulated to the Committee in his name.

The Committee had before them a statement, prepared by the secretariat, comparing the amount of the British contribution to all-round Disarmament resulting from the British proposals on the one hand and Mr. Hoover's proposals on the other. Sir Austen Chamberlain read to the Committee a set of figures which he had had prepared with a view to showing the amount of tonnage each Power would have to scrap (in addition to that which it might have already agreed to scrap under the London Treaty) if the Hoover proposals were accepted.

The Committee then proceeded to discuss a draft resolution, prepared by Lord Cecil (S.G.5324). After prolonged discussion, in the course of which a letter dated July 13th from Major Euxton was read to the Committee, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union,

Welcomes the statements by Ministers that they are largely in agreement with the disarmament proposals of President Hoover;

Recalls the policy which the League of Nations Union has consistently recommended with regard to Disarmament; and therefore

Hopes that, with respect to the size of capital ships and the abolition of tanks and military aircraft, the programme of the British Government will, in co-operation with other countries, advance along these lines,

So as to secure

(a) a large and immediate diminution of expenditure;

(b) a reasonably substantial step towards that equality of status in armaments for all countries which was envisaged at the time of the Treaties of Peace; and

(c) relief from those apprehensions of the possibility of a sudden "knock-out blow" which are responsible for much of the existing international, political and economic unrest."

(2) "That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary, and the Press, as well as to the Union's Branches."

198. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Publicity Committee. (Sir Norman Angell reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated June 23rd, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (10) Chairman's Report; (11) Report of Publicity Activities; (12) Press Cuttings; (13) Poster Campaign; (14) Campaign against the League; (15) Future of the Publicity Committee; (16) Disarmament Conference; (17) Publicity for the Annual Meeting of the General Council; (18) Statistics on Posters.

(b) Mandates Committee. (Mrs. Dugdale reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated June 20th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Liberia; (3) Iraq; (4) Meetings of the Mandates Committee.

See Minute 203.

- (c) Religions and Ethics Committee. Subject to the following decision on minute 28, the minutes of the Committee dated July 5th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (27) New Members; (28) Public Meeting.

On minute 28 - Public Meeting, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved subject to the decision contained in minute 40 of the Office Committee dated July 12th."

- (d) Finance Committee. (Lord Rhayader reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated July 12th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (52) Financial Statement; (53) War Loan Stock; (54) London Regional Federation; (55) General Council Meeting; (56) Mr. Everett Reid; (57) Messrs. Cadbury's Gift; (58) Colonel Hogge; (59) Mr. N. Wood; (60) Finances of the Leicestershire and Rutland Federal Council; (61) Disarmament Fund; (62) Appeals Department; (63) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

- (e) Office Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated July 12th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (38) Colonel Hogge; (39) Mr. Everett Reid; (40) Dame Adelaide Livingstone; (41) Miss Monroe; (42) Pictures presented by Miss Canziani; (43) Library; (44) Mr. N. Wood; (45) Grading.

199. LAUSANNE CONFERENCE. On the motion of Lord Cecil it was

RESOLVED: (1) "The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union welcomes the agreement arrived at at the Lausanne Conference and offers its warmest congratulations to the Prime Minister and his colleagues for the result achieved."

(2) "That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister and to the press."

200. WORLD ANTI-WAR CONGRESS. A letter dated July 1st from Mr. Reginald Bridgeman, inviting the Union to send a delegate to the World Anti-war Congress to be held in Geneva on July 28th, was reported to the Committee. Mr. Judd, the Secretary of the Union's Education Committee had attended a meeting of secondary school teachers on June 30th which had been called to discuss means of supporting the Congress. A report of this meeting was read to the Committee, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the invitation from Mr. Bridgeman be not accepted."

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201. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members and Corporate Associates, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

4 Branches, 10 Junior Branches, 5 Corporate Members, 3 Corporate Associates.

Deletions.

8 Branches, 5 Corporate Members.

BRANCHES: Amlwch A'r Cylch, Anglesey; Blaenau Ffestiniog Rhw M.C., Merionethshire; Penycefn, Flintshire; Thornton-in-Craven, Yorkshire. DELETIONS: Thornford, Dorset; Brynyfymon Wesleyan Church, Wrexham; Chester Street Congregational Church, Wrexham; Penybryn, Wrexham; Queen Street Congregational Church, Wrexham; Seion, Wrexham; Trinity, Wrexham, Victoria Road, Wrexham. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Boys' County School, Bala, Merionethshire; Egehill Girls' College, Bideford, Devon; Dulwich Road Senior Girls' School, Birmingham; Pelatine Central Boys' School, Blackpool; Thames Road Senior School, Blackpool; The Government School, Awka, Enugu, S.Nigeria; Kensington High School, London; Secondary School, Nantyglo, Monmouthshire; Sutton High School, Sutton, Surrey; Cottenham Road L.C.C. Senior School, Upper Holloway, London. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Men's Fireside Fellowship of High Town Primitive Methodist Church, Luton; Westbourne Congregational Church, Bourne-mouth; St. Mary's Church, Welwyn, Herts; Lancaster Road Wesleyan Church, London; Campbell Street United Methodist Church, Nottingham. DELETIONS: No. 2 Branch of the National Union of Railwaymen, Aberdeen; Bozeat Branch of Mothers' Union; Cupar Branch of B.W.T.A.; South Hayling Congregational Church; St. Alban's Women's Fellowship, Retford. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Nutley Women's Institute; Ullesthorpe Women's Institute, St. Alban's Women's Fellowship, Retford.

It was reported that there were now 3,038 Branches, 1,236 Junior Branches, 3,577 Corporate Members and 766 Corporate Associates; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 976,160 of whom 196,726 had paid a subscription in 1932 as compared with 218,545 during the corresponding period of 1931.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JULY 21ST, 1932 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major Hills (in the Chair), Vice-Admiral Allen, Sir Norman Angell, F.M.Purvis, Major Anthony Buxton, L.J.Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs.Dugdale, H.H.Elvin, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H.Green, Lady Hall, Sir Arthur Haworth, Dr.C.W.Kimmins, Lady Layton, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Bustace Percy, H.P.Shaw, John Sherborne, Sir Ben Turner, The Hon.Mrs.Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright and L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

202. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from C.Delisle Burns, Lady Henschel, Commander Kenworthy, Sir Hugh Jendwine, Lady Parmoor, H.S.Syrett, and Professor Zimmern.
203. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minute 198(c) the minutes of the meeting held on July 14th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

On Minute 198(c) - 28 - Public Meeting, it was reported that, owing to her forthcoming visit to America, Mrs.Israel Zangwill was unable to accept the Union's invitation to organise the meeting to be held in November at the request of the Religions and Ethics Committee.

204. DISARMAMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT. The Committee considered Captain Sanders' Report on Disarmament and Unemployment as amended by the sub-Committee appointed by the Executive on June 16th, together with a statement by Mrs.Dugdale and Major Hills (S.G.5319) setting forth the reasons for their disagreement with the principle on which the Report was based. Captain Green reminded the Committee of the circumstances in which the Executive Committee had invited Captain Sanders to prepare this Report, and in particular he drew attention to the following paragraph in the statement upon International Policy adopted by the General Council on December 11th, 1931:-

Plans for the reduction of armaments should be accompanied by adequate schemes for mitigating the temporary unemployment resulting from their adoption.

and to the following decision of the General Council in June, 1932:-

The General Council of the L.N.U....Strongly urges.... The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union to produce a Report on Disarmament and Unemployment without delay.

After prolonged discussion, in which the majority of members of the Committee took part and during the course of which letters from Professor Murray, Mr.Delisle Burns and Mr.Syrett were reported to the Committee, it was, on the motion of Mr.Elvin, seconded by Mr. Cadbury,

RESOLVED: "That a sub-Committee, consisting of Sir Norman Angell, Lord Cecil, Mrs. Dugdale, Captain Green and Major Hills, be appointed further to consider the Report and the statement prepared by Mrs. Dugdale and Major Hills in the light of the Committee's discussion with a view to an agreed Report being published; and that this sub-Committee be given power to act."

205. CO-OPERATIONS TO EXECUTIVE. The Committee considered the report of the meeting of the Co-operations Sub-Committee held on July 19th, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the report be approved and adopted subject

(i) to the name of Mr. McPadyen (a representative of the Co-operative Union) being substituted for that of Miss Megan Lloyd George; and

(ii) to the third vacancy occurring on the Committee being offered to Miss Lloyd George.

206. XVIIth PLENARY CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION AND FEDERAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN CO-OPERATION. The Committee considered a report on the meetings of the XVIIth Plenary Congress of the International Federation (S.C. 5325) and of the Federal Committee for European Co-operation (S.C. 5335). It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That this report be approved."

(2) "That the resolutions adopted by the XVIIth Plenary Congress be forwarded to H.M. Government, and that special attention be directed to certain of the resolutions as, for example, that dealing with Minorities."

207. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. Major Wright reported to the Committee the following resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee of the London Regional Federation on 19th July, 1932:-

1. The Executive Committee of the London Regional Federation considering that the disarmament proposals of the British Government as stated by Mr. Baldwin in the House of Commons on July 7th are entirely inadequate, and in view of the urgency of the question, requests the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Union to summon a meeting of the General Council (under Rule 30) as soon as possible, and in any case not later than the middle of September, for the purpose of considering proposals for an immediate campaign of the whole Union in support of the Union's Disarmament policy and of any other action that might be taken to secure the maximum results from the Disarmament Conference."

2. That the Union Executive be requested to lay before the General Council definite plans for a great concerted campaign in which every Branch and other unit in the Union may have its allotted place, and for which the Executive Committee will prepare adequate printing and other publicity material.

The Committee were reminded of the campaign that is at present being conducted by the Union as a result of which, during the last three weeks some 700 Branches have caused more than 4,000 letters to be written to Cabinet Ministers and other Members of Parliament. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That Major Wright be asked to convey to the London Regional Federation the Committee's appreciation of the spirit in which their resolution has been passed."

- (2) "That a special meeting of the General Council be not summoned, but that the Political and Disarmament Committees be asked to consider and report on the question of continuing the present campaign on the lines suggested by the London Regional Federation."

208. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Christian Organisations Committee. Subject to the following decision on minute 62, the minutes of the Committee dated July 11th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (55) British Israel; (56) Centenary of Freeing of Slaves in the British Empire; (57) The Present Position at Geneva; (58) Corporate Membership Conditions; (59) Position of Russian Lutherans; (60) Armistice Literature; (61) Traffic in Arms; (62) Prayer at the League Assembly; (63) Bishop of Kensington; (64) Report from Overseas Societies; (65) Resolutions; (66) Preacher in Geneva Cathedral; (67) Corporate Membership.

On Minute 62 - Prayer at the League Assembly, it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this minute be deferred until the next meeting."

- (b) Education Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated July 11th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (114) Membership of Committee (115) Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (116) Report on Work in Universities and Colleges; (117) Report of Youth Sub-Committee; (118) Handbook on Discussion; (119) Leaflet on Youth Group Organisation; (120) Composition of Youth Sub-Committee; (121) British Drama League; (122) International Friendship League; (123) General Council Meeting; (124) XVIII Plenary Congress of International Federation; (125) Observance of Armistice Day in

the Schools; (126) Conference on History Teaching held at the Hague June 30th - July 2nd; (127) Budget for 1933; (128) Summer Schools; (129) Eleventh Annual Conference of British Institute of Adult Education; (130) Publications; (131) Association for Mutual Service in the Schools; (132) Centenary of the Freeing of Slaves in the British Empire; (133) Posters from Sale Branch.

(c) Women's Advisory Council. Consideration of the minutes of the Women's Advisory Council dated July 20th was adjourned until the next meeting.

209. GENERAL COUNCIL. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the General Council be held between November 20th and 25th, and that a public meeting in the Albert Hall be arranged in connection with the Council Meeting."

210. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the Elgin Branch and the Birmingham District Committee.

211. CLOSING OF OFFICE FOR AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY. It was

RESOLVED: "That the office be closed from 5.30 p.m. on Friday, July 29th until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 2nd."

212. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on September 22nd, and that, commencing from October 6th, meetings of the Committee be held as usual on the first, third and fifth Thursdays in each month."

213. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate members and Corporate Associates, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

BRANCH: Mylor and Flushing, Cornwall. DELETION: Staveley, Derbyshire; JUNIOR BRANCHES: Blackheath, London; Dagnall Street Baptist Church Sunday School, St. Albans; Lindisfarne College, Westcliff-on-Sea. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Deeside Branch of the Education Institute of Scotland; King's Road Baptist Church, Reading; Barnard Castle Wesleyan Church, Durham; St. Mary's and All Saints, Langdon Hills, Laindon, Essex; The Spiritual Venturers Society, Bristol. DELETION: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Southsea. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Chalfield women's Institute; Chelwood women's Institute; Peopleton Women's Institute; S.W. St. Pancras Women's Liberal Association; Humberstone Women's Institute. DELETIONS: Fordcombe Women's Institute; Stanton Drew Women's Institute; Women's Bright Hour, Wesleyan Methodist Mission, Edinburgh; Victoria Street Girls' Auxiliary, Dundee.

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It was reported that there were now 3,038 Branches, 1,239 Junior Branches, 3,531 Corporate Members and 767 Corporate Associates; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 976,949 of whom 202,156 had paid a subscription in 1932, as compared with 222,078 during the corresponding period of 1931.

214. INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Industrial Advisory Committee be authorised to make preliminary arrangements for a Conference to be held in February, 1933."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JULY 28th, 1932
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Sir Norman Angell,
C. Delisle Burns, F.M. Burris, Lord Cecil, Miss
Courtney, Admiral Drury-Lowe, H.H. Elvin, J.H. Harris,
Commander Kenworthy, Dr. C. W. Kimmins, Lady Layton,
Sir Walter Napier, Sir John Power, Lord Rhayader,
John Sherborne, H.S. Syrett, Herbert Worsley and
Major Lawrence Wright, together with the
Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George, the Secretary and
Deputy Secretary.

215. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Vice-Admiral Allen,
L.J. Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Sir Austen Chamberlain,
Captain L.H. Green, Lady Henschel, Sir Hugh Jevdine, Lady
Farmoor, Lord Eustace Percy, Lord Queenborough, L.M. Wynch
and Professor Zimmern.
216. **HONORARY PRESIDENTS.** The Chairman welcomed Mr. Lloyd George
who was attending the Committee in his capacity as Honorary
President of the Union. The Committee were reminded that
all the Honorary Presidents have a right to attend, but
not to vote at, meetings of the Executive.
217. **DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.** The Committee considered the
resolution adopted by the General Commission of the Dis-
armament Conference before it adjourned on July 22nd, and
received reports from Professor Murray and Miss Courtney
who had lately returned from Geneva.

Professor Murray felt that the Conference had succeeded
in getting an agreement which contained several definite
points of advance as well as a larger number of somewhat
vague promises; but the most important result achieved
was the unanimity with which all the critics of the
resolution demanded more. Not a single speaker said that
the resolution went too far, or even far enough. This
should be a great encouragement to the Union's Campaign.

Miss Courtney spoke of the discussions which had taken
place when the draft resolution was put to the Conference,
and referred particularly to the declaration by the German
delegation that, unless their demand for equality was met
in some way during the recess, they would not engage to
come back when the Conference resumed. Miss Courtney
agreed with Professor Murray that there were good points
in the resolution which ought not to be overlooked. They
were summed up effectively by the Dutch delegate who had
said:-

- (1) It proclaimed the principle of the abolition of
all air bombardment. This was not a decision
which the Conference had taken lightly. It was a
political undertaking entered into after due
reflection;
- (2) The resolution took a first step towards the direct
quantitative limitation of artillery by demanding
the limitation in number of all heavy land artillery
of a certain calibre;

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- (3) The resolution absolutely condemned chemical bacteriological and incendiary warfare and this necessarily involved the prohibition of all preparation for this form of warfare;
- (4) The resolution was quite clear as to the necessity not only of a strict limitation but also of a real reduction of effectives.

A letter from Dame Adelaide Livingstone, containing a report of a meeting of representatives of certain national and international organisations held in Geneva at the close of the Conference, was reported.

Mr. Lloyd George said that great difficulties had been created by the fact that no instructions had been given by the Government to the experts at the Conference. He hoped that the Union would put first and foremost in its programme the carrying out of the obligations of honour which all the nations of the world entered into with Germany in 1918.

Lord Cecil hoped that during the next few months everything possible would be done to urge the broad lines of the Union's policy and to make it effective. The Secretary reminded the Committee that during the last few weeks more than 5,000 letters and resolutions had been sent by Branches and Districts to Cabinet Ministers and other Members of Parliament and the Chairman of the Disarmament Conference.

Mr. Elvin referred to a meeting being organised by the Industrial Advisory Committee on September 7th in connection with the Trades Union Congress in Newcastle, and suggested that this meeting should take the form of a Disarmament Demonstration. He further suggested that the Disarmament Sub-Committee should be asked to draw up plans for a campaign by the Union during the next few months.

Mr. Burris spoke of a very successful deputation organised by the Bristol District to the Local Member of Parliament. Lord Cecil hoped that many other Branches and Districts of the Union would organise similar deputations when Parliament re-assembled in September.

Lady Layton spoke of conversations she had recently had with Sir John Simon, Sir Herbert Samuel and Lord Londonderry, and suggested that arrangements should be made for a deputation from the Executive to wait upon H.M. Government and the members of the British Delegation to the Conference.

A letter dated July 27th from Major Lawrence Wright, referring to the resolution unanimously adopted by the London Regional Federation requesting the Chairman of the Executive to summon a special meeting of the General Council not later than the middle of September, was reported. It was agreed that to call a meeting of the General Council at such short notice would be a strain on the resources both of members of the head office and the Branches which could be more usefully employed in other ways.

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A letter dated July 26th from the Secretary of the Kensington Branch, enclosing a resolution which was adopted by the Branch on July 22nd and which criticised the Executive resolution of July 14th, was circulated to the Committee.

Finally, after considerable discussion it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That a sub-Committee consisting of Lord Cecil, Sir Norman Angell, Mr. Lloyd George and the Chairman, be appointed to prepare and issue a *(statement attached)* brief statement of the Union's attitude to the resolution adopted by the Disarmament Conference."
- (2) "That the Disarmament sub-Committee be asked to meet as soon as possible for the purpose of considering various suggestions for further action by the Union."
- (3) "That the Chairman be asked to call a further meeting of the Executive at any time if such a course appears to him necessary."

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The Executive of the League of Nations Union has received much evidence of wide spread disappointment on the part of the rank and file of the Union at the results obtained so far by the Disarmament Conference. This disappointment has sometimes found expression in formal resolutions from Branches, some of which express the opinion that the disarmament policy of the Executive of the Union has become less thoroughgoing.

It is important, therefore, to point out that there has been no change of policy whatever on the part of the Executive.

It would certainly serve no purpose, be neither politic nor just, to ignore what has been achieved by the Conference. The repudiation of all bombing, the prohibition of all chemical war; the acceptance in principle of the system of budgetary limitation; the acceptance of supervision by a permanent disarmament commission; the fact that the door is kept open for further advance and the Conference is in being, are not small achievements.

They are, however, very meagre results when compared with the programme of disarmament which the Union has consistently supported, and which the public opinion of Europe unanimously demands. No delegation expressed opposition to the resolution of the General Commission of July 22nd on the ground that it went too far. Many delegations thought that it did not go nearly far enough.

The respects in which the results of the Conference (as embodied in that resolution) fall short of the Union's policy have already been indicated in the resolution of the Executive Committee of July 14th; and it is to those points of the unfulfilled aims that the activity of Branches, and individual members, should now tirelessly be directed, so that when the Conference resumes there shall be no doubt as to the extent to which British public opinion is prepared to

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go in a policy of disarmament.

Those main points are as follows:

1. The degree of disarmament for which the government must stand should constitute a full and complete discharge of our solemn undertaking to Germany to create an equality of status in armament as between Germany and other European powers.

In the Reply of the Allied and Associated Powers to the German Delegation on 16th June, 1919, it was stated that:-

"The Allied and Associated Powers wish to make it clear that their requirements in regard to German armaments were not made solely with the object of rendering it impossible for Germany to resume her policy of military aggression. They are also the first steps towards that general reduction and limitation of armaments which they seek to bring about as one of the most fruitful preventives of war, and which it would be one of the first duties of the League of Nations to promote."

This assurance was given as an inducement to Germany to accept the terms of the Treaty, and on the faith of it she gave her signature. The undertaking that the Disarmament of Germany should be a prelude to our own must be implemented.

2. In the pursuit of this policy our government should not be unduly deterred by the technical objections of its experts. The function of the expert is to carry out the policy which governments lay down, not to dictate general policy. When the disarmament of Germany was decreed, the experts recommended the means by which that disarmament could be effected. They gave advice then which made disarmament possible. They showed the Central Powers how to disarm. Their function now is to show the other Powers how to disarm; to do to-day in the case of the remainder of the powers,

what they were able to do so efficiently thirteen years ago in the case of the group.

3. As the general line of the policy which would constitute a substantial step in the fulfilment of our obligation, the Union has urged that all the Powers participating in the Disarmament Conference should:-(1) guarantee security to those nations defeated in the world war, as well as to the victors; (ii) effect a limitation alike of the total amount of offensive forces on land, on sea, and in the air, and of the specific character of armaments, including range and destructive capacity; (iii) adapt and apply substantially the methods of disarmament embodied in the Disarmament Clauses of the Peace Treaties, supplemented by some form of budgetary limitation; (iv) abolish conscription, or alternatively adopt other methods of limiting effective strengths of land and air personnel, and consequently of their reserves; (v) secure the publication of full information as to reserves of men and material. The general objective of such a policy of disarmament is to make it unlikely for an aggressor to succeed in an attack on its neighbour before full opportunity is given for the various methods of conciliation and pacification to be brought into play. Only by these means can we hope to allay those apprehensions of the possibility of a sudden "knock-out blow" which are responsible for much of the existing international political and economic unrest.
4. The Union has approved as a valuable and practical step towards the accomplishment of this policy the proposals for reduction of armaments laid before the Disarmament Conference by President Hoover. The

failure of the Conference to take effective action on the lines therein indicated has been deplored by many Branches.

5. The Union has always stood for the principle of publicity in the Conference, as in other international consultations. Without publicity public opinion is ineffective and may be pernicious. There is much evidence that the rank and file of the Union feel keenly that the public should not be presented merely with a fait accompli after secret discussion has taken place, but should know something of the reasons which prompt the policy that the government adopts.

The Union has always consistently urged that the security of nations must be based, not upon rival armaments and equipment for war, but upon a growing reliance on the obligations undertaken by all nations represented at the Disarmament Conference to renounce war as an instrument of national policy, and to seek the settlement of disputes by none but peaceful means.

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1., ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 19TH AT 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Vice-Admiral Allen, Sir Norman Angell, Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Admiral Drury-Lowe, H.H.Elvin, J.McFadyen, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Lord Eustace Percy, H.P.Shaw, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright, and L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary, Deputy Secretary and Mr.D.H.Mills.

218. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from F.M.Burris, L.J.Cadbury, Miss Courtney, Mrs. Dugdale, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Captain Green, J.H.Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lady Henschel, Lt.-General Sir Hugh Jourd'he, Commander Kenworthy, Lady Layton, J.A.Trevelyan Leak, Rt.Hon.David Lloyd George, Lord Lytton, C.M.Patrick, Sir John Power, Lord Queenborough, J.Sherborne, H.S.Syrett and Sir Ben Turner.
219. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. The Chairman explained that the Special Committee had been summoned in view of the many criticisms which had been received of the statement drafted by the sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Executive and which consisted of Lord Cecil, Sir Norman Angell and Mr.Lloyd George.

Consideration was given to some of the criticisms received and as the Committee was unable to reach a unanimous decision regarding the statement as a whole, it was used as a basis for the following agreed resolution:-

"The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union

OBSERVING that the General Commission of the Disarmament Conference in its resolution of July 23rd "welcoming heartily the initiative taken by the President of the United States",

"Decides forthwith and unanimously (1) that a substantial reduction of world armaments shall be effected, to be applied by a general convention alike to land, naval and air armaments; and (2) that a primary objective shall be to reduce the means of attack."

WARMLY WELCOMES this decision,

BUT REGRETS that in Parts II and III of the resolution the absence of definite figures deprives it of much of its significance.

IT APPROVES the agreement to set up a Permanent Supervisory Commission, and to make disarmament effective by budgetary limitation as well as direct enumeration.

IT TRUSTS that the purpose of the decision will be carried out by the restriction of all armaments and the general abolition for all nations of the five classes of weapons* forbidden to Germany in the Treaty of Versailles, thus establishing equality of status among all Members of the League.

*Warships of over 10,000 tons, submarines, military aircraft, tanks and heavy land guns.

IT URGES that all private manufacture of arms and implements of war should be either entirely prohibited or strictly controlled by Government license; and

INSISTS on the importance of full publicity in the future proceedings of the Conference and its Committees as the only means by which the sinister intrigues of interests hostile to disarmament can be exposed and defeated.

FINALLY IT CALLS UPON all members of the Union and other friends of peace, to use all constitutional means to induce His Majesty's Government to adopt a policy on these lines, and to take, before it is too late, such decisive action upon this whole question as will

REDEEM the pledged word of the Allied and Associated Powers,
DISPEL the growing suspicion of the sincerity of Governments, and
AVERT the imminent dangers threatening the League of Nations.

The Committee expressed the wish that the final paragraph urging co-operation shall be interpreted by the Secretariat in a reasonable way and that a paragraph be inserted in the next branch letter expressing the hope that branches will seek the co-operation of all those who desire to work for disarmament. It was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be sent to the Government, to the Press, to the Branches and published in HEADWAY."

Lord Cecil said that he had received several communications from members of the Union asking what action they could take regarding the Disarmament Conference and he was proposing to write a letter for the September HEADWAY answering the points which they raised.

220. DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

RESOLVED: "That Major Lawrence Wright and Mr. Sherborne be invited to serve upon the Disarmament Campaign Committee."

221. MORAL DISARMAMENT.

RESOLVED: "That in view of the meeting to be held on November 15th, the proposed demonstration of the Religions and Ethics Committee on Moral Disarmament be postponed until later on in the season."

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT 14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, LONDON, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 15th, 1932 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Lord Cecil (in the Chair), Vice-Admiral J.D. Allen,
Sir Norman Angell, Colonel David Carnegie,
Miss K.D. Courtney, Lord Dickinson, Vice-Admiral
S.R. Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Captain L.H. Green,
Lady Hall, Sir Arthur Haworth, Dr. G.W. Kinnings,
G. Le M. Mander, Sir Walter Napier, C.W. Patrick,
Lord Rhayader, H.S. Syrett, Herbert Worsley,
Major Lawrence Wright, and L.M. Wynch, together
with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

222. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Major Buxton,
L.J. Cadbury, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lady Henschel, Major
Hills, Morgan Jones, Sir Hugh Jewell, Professor Murray,
Lady Parmoor, Lord Eustace Percy, Sir John Power, Trevelyan
Leak, Mrs. Runciman, Sir Ben Turner and Mrs. Wilson-Pox.

223. MANCHURIA. The Committee considered a memorandum by Lord
Cecil on the Sino-Japanese question (S.G.5413), together
with resolutions on this subject which had been adopted by
the Executive on February 11th, 1932 and by the General
Council on June 28th and 29th. The Committee also had
before them a summary of events in the Far East contained in
the current issue of "Speakers Notes". After discussion
it was

RESOLVED: (1) The Executive Committee urges that the Lytton
Report should be published as soon as
possible; and, in the meantime, calls atten-
tion to the following propositions:-

- (1) No State, however well-founded its
grievances against another State, is
entitled to seek redress by other than
peaceful methods. (See M.Briand 10.12.31.
and Sir John Simon, 7.3.32.)
- (2) No territorial or political changes
brought about by the aggression of one
State against another should be recog-
nised as valid against the will of
either State.
- (3) Deplorable as the withdrawal of a State
Member from the League must always be,
it is better that a State should withdraw
if it is not prepared to carry out its
obligations under the Covenant.

It was further

RESOLVED: (2) That the above resolution be forwarded immedi-
ately to the Foreign Secretary; and that, at
the next meeting of the Committee, the question
of general publication of the resolution be
considered in the light of any comments on
the resolution which may have been received
from Sir John Simon.

See Minute 231

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224. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Committee, while accepting the principle of equality of status in armaments for Germany, would regard with dismay any proposal to satisfy the German demand by agreeing that she should re-arm."

The Committee went on to consider the Disarmament programme (S.G. 5409) adopted by the International Federation of League of Nations Societies at its Plenary Congress in Paris in July, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolutions adopted by the XVth Plenary Congress of the International Federation, including the Disarmament programme, be referred to the appropriate sub-Committees of the Union for consideration and report."

Mr. Wynch suggested that it might be a good thing if an article could appear in HEADWAY in the near future dealing with the constitution of the International Federation. The Secretary promised to bring this suggestion to the notice of the Editor.

225. FINANCE. On the motion of Lord Mayader it was

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary be authorised to take all necessary action to effect the transfer to the Midland Bank of the necessary stock as security for an overdraft of not more than £3,000."

226. DISARMAMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT. On the motion of Captain Green it was

RESOLVED: "That a copy of the Report on Disarmament and Unemployment, prepared by Captain Sanders, be sent to each member of the Executive."

227. DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on minute 5, the minutes of the Committee dated August 23rd, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (1) Resolution of Executive Committee; (2) Composition of Committee; (3) Comité d'Action pour la Société des Nations; (4) Meetings of Representatives of Disarmament Committees in Geneva; (5) Plans for Autumn Campaign; (6) Constituency Committees; (7) Co-operation with other Societies.

On Minute 5(a) - Plans for Autumn Campaign, the Committee were informed of the arrangements that were being made for the meeting in the Albert Hall on November 15th at which invitations to speak had already been accepted by Miss Margaret Bondfield and Lord Buxton Percy. The Archbishop of York had accepted provisionally, but had suggested that on this occasion it might be desirable to invite some less well-known supporter of Disarmament to speak for the Church. It was

RESOLVED: "That a further letter be sent to the Archbishop of York expressing the desire of the Committee that he should speak at the Albert Hall meeting; and that an endeavour be made to include in the programme a younger speaker, as for example Mr. Dingle Foot, Mr. Beverley Nicholls, Mr. Mollison or Miss Megan Lloyd George."

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On Minute 5(b), it was reported that Lord Cecil had written a letter for Branches which would be circulated within the next few days.

228. BYE-ELECTION. The Committee received a report on the replies to the Union's questionnaire which had been received from Mr. Holman and Mr. Murray Philipson, the candidates in the Twickenham Bye-Election.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND,
1932 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Lord Rhayader (in the Chair), Vice-Admiral J.D.Allen,
C.Delisle Burns, Colonel David Carnegie, Vice-
Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Hall,
Dr. C.W.Kimmins, Lady Layton, Sir Walter Napier,
Lady Parmoor, Lord Eustace Percy, H.F.Shaw, H.S.
Syrett, Sir Ben Turner and Major Lawrence Wright,
together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

229. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Sir Norman Angell,
Lord Dickinson, Captain Green, Professor Murray, C.M.Patrick,
John Sherborne and J.Trevelyan Leak.
230. **CHAIRMAN.** In the absence of Professor Murray, Lord Cecil
and Major Hills, and on the motion of Lady Parmoor, Lord
Rhayader was voted to the Chair.
231. **MINUTES.** Subject to the following report and decisions on
minutes 205, 224 and 226, the minutes of the meeting held
on July 21st and of the special meetings held on July 28th,
August 19th and September 15th were approved and adopted.

On Minute 205 - Co-optations to Executive, it was
reported that Dr.Hugh Dalton was unable, owing to
his many other engagements, to accept the Executive's
invitation to serve on the Committee, and that the
vacancy had accordingly been offered to Mrs.Ralph Glyn.
It was further reported that it was most unlikely
that Sir Edward Iliffe would be able to accept member-
ship of the Committee and it was

RESOLVED: "That in the event of a definite refusal
being received from Sir Edward Iliffe, the
vacancy be offered to Mr. Rennie Smith."

On Minute 224 - Disarmament Conference, Sir Walter
Napier expressed the hope that if, for any reason, an
article dealing with the constitution of the Inter-
national Federation, as suggested by Mr.Wynne, was not
included in HEADWAY in the near future, the matter
should be brought to the notice of the Overseas Committee.

On Minute 226 - Disarmament and Unemployment, on the
motion of Colonel Carnegie, seconded by Lady Hall, it was

RESOLVED: "That copies of the report prepared by Captain
Senders on "Disarmament and the Displaced
Worker", be sent to H.M.Government, together
with the resolution on the subject adopted
by the General Council at its last meeting."

232. **MANCHURIA.** It was reported that the resolution adopted by
the Committee at its last meeting (see minute 223(2)) had
been forwarded to the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secre-
tary. A letter dated September 19th from Sir John Simon's
secretary was read to the Committee stating that

"Sir John Simon regrets that he does not feel able to
offer any observations on the resolution at the
present time since the concrete case which it
evidently has in view will shortly be under consid-
eration by the League of Nations."

See Minute 239.

An acknowledgment of the resolution from the Prime Minister's secretary, dated September 16th, was also read to the Committee. In view of these letters, and on the motion of Lady Parmoor, seconded by Colonel Carnegie, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Committee's resolution be now communicated to Branches and to the press."

233. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

(a) League of Nations Union Action. It was reported that copies of a circular letter from Lord Cecil (copies of which had been sent to the Committee) was being forwarded to all Branch Secretaries, together with a proof of a revised version of the penny Disarmament booklet prepared by Mr. Innes for the London Regional Federation, a leaflet on The Disarmament Conference, and a folder containing practical suggestions for action by Branches. An article by the Secretary, epitomising these publications, would appear in the October HEADWAY. A further letter was being sent to Branch Secretaries at the end of the week enclosing an illustrated leaflet on the subject of the Poster Campaign. One poster design had been received and was now being printed. It was hoped that designs for the first half-dozen posters would be ready within the next three weeks.

The Secretary would be seeing Regional Representatives and several County Secretaries on the following day with reference to the Disarmament Campaign. He intended, among other things, to arrange that each of the great cities should send a deputation to all its Members of Parliament, such as Bristol sent in July, and that each city should also send a manifesto to the public press, such as appeared over the signatures of the Lord Mayor, the Bishop, and the President of the Chamber of Commerce of Bristol in the TIMES of September 15th.

Sir Walter Napier suggested that Federal Councils might be asked to arrange for a deputation, in which representatives from each of its Branches should be included, to wait upon all the Members of Parliament within its area.

It was further reported that all the Protestant Churches of the country were joining in a deputation, to be led by the Archbishop of York, to urge upon the Prime Minister the moral obligations involved in the Disarmament problem. Arrangements were also in hand for the preparation of a Memorial to be signed by influential persons and to be submitted to the Prime Minister, perhaps supported by a non-party deputation. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That, for the future, copies of circular letters to Branch Secretaries be sent to members of the Executive for their information."

(2) (a) "That, in printing the revised edition of the penny booklet on Disarmament, a different colour be used for the cover in order to distinguish between the revised and the earlier editions."

(b) "That the heading on page 11 of the booklet be amended to read: "What the League of Nations Societies Propose".

See Minute 239

The Secretary promised to see Sir Josiah Stamp with a view to securing his help in obtaining free railway sites for the display of Union posters.

(b) British Note on Equality of Status for Germany. The Committee considered the Note issued by H.M. Government on equality of status in armaments for Germany. At the invitation of the Chairman the Secretary read to the Committee his letter on this subject which had appeared in the MANCHESTER GUARDIAN on the previous day. Dr. Bellisle Burns suggested that a deputation from the Union should wait upon the Prime Minister regarding the urgent importance of assuring the German Government that equality of status would be discussed by the Bureau of the Conference. Lord Eustace Percy was of the opinion that it would be a mistake to send such a deputation to the Prime Minister on this particular issue, although he would be in favour of a deputation on the Union's general programme for Disarmament as set forth in the Committee's resolution of August 19th. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman of the Executive Committee be asked to represent to the Prime Minister, either personally or by letter as he may find most convenient, the apprehension of the Committee in regard to the present diplomatic position with Germany in connection with the Disarmament Conference, and the desirability of giving Germany such an assurance on the matter of equality of status as will enable the German Government to be represented at the discussions in Geneva."

At the request of the Committee Mrs. Dugdale promised to convey to Lord Cecil the above resolution, with a request that, if he felt able to do so, he would speak to Sir John Simon on the subject.

It was further

RESOLVED: "That copies of the statement made by Mr. Stimson in his speech to the Council of Foreign Relations on August 8th be circulated for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting."

234. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Christian Organisations Committee. Admiral Drury-Lowe reported on (adjourned) minute 62 (prayer at the League Assembly) of the Committee's meeting of July 11th. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred, without comment, for consideration by the General Council."

(b) Women's Advisory Council. (Lady Hall reported). Subject to the following report on minute 464, the minutes of the Council dated July 20th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (459) Report of Standing Sub-Committee; (460) Reports from Societies; (461) Representation on W.A.C.; (462) Disarmament; (463) Lausanne Conference; (464) Women's Organisations and League Assembly; (465) Applications for Corporate Associateship.

of the kind asked for in the resolution
(See Minute 239)

On Minute 464 - Women's Organisations and League Assembly, Mrs. Dugdale stated that although, in principle, she was in sympathy with making an equal status for men and women in employment with the League, she could not undertake to press for an enquiry ~~on this subject~~ until she had been to Geneva and had ascertained what expense would be involved and whether the time was opportune for such a proposal. The matter was left in her hands.

- (c) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Lady Hall reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated July 21st, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (60) Mr. J. R. Leslie; (61) Mr. B. Butler; (62) M. Albert Thomas; (63) Composition of Committee; (64) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (65) General Council of League of Nations Union; (66) Disarmament and Unemployment; (67) Fircroft Residential College; (68) February 1933 Conference; (69) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (70) Trades Union Congress, Newcastle.

- (d) Office Committee. (Lord Phayader reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 48, the minutes of the Committee dated September 20th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (47) Publicity Staff;
(48) HEADWAY.

On Minute 48 -- HEADWAY, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolutions be approved in the following amended form:-

- (1) That the resignation of Mr. Wilson Harris be accepted with profound respect; that he be thanked for his distinguished services to the Union; and that the good wishes of the Executive be conveyed to him on appointment to his new and responsible post.
- (2) That the Office and Publicity Committees, together with Lord Eustace Percy, Mr. Syrett (with Major Wright as deputy), Admiral Alton and Dr. Delisle Burns, be asked to meet at 11 a.m. on October 11th to consider the future of HEADWAY as a preliminary to the appointment of a successor to Mr. Wilson Harris, and report to the Executive."

235. REPORTS ON BYE-ELECTIONS. The Committee received a report (S.G. 5424) on the action taken by the Union in connection with the recent Bye-Elections at Northern Cornwall, Wednesbury and Twickenham.

236. BRANCH RESOLUTION. The Committee received with interest a resolution from the Birmingham District Committee.
237. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members and Corporate Associates, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

4 Branches, 5 Junior Branches, 13 Corporate Members, 3 Corporate Associates.

Deletions.

9 Branches, 1 Junior Branch, 4 Corporate Members.

BRANCHES: Hebden Bridge, Yorks; Lutterworth, Leics; North Gower, Glam; St. Paul's Wesleyan, Bangor. DELETIONS: Acle, Norfolk; Bishop's Lavington, Wilts; Cholsey, Berks; East Bierley, Yorks; Groombridge, Sussex; Heddington, Wilts; Beeston Hill Congregational Church, Leeds; Sherrif Hutton, Yorks; Willington, Beds. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Bramhall Junior Branch, Cheshire; Girls' Grammar School, Bury; Llanwnog Church of England School, Mont; Penygroes Council School, Carmar. Trinity Congregational Church Sunday School, Reading. DELETION: Horsham High School. CORPORATE MEMBERS: St. Giles' Church, Normanton, Barbys; St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Torwood, Torquay; Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh-on-Sea; "Sixteen Hrs" Society of the Church of the Holy Innocents, Fallowfield, Lancs; Manchester Group of the Holiday Fellowship, Ltd.; London Midland and Scottish Railway Manchester District Goods Ex-service Men's Association; 11th Oldham Rovers, Lancs; Holy Trinity Church, Waterhead, Oldham; Baptist Church at Twynholm Hall, Fulham Cross, London; Ruislip and Eastcote Labour Party, Ruislip; St. Mary's Men's Adult School, Norwich; Barnoldswick Baptist Church, Yorks; Barnoldswick Congregational Church, Yorks. DELETIONS: National Union of Clerks, Birmingham; Primrose Hill Baptist Church, King's Langley; New Southgate P.M. Church; Stapleford Women's Adult School. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Cranbrook Women's Institute; Langley Women's Institute; Central Southwark Labour Party, Women's Section.

It was reported that there were now 3,033 Branches, 1,243 Junior Branches, 3,290 Corporate Members and 770 Corporate Associates; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 980,418 of whom 238,286 had paid a subscription in 1932, as compared with 261,324 during the corresponding period of 1931.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 1932 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Admiral Allen, Sir Norman Angell, P.J. Noel Baker, C. Delisle Burns, F.M. Burris, Major Anthony Buxton, L.J. Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Dickinson, Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Lady Hall, Major Hills, Sir Hugh Jevdwine, Lady Layton, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Lord Eustace Percy, H.F. Shaw, John Sherborne, Rennie Smith, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright and L.M. Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

238. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from H.H. Elvin, Captain Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, Mrs. Ranciman, Sir John Power, H.S. Syrett and Mrs. Wilson Fox.

239. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision and report on minutes 231, 233(a) and (b) and minute 234(b), the minutes of the Committee dated September 22nd, 1932 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 231(205) - Co-optations to Executive, it was reported that invitations to serve on the Committee had now been accepted by Mrs. Ralph Glyn and Mr. Rennie Smith.

On Minute 233 (a) - Disarmament Conference: League of Nations Union Action. In connection with the poster campaign the Secretary reported that the first poster was now being printed in double crown size, and that the designs for the remainder of the first set of posters would be available when the next meeting of the Poster Committee was held on October 11th. The Secretary further reported that he had seen Sir Josiah Stamp, and that the question of free railway sites being granted for the display of Union posters would be discussed at a meeting of the Railway Clearing House Committee on October 12th. The Union had been invited to send a representative to this meeting.

On Minute 233(b) - Disarmament Conference: British Note on Equality of Status for Germany. The Chairman read to the Committee a letter, dated September 26th, from Mrs. Dugdale, stating that she had conveyed the Committee's resolution to Lord Cecil, who had had a long talk on the subject with the Foreign Secretary.

On Minute 234(b) - 464 - Women's Organisations and League Assembly, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'of the kind asked for in the resolution' be substituted for the words 'on this subject' in the sixth line of the resolution."

240. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

(a) Mr. Stimson's Speech of August 8th. The Committee considered the speech delivered by Mr. Stimson to the Council on Foreign Relations in New York on August 8th, and it was

See Minute 243.

RESOLVED: (1) "The Executive Committee

Noting that Mr. Stimson, in his speech of August 8th, 1932, lays it down that the Briand-Kellogg Pact, having as its sanctions "the combined weight of the opinion of the whole world", necessarily implies consultation among its signatories as incident to the unification of that opinion;

Warmly welcomes the acceptance by the American Secretary of State of this principle, as a step towards relieving anxiety concerning the attitude of the United States in regard to collective action by the League for the prevention of war, and towards that real unification of world opinion which would exert against a treaty-breaker a compulsion more authoritative than any resort by particular Powers to armed force."

- (2) "That this resolution be communicated to H.M. Government and to the Press."
 (3) "That a resolution on the lines of the above be included in the agenda for the December meeting of the General Council."

(b) League of Nations Union Action. It was reported that a conference of Regional Representatives and County Secretaries had been held on September 23rd.

It was further reported that the Headquarters of British Rotary had circulated a memorandum to all Club Secretaries on the subject of the Union's Disarmament Campaign, and suggesting ways in which Rotary Clubs might help, particularly in the organising of deputations to Members of Parliament and in providing sites for the Union's poster frames.

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the leaflet which had recently been published on President Hoover's proposals.

(c) National Deputation to the Prime Minister. The Chairman reported to the Committee the circumstances in which negotiations were in progress for a deputation, not from the Union but as widely as possible representative of the nation, to wait upon the Prime Minister on the subject of disarmament. A list of those taking part in the deputation, together with a copy of the memorandum submitted on their behalf to the Prime Minister, had been circulated for the confidential information of members of the Executive. The Chairman stated that he did not consider that the policy contained in the memorandum differed from that of the Union.

At the request of the Chairman, the Secretary explained the arrangements which were being made for a deputation from the Protestant Churches to wait upon the Prime Minister. Since the list of members of the national deputation had been circulated to the Committee, the Secretary had had a long talk with the organisers of the Churches deputation and it had been agreed that the Churches as such should not be represented in the national deputation. It should, however, be explained to the

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Prime Minister that certain prominent religious leaders would have been included in the national deputation were it not for the fact that a separate deputation from the Churches, on the moral aspect of the disarmament problem, was being arranged.

241. THE FAR EAST: REPORT OF LYTTON COMMISSION. The Committee heard with great interest an account by Lord Lytton of the work of his Commission and the difficulties they had encountered in making their enquiries.

Lord Lytton also spoke of the League of Nations Societies in Chicago, San Francisco, Honolulu, Tokio, Nanking and Hongkong, of whose work he had seen something during his journeys and to whom he had conveyed greetings from the Union.

After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "The Executive Committee

Accepting the Lytton Report as a just and statesmanlike indication of the lines on which the future prosperity and good relations of Manchuria, Japan and China may be secured,

Urges H.M. Government to advocate its adoption by the League; and

Trusts that the "combined weight of world opinion" as thus brought to bear will be effective in persuading the parties concerned to come into conference on the basis of the Report."

- (2) "That this resolution be communicated to H.M. Government and to the press."
- (3) "That Lord Lytton be invited to write a paper for the Union on his experiences in the Far East; and that it be left to a small sub-Committee, consisting of the Chairman, Sir Norman Angell and the Secretary, to decide the form or forms in which Lord Lytton's paper is to be published."

242. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Finance Committee. Subject to the inclusion of Mr. Sherborne's name in the list of those present and to the following decision on minute 66(4), the minutes of the Committee dated October 4th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (65) Financial Statement; (66) Budget for 1933; (67) London Regional Federation; (68) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

On Minute 66 - Budget for 1933, it was

RESOLVED: "That no action be taken on resolution (4) except after further consideration by the Executive."

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243. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the North Wales Women's Peace Council and the Stoke Newington Branch.
244. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members and Corporate Associates, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

1 Branch, 2 Junior Branches, 4 Corporate Members, 1 Corporate Associate.

Deletions.

6 Branches, 2 Corporate Members.

BRANCHES: Caernarvon Borough. DELETIONS: Gedling and Netherfield, Notts; Nailsea, Somerset; Swanbourne, Bucks; Ararat, Whitchurch; Tabernacle, Whitchurch; Wesleyan, Whitchurch. JUNIOR BRANCHES: John Perryn School, Acton, Middx; Racards Street Senior Girls' School, Poplar. CORPORATE MEMBERS: United Churches Literary Society, Dunlop, Scotland; West of Scotland Girls' Auxiliary to the Baptist Missionary Society, Glasgow; Eaton Church Council, Norwich; Women's Social Hour of Chester Road Baptist Church, Birmingham. DELETIONS: Bayswater Synagogue, Paddington; Theford Wesleyan Methodist Church. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Rectory Road Congregational Church Women's Own, North Hackney.

It was reported that there were now 3,028 Branches, 1,245 Junior Branches, 3,592 Corporate Members and 771 Corporate Associates; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 981,038 of whom 244,314 had paid a subscription in 1932, as compared with 268,516 during the corresponding period of 1931.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 1932 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Lord Cecil (in the Chair), Major Anthony Buxton, L.J.Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Dickinson, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Captain L.H. Green, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, Lady Henschel, Sir Hugh Jevons, Dr. C.W.Kimmins, Lady Layton, Lord Lytton, G. Le M. Mander, Sir Walter Napier, Sir John Power, John Sherborne, H.S.Syrett, J.A.Trevelyan Leak, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch and Professor A.E.Zimmermann, together with the Deputy Secretary.

245. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral Allen, F.M.Spuris, Dr. Delisle Burns, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Lord Mayader, Mrs. Walter Runciman and Sir Ben Turner.
246. WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed Lady Henschel and Mr. Trevelyan Leak who were attending the Committee for the first time.
247. DINNER TO LORD LYTTON. The Chairman informed the Committee of the arrangements which were being made for a Dinner to Lord Lytton on December 6th. He hoped that as many members of the Committee as possible would attend the dinner. Lord Lytton stated that for two months from November 14th he would have to be in Geneva but would be making short visits to England where he was most anxious to be on December 6th. He was unable, however, to make definite engagements but he would do his utmost to keep himself free for December 6th. He was deeply sensible of the honour they were doing him.
248. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision and report on minutes 239 and 240, the minutes of the Committee dated October 6th, 1932 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 239 - 231 - Co-optations to Executive, it was reported that the Secretary had been in communication with Mr. Rennie Smith who was leaving for America almost immediately. Mr. Rennie Smith had resigned his membership of the Executive, the meetings of which he would not be able to attend until after Christmas. An invitation had been sent to Lord Lothian in accordance with a previous decision of the Executive Committee.

On Minute 240 - Disarmament Conference: League of Nations Union Action, it was reported that the Secretary had attended a meeting of the Committee of the Railway Clearing House concerned with poster advertising on all the principal railways. That Committee would make its recommendation to the General Managers of the Railway Companies who, on November 10th, would consider the Union's application for the free display of posters. Meanwhile, six hundred copies of the poster advertising the Albert Hall Meeting would be displayed free. On the motion of Sir Austen Chamberlain it was

RESOLVED: "That the cordial thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Railway Clearing House Committee."

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or Minute 240 - Disarmament Conference: National Deputation to the PRIME MINISTER, the Committee were informed that the Prime Minister had agreed to receive the deputation from the Churches at 10.30, and the national deputation at 11.30, that morning.

249. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. The Committee considered a draft resolution for submission to the Albert Hall Meeting on November 15th (S.G. 5455). After considerable discussion it was, by nineteen votes to three,

RESOLVED: "That the following resolution be submitted to the Albert Hall Meeting on November 15th:-

That this meeting demands the early conclusion of a Disarmament Treaty which should provide for a substantial reduction of world armaments; and urges H.M. Government to take the lead in pressing for such a Treaty.

The Treaty should be of universal application to all countries, and should include the renunciation by them of warships over ten thousand tons, submarines, large field artillery, tanks and military and naval aircraft which are now forbidden to Germany." X

Sir Austen Chamberlain said he was impressed with the lack of confidence which had been spreading in Europe during the last four or five years. He suggested that the Union should express the opinion that one essential condition of disarmament is the loyal acceptance of its existing obligations by a nation like Germany. In speeches and actions not only the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles, but also the obligations voluntarily undertaken under the Pact of Paris and still more specifically under the Treaty of Locarno, were being challenged. Sir Austen thought the time had come when, in order to serve the cause of peace, we had not merely to urge on other countries the fulfilment of their moral obligations to disarm, but to present to Germany very clearly the expectation of the world that they, on their side, should make their contribution by loyally carrying out all their obligations in the spirit as well as in the letter. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That Sir Austen Chamberlain's proposal be referred to the Political Committee at its next meeting; and that Sir Austen be asked to attend the meeting and to prepare a paper for consideration by the Committee."

250. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Christian Organisations Committee. The minutes of the Meeting dated October 5th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (71) Proposed Deputation of Churches to Prime Minister; (72) National Peace Council Post Card Scheme; (73) Position of Russian Lutherans; (74) Notes for Sunday School Teachers; (75) Traffic in Arms; (76) Resolutions; (77) Corporate Membership.]

- (b) Branches Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated October 6th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (18) Regions Committee; 7

- (c) Library Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) Subject to the following report and decisions on minutes 30, 36 and 38, the minutes of the Committee dated October 10th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (27) Mr. Lowes Dickinson; (28) Opening of Library in the Evening; (30) Library Accommodation; (31) Periodical Stand for the Library; (32) Miss Newton; (33) Book List; (34) Library Equipment; (35) Financial Statement; (36) Library Book Fund for 1932; (37) Reprinting of annotated Bibliography of books on the League of Nations and Kindred Subjects; (38) Pictures in the Council Room or Lower Library. 7

On Minute 30 - Library Accommodation, it was reported that the room placed at the disposal of the library as a Reading Room was very satisfactory.

On Minute 36 - Book Fund, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report."

On Minute 38 - Pictures in the Council Room or Lower Library, it was

RESOLVED: "That the House Committee be asked to take action."

- (d) Education Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 138, the minutes of the Committee dated October 10th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (137) Address by Professor Murray; (138) Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (139) Report on Work in Universities and Colleges; (140) Summer Schools; (141) Report of Youth Sub-Committee; (142) Composition of the Youth Sub-Committee; (143) Award of FIDAC Medals; (144) Essays on the League of Nations; (145) Conference of Educational Associations; (146) Eleventh Annual Conference of the British Institute of Adult Education; (147) Teachers' Anti-War Movement; (148) World Disarmament Conference. 7

On Minute 138 - Meetings for Teachers and Schools, it was

RESOLVED: "That the last line of this minute be amended to read 'for teachers of Warwickshire and of the Isle of Wight.'" 7

It was further

RESOLVED: "That the hearty congratulations of the Committee be conveyed to Dr. Kimmins and Mr. Judd on the work of the Education Committee and on the very satisfactory attendance at the last meeting of the Committee." 7

(e) Religions and Ethics Committee. (Mr. Wynch reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 38, the minutes of the Committee dated October 13th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (32) New Member; (33) Report to Federation of League of Nations Societies; (34) Resolution of Lambeth Conference, 1930; (35) Slavery Abolition Centenary; (36) World Conference for International Peace through Religion; (37) Note for Speakers; (38) Public Meeting; (39) Resolution for the Council.

On Minute 38 - Public Meeting (Minute 28), after it had been reported that the public meeting referred to in this minute would be held on December 7th at the time of the General Council's meeting, it was

RESOLVED: "That the following words be deleted from this minute: 'and that, subject to general exigencies the panel of speakers agreed upon at the last meeting be followed as far as practicable, although fewer speakers would probably be needed.'"

251. COMMUNICATION FROM THE WEST OF SCOTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL. A communication, dated 3rd October, was read to the Committee from Miss Macdonald, the Secretary of the West of Scotland District Council, urging that a special meeting of the General Council should be called to discuss the present situation in League affairs. The reply which was sent to Miss Macdonald on October 5th was read to, and approved by, the Committee. Lady Henschel stated that this proposal had not been discussed by the Scottish National Council.

252. HEADWAY. In reply to a question by Lady Hall, Mr. Worsley stated that a joint meeting of the Office and Publicity Committees had been held on October 11th. There was little to report: preliminaries had been discussed and there would be another meeting in a few weeks to consider reports. In the meantime, Captain Oliver Bell would be acting as Editor.

253. BRANCH RESOLUTION. The Committee received with interest a resolution from the Grange Branch, Baniffshire, on the subject of disarmament.

254. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That a meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday next, October 27th, and that the first item on the agenda be 'The Far East'."

Sir Austen Chamberlain expressed the hope that any proposals which the Committee were to be asked to consider at the meeting should be made in writing and circulated to members as long before the meeting as possible.

255. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members and Corporate Associates, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

6 Branches, 8 Junior Branches, 3 Corporate Members, 2 Corporate Associates.

Deletions.

83 Branches, 1 Corporate Member.

BRANCHES: Barton-le-Cley and Silsoe, Beds.; Boys' Brigade, Birmingham; Countesthorpe, Leics.; Pulloxhill and District, Beds.; Standon, Puckeridge and Braughing, Herts.; Talybont-on-Usk, Brecons. DELETIONS: Bowling Congregational Church, Bradford; Grassmoor, Staffs; Seaham Harbour, Durham; Warrington, Oxon.; Whitworth, Lancs.; Anglesey: Amlwch-Nebo; Bodorgan-Capel Mawr; Bodorgan-Malldroed (Sarnis); Bodorgan-Soar; Burwen; Cemaes Bay-Bethlehem; Cemaes-Morian; Llandanial-Preswyla; Llanfair P.G. Ebenezer; Llangefni-Cana; Llan-ristioius; Llanrhyddlad-Bethel Hen; Rhosgoch-M.C.; Llandegfan - Parish; Llanddona-M.C.; Llanfair P.G. -Dwyran; Llanfair P.G. - Cefn Bach; Llanfairyrghornwy and Llanrhydyrus; Llangoed-Jerusalem; Llangoed-Wesleyan; Penraeth-Saron; Tynyngol-Tabernacle; Tynyngol-Benllech; Caernarvonshire: Caernarvon-Morian; Bangor-Normal College; Borthygest-Bethel; Caernarvon-Silch; Llandudno-English Presbyterian; Llanrug-Ceunant; Llanrug-Portrhyndol; Llanrug-Talyarn-Hyrydole; Bangor St. James; Clynnog-Seion; Llandudno-Parish; Llandudno-Welsh Baptist; Port Madoc-Wesleyan; Waenfawr-Croesywan; Denbighshire: Colwyn Bay-Town; Colwyn Bay-Engeid; Pfrith-Wesleyan; Llanfair Talhaiarn; Llangernyw; Llansannan; Ceospeth-Nant (Saron); Colwyn Bay St. George; Colwyn Bay Welsh Congregational; Cymmau-Carmel; Flintshire: Cilcain; Rhyd-Clwyd Street; Rhyd-Soar; Merionethshire: Brithdir; Bela-Tynybont Congregational; Carrog; Dyffryn; Penrhyndeudraeth-Tabernacle; Penrhyndeudraeth-Gorffwysfa; Penrhyndeudraeth-Baptist; Penrhyndeudraeth-Nazareth; Penrhyndeudraeth-Y Fron; Rhydymain; Montgomeryshire: Llangynmair; Oakley Park; Breconshire: Talgarth-Trefecca College; Treccastle; Ystrad-Aylais-Parish Church; Ystradgynlais-Tabernacle; Cardiganshire: Bancyfelin-M.C.; Capel Bangor-Madog; Cross Inn; DYFFRYN-Goginan; Llanddewibrefi; Penllwyn-M.C.; Ponterwyd-M.C.; Carmarthenshire: Bettws-Capel Newydd; Gwyddgrug; Llanddowror; Llanelli-Furnace (Saron); Llanelli-Glenalla; Llanelli-Lloyd-Siloch; Llanelli-Silch; Llanelli-St. Pauls; Llanelli-Tabernacle; Llanelli-Lion; Llanglindan-Bryn; Llandoverly-Town; Pantonford; Glamorganshire: Tumble-Ebenezer; Bettws-cum-Ammannford; Glamorgan-District; Caerphilly-Dowlais-Caersalem; Dowlais-Bethania; Dowlais-Beulah; Carmel; Penrhiwceiber-Hermon; Porthcawl; Swansea-Corse Mission; Troedyrhiw-Town; Troedyrhiw-Nazareth; Troedyrhiw-Saron; Troedyrhiw-Tabernacle; Tylegwyn; Ystalyfera-Panteg; Ystalyfera-Charles Street; Newport-Ebenezer; Newport-St. Julian's Sisterhood; Newport-Stow Hill; Newport-Victoria Avenue; Newport-Y.M.C.A.; Oakdale; Remydd-Mount Pleasant; Cross Keys; Trethomas; Pembrokeshire: Saundersfoot. JUNIOR BRANCHES: County Council School, Boreham Wood, Herts; Queen Mary School, Lytham; Peckham Central School for Girls; Plymouth Junior Branch; Elm Park Hall Methodist Mission; Sunday School, Reading; County High School for Girls, Romford; Waterloo Road Girls' School, Smeethwick; Sydenham High School.

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CORPORATE MEMBERS: West Wickham Parish Church, Kent; Putney Methodist Church; Woodside Methodist Church, Horsforth, Yorks. DELETIONS: Clifton Congregational Church, Peckham; CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: DELETIONS: Emerydown Women's Institute; Chester Road Baptist Church Women's Social Hour.

It was reported that there were now 2,951 branches, 1,253 Junior Branches; 3,594 Corporate Members, and 769 Corporate Associates; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 981,082 of whom 253,560 had paid a subscription in 1932, as compared with 276,933 during the corresponding period of 1931.

The Committee noted that the number of subscriptions paid in 1932 continued to be smaller than in 1931. Colonel Carnegie stated that at meetings he had addressed this year he had found greater enthusiasm and greater numerical strength than in previous years. Captain Green referred to an experiment to stop the falling off in membership which was being made by the Chelsea Branch. This Branch was arranging to open a Peace Shop in a busy thoroughfare where group meetings could be held, new members enrolled and literature displayed. The Committee hoped that reference to this experiment would be made in HEADWAY. Attention was drawn to the large reduction in the number of Branches resulting from re-organisation in Wales. In reply to a question it was reported that the names of inactive Branches were sent periodically to the Regional Representatives to be dealt with.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
14, GROSVENOR CHURCH, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27TH,
1932 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), P.J. Noel-Baker, Major Anthony Dutton, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, Sir Arthur Hurd, Lady Henschel, Sir Hugh Jevons, Morgan Jones, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Lady Layton, Lord Lytton, Gile W. Lander, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Duff, Percy, Lord Ruysschaer, John Sherborne, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright, L.M. Lynch and Professor A.E. Zimmerman, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

256. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral Allen, L.J. Cadbury, Miss Courtney, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Captain Green, Lady Parmoor, C.M. Patrick, J. Trevelyan Leak, and Mrs. Wilson-Fox.
257. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on minute 248, the minutes of the Committee dated October 20th, 1932 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 249 - Disarmament Conference, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'all of' be inserted before the word 'which' in the penultimate line of the resolution for the Albert Hall meeting."

258. THE FAR EAST. Sir Walter Napier reported to the Committee on minute 22 of the meeting of the International Law Committee held on October 25th, including the following resolution:-

"That the Committee is of opinion that, on the facts disclosed in the Lytton Report, the Japanese Government is responsible for action inconsistent with Japan's obligations under Article 10 of the Covenant."

The following statement, prepared by Professor Brierly in accordance with this minute, was read to the Committee:-

"The International Law Committee at its meeting on 25th October was of opinion that it might be useful to refer the Executive Committee to the particular passages of the Lytton Report upon which we base our opinion that a violation of Article X has been committed by Japan. As, however, it was impossible for the Committee as a whole to frame such a statement, they asked me to state for the information of the Executive Committee the reasons which lead me personally to concur in this opinion.

Under Article X the members of the League have undertaken "to respect and preserve as against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all members of the League". The question before the Committee was, therefore, whether Japan could be said to have "respected the territorial integrity and existing

political independence of China". This divides into the two questions, (a) whether China had any territorial integrity or political independence for Japan to respect; (b) if so, whether Japan has respected it.

The relevant conclusions of the Lytton Report seem to me to be the following:-

1. On page 17 the Commission dismiss the suggestion "that China is not an organised State, or is in a condition of complete chaos and incredible anarchy, and that her present day conditions should disqualify her from membership of the League of Nations and deprive her of the protective clauses of the Covenant".
2. On pages 28-29 they find that "the independence declared by Marshal Chang Tso-lin at different times never meant that he or the people of Manchuria wished to be separated from China.... Through all its wars and periods of 'independence', therefore, Manchuria remained an integral part of China". Similarly, on page 37, they state that "during the quarter of a century before September, 1931, the ties which bound Manchuria to the rest of China were growing stronger", despite the simultaneous growth of Japanese interests there.
3. Page 71. On the night of September 18th-19th the Japanese put into operation "a carefully prepared plan to meet the case of possible hostilities between themselves and the Chinese".... These military operations "cannot be regarded as measures of legitimate self-defence", though "the Commission does not exclude the hypothesis that the officers on the spot may have thought they were acting in self-defence". It appears to me to follow from this, a fortiori, that the extended operations which followed on operations which were not in fact defensive (though they may have appeared so at the moment to those on the spot) cannot by any possibility be themselves regarded as defensive.
4. On page 97 the Commission conclude that "it is clear that the Independence Movement, which had never been heard of in Manchuria before September 1931, was only made possible by the presence of Japanese troops"; and that "while there were a number of factors which contributed to the creation of Manchukuo, the two which, in combination were most effective, and without which, in our judgment, the new State could not have been formed, were the presence of Japanese troops and the activities of Japanese officials, both civil and military. For this reason the present regime cannot be considered to have been called into existence by a genuine and spontaneous independence movement".
5. Page 111. "After careful study of the evidence... we have come to the conclusion that there is no general Chinese support for the Manchukuo Government, which is regarded by the local Chinese as an instrument of the Japanese". Not only is it so

regarded, but evidently, in the Commission's opinion, it is so in fact; for on page 106 they find that "the main political and administrative power rests in the hands of Japanese officials and advisers".... who "have been constrained more and more to follow the direction of Japanese official authority. This authority....possesses in every contingency the means of exercising an irresistible pressure."

6. Finally, it would perhaps have been sufficient (in a memorandum which is concerned only with the grounds for holding that there has been a breach of Article X and not with the policy that should be followed or advocated as a result of such a breach having taken place), to cite the passage on page 127, in which the Commission state that "it is a fact that, without declaration of war, a large area of what was indisputably Chinese territory has been forcibly seized and occupied by the armed forces of Japan and has, in consequence of this operation, been separated from and declared independent of the rest of China".

Lord Lytton reminded the Committee, that although his Commission had stated their view of the case, they were not the final tribunal. He felt strongly that until the League had said whether or not it accepted the findings of the Commission, it was not for the Union to say that a crime had been committed and that punishment was called for.

After considerable discussion, in the course of which the Committee were reminded of the resolution adopted at the meeting on October 6th it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That minute 52 of the International Law Committee be approved and adopted."
- (2) "That, for the present, this opinion of the International Law Committee be treated as confidential."
- (3) "That the International Law Committee be asked to meet as soon as possible and to express an opinion on the following questions:-
- (1) What are the functions of the Assembly and of the Council respectively in endeavouring to settle the Sino-Japanese dispute in the light of the Lytton Report?
 - (2)(a) In particular, is the Council in a position to take the action laid down under Article XV (3) (4) and (5) when the dispute has been transferred by the desire of one of the parties to the Assembly under Article XV (9); and
 - (b) If, after the dispute has been transferred to the Assembly, the Council did take a decision unanimously agreed to by the members other than the representatives of one or more of the parties to the dispute, would it have the effect which it would otherwise: i.e. would

the Members of the League be bound not to go to war with any party to the dispute that complies with the recommendation of the decision?

- (3) In the event of Japan's declining to accept "a report made by the Assembly if concurred in by the representatives of those Members of the League represented on the Council and a majority of the other Members of the League, exclusive in each case of the representatives of the parties to the dispute" (Article XV(10))

(a) What consequences follow; and

(b) What legal steps could the League take?

- (4) If such a report by the Assembly decides that Japan has violated her international obligations under Articles X, XII, XIII or XV, can the Assembly and the Council/avoid advising or recommending what the Governments of League Members shall do to preserve the territorial integrity of China and/or to protect the covenants of the League.

(The Executive Committee observed that if, on the appeal of one Member of the League, the League came to the conclusion that she has been the victim of aggression, something ought to follow).

- (5) If the action taken by Japan in the past (since September 18th, 1931) was a violation of Japan's obligations under Article X "to respect and preserve as against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of" China,

(a) Does it follow that such a violation is now continuing; and

(b) Is there now an obligation upon other Members of the League to preserve the territorial integrity and political independence of China as it existed before September 18th, 1931?

- (6) What redress is afforded under the Covenant to a Member of the League when it is boycotted or otherwise injured by an association of nationals of another Member of the League formed for that purpose?

- (7) Are there any other points on which the International Law Committee thinks it desirable to express an opinion?

Sir Austen Chamberlain spoke of the violent anti-Japanese foreign propaganda which he understood was contained in the modern text books of the Chinese educational authority, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the Education Committee be requested to prepare a report upon Chinese and Japanese educational text books, and to make recommendations concerning possible action to be taken by the Union on the subject."

See Minuk 267.

Professor Murray said that he would also bring this question to the notice of the International Committee on Intellectual Co-operation. Lord Lytton promised to place at the disposal of the Education Committee a memorandum which the Japanese assessor had presented to his Commission and which is reviewed in Chapter I of his Report.

259. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

(a) Deputations to Prime Minister. The Chairman reported on the two deputations which had waited on the Prime Minister on October 20th. The first came from the Churches and the proceedings occupied two-and-a-half columns in the TIMES of the following morning. The second was a private deputation of leaders in science, literature, education, industry and commerce, and other non-political walks of life. The Churches deputation was concerned with the moral issues of the disarmament problem. The other deputation has asked the Prime Minister for answers to certain questions on disarmament which were presented in a memorandum of which copies had been circulated to members of the Executive. The Prime Minister appeared to be impressed by this evidence that so many leading people outside politics were deeply concerned about disarmament. To the Churches deputation he had said:-

"We want pressure brought to bear behind us...Will you strengthen the Government in every way you can to fulfil its moral obligations?"

We are exceedingly glad to meet you and to get the support of your views...In doing the great thing that I would like to do and you want us to do, I hope you will go on pressing and pressing and pressing us to do it...Do help us to do the broad, just, fundamental and eternal thing that is in your hearts to do."

(b) Communication from M. Lange. Lord Cecil reported on a letter which he had received from M. Lange, the Secretary of the Comité d'Action, who, having learned of the arrangements that were being made by the Union for a Disarmament Campaign, had decided to organise a similar campaign in France and to hold meetings in most of the large towns in the country. Professor Baker reported to the Committee a recent conversation he had had with M. Leon Blum, who had used the new situation in Germany in such a way that it had greatly strengthened the movement for Disarmament in France.

(c) Private Manufacture of Arms. Sir Austen Chamberlain asked that the American declaration concerning the private manufacture of arms should be circulated for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting.

260. CHANGES IN LEAGUE SECRETARIAT. Consideration of this item was adjourned until the next meeting.

261. ALBERT HALL MEETING. On the recommendation of the Disarmament Campaign Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That the expenditure, up to a maximum of \$500, involved in organising the Albert Hall Meeting on November 15th, be guaranteed."

262. REGIONS COMMITTEE. After the reading of a letter, dated October 24th, from Mr. Burris, Chairman of the Committee, concerning the importance of the Committee's decision on minute 22, the minutes of the meeting held on October 13th, 1932 were received.

These minutes included (16) Disarmament Campaign; (17) Advertising Peace; (18) Development of the Union in the Provinces; (19) The Union's Income; (20) Printing and Publishing by Local Organisations of the Union; (21) General Council; (22) Prices for Posters; (23) Future Work of the Committee; (24) Proposed Levy for the International Federation.

263. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Lady Hall reported). Subject to the following decision and report on minutes 76 and 79, the minutes of the Committee dated 20th October, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (73) Disarmament and the Displaced Worker; (74) Trades Union Congress; Newcastle; (75) Unemployment Insurance; (76) Hours of Work; (77) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (78) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (79) Industrial Affiliations; (80) Conference on I.L.O., Nottingham; (81) Disarmament; (82) Election of Officers and Committee; (83) Budget for 1933.

On Minute 76 - Hours of Work, it was reported that, on the Chairman's authority, this resolution had been included as coming from the Executive Committee in the agenda for the General Council Meeting which had to be sent to the printer at the end of last week. It was

RESOLVED: "That this action be approved."

On Minute 79 - Industrial Affiliations, it was reported that since the General Council, at its December meeting, considered only questions of international policy and finance, this resolution could not be included in the agenda. The Committee expressed the hope that the subject of the resolution would be brought to the notice of members of the Council either in the course of a speech or in some other way.

- (b) Posters Committee. (Dr. Garnett reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated October 21st, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (4) Railway Sites; (5) Standard Frames; (6) Monthly Sets of Posters; (7) Future Plans; (8) Letter Press; (9) Poster Designs.

- (c) International Law Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported). Subject to the decision on minute 52 (see minute 258 above) the minutes of the Committee dated October 25th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (51) Committee Room; (52) The Far East; (53) Article XVIII and the Doctrine of Non-Recognition.

(d) Women's Advisory Council. Lady Hall reported, as a matter of urgency, on minute 473 of the meeting of the Women's Advisory Council dated 26th October, 1932. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That further consideration of this minute be adjourned until the next meeting."

264. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That at future meetings of the Committee, 'Recognition of Branches' be taken earlier on the agenda."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Districts, Corporate Members, Corporate Associates and Industrial Associates, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

4 Branches, 2 Junior Branches, 1 District,
2 Corporate Members, 1 Corporate Associate.

Deletions.

2 Branches; 2 Corporate Members, 10 Corporate Associates, 6 Industrial Associates.

BRANCHES: Barwell, Leics; Betchingley, Surrey; Kinnerley and Knockin, Salop; Padstow, Cornwall. DELETIONS: Barwell Primitive Methodist C.E. Society Branch, Leics; Thropton, Northumberland. DISTRICT COUNCIL: Hampshire Federation. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Duncannon High School for Girls, Co. Tyrone; Hetton-le-Hole Junior Branch, Co. Durham. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Plymouth and District Association of the National Union of Teachers; Hall Street Congregational Church, Barnard Castle, Durham; Marlow Memorial Baptist Church, Queensberry Street, Nottingham. DELETION: Wandsworth Liberal Association. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Swineshead Women's Institute. DELETIONS: Holy Trinity Mothers' Union, Bedford; Biggleswade Mothers' Union; Capel Mothers' Union; Cranfield Mothers' Union; Culham Mothers' Union; Elton Mothers' Union; Hulcoote and Salford Mothers' Union; Holy Trinity Mothers' Union, Preston; Bishops' Itchington Women's Institute; Holme Women's Institute. INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATES: Kilmarnock National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers; Sheffield Outlery Union; Kirkby Stephen Co-operative Industrial Society; Markinch Co-operative Society; Marske-by-the-Sea Co-operative, Industrial and Provident Society; Willington Co-operative and Industrial Society.

It was reported that there were now 2,953 Branches, 1,255 Junior Branches; 3,594 Corporate Members, and 760 Corporate Associates, 61 Districts and 127 Industrial Associates; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 981,677 of whom 257,988 had paid a subscription in 1932, as compared with 281,921 during the corresponding period of 1931.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, LONDON, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 3rd, 1932 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), P.M.Burris,
Major Anthony Buxton, L.J.Cadbury, Colonel David
Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain,
Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Glasstone, Mrs. Ralph Glyn,
Captain L.H.Green, Lady Henschel, Major Hills,
Dr.C.W.Kimmins, G. le M.Mander, Sir Walter Napier,
Lady Parmoor, C.M.Patrick, Lord Bustace Percy,
Sir John Power, Lord Rhyader, H.S.Syrett,
Mrs. Wilson-Rox, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence
Wright, L.M.Wynch and Professor Zimmern, together
with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

265. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral Allen,
Miss Courtney, Admiral Drury-Lowe, H.H.Elvin, Sir Arthur
Haworth, Sir Hugh Jendwine, Commander Kenworthy, Lord Lytton,
Mrs. Runciman, John Sherborne and J.Trevelyan Leck.

266. DR GARNETT. The Committee expressed their deep sympathy
with Dr. Garnett on the death of his father, Dr. William
Garnett.

267. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on minute 258,
the minutes of the meeting dated October 27th, 1932 were
confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 258 - The Far East, on the motion of Sir
Austen Chamberlain, it was

RESOLVED: "That the word 'anti-foreign' be substituted
for the word 'anti-Japanese' in the para-
graph preceding the last resolution in
this minute."

68. CHANGES IN LEAGUE SECRETARIAT. The Committee considered
draft resolutions submitted by Mrs. Dugdale, Major Buxton
and the Chairman. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "Seeing that it is essential to the sound work-
ing of the League of Nations that members of
the Secretariat should be international
servants owing allegiance, one and all, to the
League of Nations and not to their respective
Governments,

The Executive Committee of the League of
Nations Union welcomes the decision of the
Assembly to require from the higher officials
of the League Secretariat a formal Declara-
tion of loyalty to the sole authority of the
League, and the reaffirmation of the principle
that Secretariat appointments shall be made
on the ground of the personal contribution
they can bring to the performance of the
tasks of the League.

Consequently the Executive Committee deeply
regrets, and regards as inconsistent with the
above principles, the growing practice of
Governments as revealed in the recent dis-
cussions at the Assembly, to exert pressure on
the Secretary-General to appoint their
nationals to higher posts in the Secretariat."

NOTE:- The wording was left to the Chairman
who settled it as above after the
meeting.

- (2) "That the third paragraph of Major Buxton's resolution viz:

'In the Executive's opinion the right step would be to abolish all under Secretaries General, leaving only the Secretary General and Directors.'

be referred for consideration by a sub-Committee consisting of Major Anthony Buxton, Lord Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Mrs. Digdale, Professor Zimmer and the Chairman."

269. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

(a) The French Proposals. At the invitation of the Chairman, M. and Madame Pierre Viot attended the Committee. The Committee were informed that M. Viot was the author of "Incertitudes Allemandes" and was a member of the Chamber of Deputies and of the Commission on Foreign Affairs. M. Viot was present in the Chamber when M. Herriot outlined the French disarmament proposals.

M. Viot said that the Debate on the disarmament plan of the French Government had an exceptional character because it was the new Chamber's first Debate on foreign policy and because the new Chamber, having been so recently elected, represented in an unusual degree public opinion throughout France. There is no doubt that the request of Germany for equality of status is generally, though mistakenly, understood in France as a demand for rearmament. There was, therefore, a real crisis in the Chamber, which, having been elected on a basis of pacific foreign policy, might easily have turned towards a more right point of view.

The French plan was a direct reply to that anxiety in contrast to the method of Briand, which would have been to pass the crisis over by a temporising speech. Herriot and Blum had devised a plan of action in face of an immediate danger. The Debate was restrained as it was felt that the Government had staked its destiny on this plan.

Points about the plan to notice are

1. That it accepts Gleichberechtigung (equality of status), not only legally and morally but also materially. The plan is a serious attempt to equalise the conditions in the two countries, France and Germany.
2. Substitution of the militia system for the professional army is an important part of the plan, because the Reichswehr provides a fulcrum for the military elements in German policy, while a militia is essentially democratic.
3. The plan is a definite revision of the Peace Treaty, and was so understood by the Chamber. It is a remarkable fact that a direct proposal for treaty revision should come from the French side. In this connection he noted that lack of support compelled M. Franklin Bouillon to withdraw his motion for maintaining intact the treaties of peace.
4. From the British point of view the moderation of the conception of security is noticeable. It was absolutely essential from the French point of view that Britain should give an assurance that Article XVI holds good and that this assurance should be given in advance of a disarmament convention, but this is all that is asked.

In answer to questions M. Vienot said that he had not seen the French plan but only knew M. Herriot's summary of it. He was therefore unable to say how the plan treated the question of qualitative disarmament, but he understood that, while armaments called aggressive might be retained, they would for the future be wholly at the disposition of the League of Nations. French opinion would be absolutely opposed to any measure of German re-armament. Naval armaments were not discussed in the Chamber debate because naval affairs did not touch French opinion very closely. France regarded supervision as essential, and French opinion would welcome international control of French Generals and French military authorities. The international force included in the plan would not necessarily include any elements from outside the Continent of Europe; but, of course, Germany would take part in it. For the rest, the French plan was fluid rather than rigid: it was a basis of discussion, not an ultimatum.

The Committee expressed their cordial thanks to M. Vienot. After further discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That a meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday next, November 10th, to reconsider, in the light of the French proposals, the resolution to be submitted to the Albert Hall Meeting on November 15th."

(b) American Declaration concerning the Private Manufacture of Arms. In accordance with minute 259 of the last meeting, the Committee considered the following extract from page 255 of the Journal of the 13th Assembly for Sunday, October 9th, 1932:-

"Mr. Reber (United States of America), in order to remove any misunderstanding, said that his Government was in favour of regulation involving restrictions on the import and export of arms but that it could not under its Constitution accept a Convention limiting the manufacture of arms."

Colonel Carnegie suggested that the Committee should consider the desirability of forwarding a memorandum to the Government, setting forth clearly that there could be no loss to the armaments industry in this country if Britain would announce its preparedness to accept ratification of the Arms Traffic Convention without any conditions whatever. After the attention of the Committee had been drawn to a statement, appearing in the MORNING POST of 19th October, that the United States representative at the meeting of the Committee for the Regulation of the Trade and Manufacture of Arms in Geneva on the previous day had announced that his Government proposed shortly to ratify the 1925 Convention for the regulation of the trade in arms, it was

RESOLVED: "That no further action be taken on this subject at the present time, but that enquiries be made of the Foreign Office whether they have any further information concerning the ratification by the United States of the Convention."

270. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Women's Advisory Council. (Mrs. Wilson-Fox reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 468 and 473, the minutes of the Council dated October 26th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

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See Minute 278.

These minutes included (468) women's Advisory Committee, Welsh National Council; (469) Disarmament; (470) XIIIth Assembly; (471) Co-operation of women in the work of the League; (472) Lytton Report; (473) Slavery Commission; (474) Chairman; (475) Co-optation; (476) Application for Corporate Associatehip. 280

On Minute 468 - Women's Advisory Committee, Welsh National Council, it was

RESOLVED: "That the minutes of the women's Advisory Council be not communicated to the Welsh National Council until they have been approved by this Committee."

On Minute 473 - Slavery Commission, after considerable discussion, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union, while insisting on the principle that, in the formation of League Committees, the members should be selected simply for their individual competence and usefulness, entirely irrespective of sex,

Observes, nevertheless, that where the experience or point of view of the two sexes is likely to be different, it would be unwise to leave one of the two unrepresented."

(2) "That the above resolution be sent to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations with a covering letter calling his attention to the application of this principle in connection with the formation of the Slavery Commission."

(b) Overseas Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported.) Subject to the inclusion of Colonel Carnegie's name in the list of those present, the minutes of the Committee dated October 26th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (26) Report of the Plenary Congress; (27) Communication from the Welsh National Council; (28) Letter from Colonel Crosfield; (29) Overseas Report; (30) Disarmament Demonstration, Albert Hall.

(c) Welcome Committee. Lady Gladstone reported, as a matter of urgency, on a minute of the Committee dated November 1st, concerning the dinner in honour of Lord Lytton. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That Sir John Simon be invited to speak at the Dinner on December 6th."

(2) "That the Welcome Committee be asked to make every possible effort to reduce the price of tickets for the Dinner."

(d) Political Committee. Lord Cecil reported, as a matter of urgency, on minutes 44 and 46 of the Committee dated November 1st, 1932. Subject to the following decisions these minutes were approved and adopted.

On Minute 44 - Manchuria, it was

RESOLVED: "That the pamphlet drafted by Lord Lytton and including his summary of the report, be sent by post or otherwise, with the compliments of the Union, to all Members of the House of Commons and to certain selected Members of the House of Lords."

On Minute 46 - Germany and Her International Obligations, it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That an extract from this minute, together with a copy of the memorandum, be enclosed with the letter to the Foreign Secretary."
- (2) "That the substance of this minute, but without any reference to names of persons, be sent in the form of a letter to the German League of Nations Society as illustrating criticisms of Germany which her friends in England have to meet."
- (3) "That the documents mentioned in (1) above, together with a copy of the resolution adopted by the Committee on August 19th, be forwarded to all Members of the Cabinet."

271. MARKING OF COMMITTEE MINUTES. On the motion of Sir Austen Chamberlain it was

RESOLVED: "That before minutes of Committees are circulated to the Executive in future, the reporters be asked to mark those minutes to which they intend to draw the attention of the Executive."

272. COMMUNICATION FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE OPIUM TRAFFIC AND SOCIAL QUESTIONS SECTIONS OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS. The Committee considered a communication dated October 26th from Herr E. Ekstrand, Director of the Opium Traffic and Social Questions Sections of the League, drawing attention to the resolution adopted by the Assembly on 11th October. Lady Gladstone reported that arrangements had already been made for an article by Mr. Sempkin, a member of the Advisory Commission of the League, to appear in HEADWAY. Major Buxton suggested that if the League's reports on the subject of the traffic in women and children and of child welfare were written more in the style of the Financial Committee's reports they would be far more widely read: at present they were inclined to be too wordy and vague. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That this communication be referred to the Traffic in Women and Children Committee for consideration and report."

- (2) "That a resolution, containing concrete proposals for giving wider publicity to the reports of the League on the subject of the traffic in women and children and of child welfare, be included in the agenda for the next meeting of the International Federation.

273. VACANCY ON COMMITTEE. The Committee were reminded of the vacancy on the Committee created by the resignation of Mr. McPadyen, a representative of the Co-operative Union. A communication was reported from Captain Green, suggesting that Mr. Gregory, who has for many years represented the Union on the Industrial Advisory Committee, should be invited to serve on the Committee. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary of the Co-operative Union be invited to suggest the name of a Co-operator who would be willing to serve on the Executive in place of Mr. McPadyen; and that, in this connection, the names of Mr. Gregory and Mr. McGiff, who are already members of the Industrial Advisory Committee be brought to his notice."

274. UNION WREATH ON CENOTAPH. The Committee considered a suggestion that since a number of societies, including the Welsh National Council and the British Legion, have, in the past, been accustomed to place a wreath on the Cenotaph on Armistice Day, the Union might care to follow their example. It was

RESOLVED: "That no action be taken."

275. BRANCH RESOLUTION. The Committee received with interest a resolution from the Downley Branch concerning the French disarmament proposals.

276. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches and Corporate Members, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

4 Branches, 3 Junior Branches, 4 Corporate Members.

Deletions.

2 Branches, 3 Corporate Members.

BRANCHES: Dagenham, Essex; Flitwick, Beds; Great Gidding, Hunts; Woodbury Salterton, Devon. DELETIONS: Parkfield Avenue Welsh C.M. Church, Birkenhead, Langport, Somerset. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Rosedale Abbey School, Pickering, Yorks; Monkwearmouth Central Boys' School, Durham; Central Girls' School, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Parish Church, Bromley, Kent; Parish Church, Martyr Worthy, Hants; Nottingham Road Methodist Church, Loughborough, Leics; Y.W.C.A. Selly Oak Girls' Club, Selly Oaks Warwicks. DELETIONS: Mothers' Union Combe Down, Bath; Mothers' Union of St. Mary's, Lewisham; Y.W.C.A. Greenock Hut, Nelson Street, Greenock.

It was reported that there were now 2,955 Branches, 1258 Junior Branches and 3,595 Corporate Members; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 974,357 of whom 261,624 had paid a subscription in 1932, as compared with 285,417 during the corresponding period of 1931. S.M.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT THE FORUM CLUB, GROSVENOR PLACE, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 1932 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Major Anthony Buxton, Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Miss Courtney, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Ralph Clyn, Lord Gray, J.H.Harris, Lady Henschel, Dr. C.W.Kimmins, G. le M. Mander, Sir Walter Napier, C.M.Patrick, Lord Eustace Percy, Sir John Power, Lord Rhasvader, H.F.Shaw, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch and Professor Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

277. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral Allen, F.M.Furris, L.J.Cadbury, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Admiral Drury-Lowe, H.H.Elvin, Captain Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major Hills, Sir Hugh Jeurwine, Commander Kenworthy, Lady Layton, J.Trevelyan Leak, Lord Lytton, Lady Parmoor, Mrs. Runciman, John Sherborne, R.S.Syrett, Sir Ben Turner and Major Wright.

278. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minute 270(a) (473) the minutes of the meeting dated November 3rd, 1932 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 270(a) - 473 - Slavery Commission, a letter was reported from Mrs. Gillvie Gordon, a member of the Women's Advisory Council, criticising the resolution adopted by the Executive Committee.

279. RESOLUTION FOR ALBERT HALL MEETING. In accordance with minute 269(g) of the last meeting, the Committee considered revised resolutions, drafted by Lord Cecil and Professor Murray, for submission to the Albert Hall Meeting on November 15th. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the following resolution be substituted for that approved by the Committee on October 20th for submission to the Albert Hall Meeting:

This meeting urges the Government to support a policy of drastic international disarmament on the following basis:-

1. The same principles of Disarmament to be applied to all nations alike.
2. No re-armament of nations now subject to Disarmament Treaties.
3. Weapons such as military aircraft, tanks, submarines, monster warships and large land guns, now forbidden to certain nations, to be forbidden to all.
4. Existing collective obligations to assist any nation wrongfully attacked to be re-affirmed.

See minute 286.

- (2) That if any amendment of the resolution becomes necessary, as a result of the debate in the House of Commons, such amendment be left in the hands of a sub-Committee consisting of Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Cecil, Miss Courtney, Lord Eustace Percy and Professor Murray. *

280. THE PAR EAST. It was

RESOLVED: "That the League's Secretariat be invited to arrange that every delegate to the forthcoming meeting of the Assembly receives a copy of the summary prepared by Lord Lytton of the report of his Commission."

The Committee further expressed the hope that the Secretariat might find it possible, in the near future, to publish a cheap edition of the full report of Lord Lytton's Commission of Enquiry.

281. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Welcome Committee. (Lady Gladstone reported.) Subject to the following report on minute 43, the minutes of the Committee dated November 1st, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (41) Secretary's Report; (42) Relationship with APA; (43) Dinner to Lord Lytton; (44) Students International Assembly; (45) Composition of Committee; (46) Student Exchanges.

On Minute 43 - Dinner to Lord Lytton, it was reported that, in order to meet the wishes of the Executive, arrangements had now been made for the Dinner to be held at the Victoria Hotel, Northumberland Avenue instead of at the Dorchester Hotel, and it had consequently been possible to reduce the price of the tickets to 12s.6d. Lady Gladstone reminded the Committee that, in the present circumstances, it was most unlikely that the Union would receive any profit from the Dinner.

- (b) Political and Parliamentary Committee. (Lord Cecil reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 45 and with the exception of minutes 44 and 46 which had been approved at the previous meeting, the minutes of the Committee dated November 1st, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (43) Report of the Union's Disarmament Activities from June 1st to October 29th; (45) Leaflet on the Hoover Proposals; (47) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (48) League of Nations Union Statement upon International Policy; (49) Membership of the Committee.

On Minute 48 - Statement upon International Policy, it was

RESOLVED: "That the word "asked" be substituted for the word "authorised" in paragraph (b)."

* For text of resolution as finally drafted see paper Z attached to these minutes.

- (c) Minorities Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 14, the minutes of the Committee dated November 3rd, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (12) Consideration of Minority Resolutions adopted by the Federation; (13) The Armistice question; (14) Minorities at the XIIIth Assembly; (15) East Galicia; (16) Composition of Committee.

On Minute 14 - Minorities at the XIIIth Assembly, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the final paragraph of this minute be approved in the following amended form:-

"Finally, while submitting the foregoing proposals as immediate suggestions for improving the working of the existing procedure, the Union maintains the view expressed in the Statement upon International Policy communicated to H.M. Government in December, 1931."

On the motion of Lord Cecil it was further

RESOLVED: (2) "That the Minorities Committee be asked to consider and report on the desirability or otherwise of recommending the extension, in whole or in part, of the machinery of the League to Powers other than those which are strictly Minority Powers."

See minute 286.

282. THE FIRST STAGE IN DISARMAMENT. Miss Courtney drew the attention of the Committee to a paper prepared by Mr. Arnold Forster and published under the direction of an international committee in Geneva on THE FIRST STAGE IN DISARMAMENT. The paper was being reviewed in the December HEADWAY and copies were obtainable from 15, Grosvenor Crescent.
283. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. The attention of the Committee was drawn to an invitation from the National Peace Council to members of the Executive to attend a discussion on the new French Disarmament proposals, to be opened by Professor Toynde on Thursday, November 17th at 5.15 p.m. The meeting would take place at the Y.W.C.A. in Great Russell Street, W.C.1, and it was hoped that as many members of the Executive as possible would be present.
284. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was
- RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made in the roll of Branches, Junior Branches and Corporate Members, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

3 Junior Branches, 1 Corporate Associate.

Deletions.

1 Branch.

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BRANCH DELETION: Cheslyn Hay, Staffs. JUNIOR
BRANCHES: High Street Girls' School, Bentley,
Doncaster; Abbotsholme School, Abbotsholme, Derbyshire;
Ryton Hall, Shifnal, Shropshire. CORPORATE MEMBER:
Rock Ferry Trinity Methodist Church.

It was reported that there were now 2,954 Branches,
1,261 Junior Branches and 3,596 Corporate Members; and
that the number of persons who have at any time joined
the Union and are not known to have died or resigned
was 975,078 of whom 266,609 had paid a subscription in
1932 as compared with 290,704 during the corresponding
period of 1931.

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DISARMAMENT DEMONSTRATION
Resolution for Albert Hall Meeting
15th November, 1932.

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This meeting assures the Government of its support in a policy of drastic international disarmament on the following basis:-

1. The same principles of Disarmament to be applied to all nations alike.
2. No re-armament of nations now subject to Disarmament Treaties.
3. Weapons such as military aircraft, tanks, submarines, monster warships and large land guns, now forbidden to certain nations, to be forbidden to all.
4. Existing collective obligations to renounce aggressive war and to assist any nation wrongfully attacked to be re-affirmed.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH,
1932 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), F.M.Burris,
Major Anthony Buxton, L.J.Cadbury, Lord Cecil,
Sir Austen Chamberlain, Miss K.D.Courtney,
Lord Dickinson, Mrs. Digdale, Lady Gladstone,
Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris,
Sir Arthur Haworth, Lady Henschel, Dr.C.W.Kimmins,
Lord Lytton, G. le Mander, Sir Walter Napier,
C.M.Patrick, Sir John Power, Lord Rhyader,
John Sherborne, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley,
Major Lawrence Wright, L.M.Wynch together with
the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

285. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral Allen,
C.Delisle Burns, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Captain Green, Sir Hugh
Jedwine, Commander Kenworthy, Lady Parmoor, J.Trevelyan
Leak and Professor Zimmern.

286. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision and report on
minutes 280 and 281(c), the minutes of the meeting dated
November 10th, 1932 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 280 - The Far East, the Secretary reported that
in response to his enquiry he had that morning received a
letter from Mr. Ziliacus stating that the Secretariat was
getting out, as a supplement to the MONTHLY SUMMARY, the
official summary of the Lytton Report that was given to
the press in Nanking and Tokio, and which he imagined was
the one mentioned by the Secretary. Lord Lytton stated
that his summary was written on his homeward journey and
was therefore a different document from that referred to
in Mr. Ziliacus' letter.

On Minute 281(c) - Minorities Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That the proposal of the Committee to extend
its terms of reference in order to cover
refugee questions be approved."

287. DISARMAMENT.

(a) Debate in House of Commons on November 10th. The
Secretary reported that he had written to Mr. Baldwin, and
had received his permission to reprint part of his speech in
the House of Commons in the form of a Union pamphlet. It was

RESOLVED: "That extracts from Mr. Baldwin's speech be
printed forthwith in pamphlet form."

The Committee expressed their gratitude to Sir Austen
Chamberlain for the contribution he had made to the debate
in the House of Commons.

(b) The German Attitude to Disarmament. The attention of
the Committee was drawn to the tone of certain articles
appearing in a recent issue of VOLKREUND, the organ of the
German League of Nations Society. After considerable dis-
cussion it was

See minute 294.

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RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to write to Dr. Kirchhoff, the Secretary of the German League of Nations Society, pointing out how greatly English opinion was disturbed by statements such as had appeared in VOLKREBUND."

Miss Courtney suggested that other peace societies might be willing to write letters to their opposite numbers in Germany.

(c) Albert Hall Meeting. It was reported that the meeting held in the Albert Hall on November 15th had been very successful. The expenditure in connection with the meeting was estimated at £400, while the receipts amounted to £418. 156 new members had been enrolled. Copies of the resolution adopted at the meeting had been forwarded to the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary. Several members of the Committee criticised the speech made by Mr. Beverley Nichols, and it was reported that this speech had been omitted from the cinematograph film taken at the meeting. It was

RESOLVED: "That a hearty vote of thanks be conveyed to Dame Adelaide Livingstone and her assistants, whose efforts had contributed so largely to the success of the meeting."

(d) Air Disarmament. The Chairman reported the following resolution which he had received from the Women's National Liberal Federation Executive:-

"The Women's National Liberal Federation Executive unanimously requests the League of Nations Union to set up a Committee of experts in civil aviation to advise on a scheme for stressing the peaceful international development of air transport and the elimination of restrictions imposed for military purposes."

It was

RESOLVED: "That Lord Cecil be asked to prepare, for submission to the Committee on December 1st, a statement on air disarmament with particular reference to the reduction or abolition of military air forces and the international control of civil aviation, having regard to the report of the Union's International Aviation Sub-Committee of April 24th, the resolution of the General Commission of the Disarmament Conference of July 23rd, and Mr. Baldwin's speech in the House of Commons on November 10th."

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THE FAR EAST. Professor Brierly reported on minute 57 of the International Law Committee's meeting held on November 4th, giving the Committee's replies to the questions submitted by the Executive (minute 258). It was

RESOLVED: "That, subject to the omission of the word 'directly' in the third line of the answer to question 6, this minute be approved; and that a copy be forwarded to the Foreign Secretary and to Sir Eric Drummond."

h Lord Lytton offered to lend to the Union a film he had received from the South Manchurian Railway Company. At present the film consisted of nine reels and took from two to two-and-a-half hours to show. He intended, however, to shorten it.

(See minute 294).

289. Lord Lytton offered to present to the Union a film he had taken of the work of his Commission. At present the film consisted of nine reels and took from two to two and a half hours to show. It could, however, be shortened to run for about an hour. Lord Lytton had given an undertaking to the Customs authorities that the film would not be exhibited for profit, but he thought it might be useful for educational purposes. The Committee expressed their gratitude to Lord Lytton for his generous offer.

289. PRINTING AND PUBLISHING BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS OF THE UNION.
It was

RESOLVED: "That, in response to the request of the Regions Committee for proposals concerning printing and publishing by local organisations of the Union, the Executive recommends for consideration by the Regions Committee that the interim arrangement made with the London Regional Federation should apply in the following form to all Branches and local organisations of the Union for an experimental period of one year:-

Should any Branch or District Council or other local organisation of the Union desire the printing or publication of any poster, pamphlet, leaflet or other document (not intended solely for use in its own administration) it shall submit its proposals to Headquarters. Headquarters shall then decide whether to undertake the publication; and, should Headquarters decide against doing so, the local organisation shall be free to produce the publication in such form as Headquarters may approve. Headquarters undertake to give a decision on any publication submitted to them within a reasonable time."

290. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) International Law Committee. Subject to the decision recorded in minute 285 above, the minutes of the Committee dated November 4th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (55) Dr. Garnett; (57) The Far East; (58) Article XVIII and the Doctrine of Non-Recognition; (59) Finnish Ships Case; (60) Composition of Committee for 1933; (61) Submission of Minutes to Executive.

(b) Office Committee. Subject to the following decisions on minutes 53, 54 and 65, and subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on minutes 51, 58, 59 and 60, the minutes of the Committee dated November 6th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (50) Library Reading Room; (51) Mr. Everett Reid; (52) Anti-Slavery Centenary Celebration; (53) Book Room; (54) Resignations and Appointments; (55) Voluntary Workers; (56) Education Department; (57) Mr. N. Wood; (58) Youth Groups;

(59) Mr. Archer; (60) Budget for 1933;
 (61) Executive Meeting on November 10th;
 (62) Composition of Sub-Committees of the
 Executive Committee; (63) Composition of
 Committee for 1933; (64) Communication from
 Staff Committee; (65) Posters. 21

On Minute 53 - Book Room, it was

RESOLVED: "That if Mr. Boniface has not already received a letter of thanks from the Union, one be sent to him immediately."

On Minute 54 - Resignations and Appointments, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resignation of Miss Anne Hutchinson, now reported by the Secretary, be also accepted with regret, and that she be thanked for her services."

On Minute 65 - Posters, after the designs for the January set of posters had been shown to the Committee it was

RESOLVED: "That the HAPPY WARRIOR design be not reproduced as a Union poster; that, after the December set, all posters designed for use in connection with the poster campaign be exhibited at a meeting of this Committee before being printed; and that the Chairman be asked to see Mr. Gervase Huxley and to convey to him the Committee's decision."

291. BRANCH RESOLUTION. The Committee adjourned consideration of the resolution received from the Westminster Branch.

292. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made in the roll of Districts, Junior Branches and Corporate Members, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

2 Districts, 3 Junior Branches, 2 Corporate Members.

Deletions.

1 Junior Branch.

DISTRICT COUNCILS: Isle of Man District Council; Pembroke-shire County Committee. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Bradfield College, Berks; Girls' High School, Chesterfield; Mount Pleasant Boys' School, Hastings; Stuart Central School for Girls, Norwich; London Street Methodist Church Sunday School, Reading; West Reading Methodist Church Sunday School; Whitley Hall Methodist Sunday School, Reading; Garratt Lane Girls' School, Wandsworth. DELETION: Castle Mixed School, Barking. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Mitcham Methodist Church; Brook Street Congregational Church, Warwick.

It was reported that there were now 63 Districts; 1,268 Junior Branches and 3,223 Corporate Members; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 976,147 of whom 272,763 had paid a subscription in 1932 as compared with 297,432 during the corresponding period of 1931. J.M.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 1932 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Admiral J.D. Allen, F.M. Burris, Major Anthony Buxton, L.J. Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Lord Dickinson, Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, Lady Henschel, Major J.W. Hills, Morgan Jones, Dr. C. W. Kinnaird, Lord Lytton, G. Le Mander, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Eustace Percy, Lord Rhayader, Mrs. Walter Runciman, H.P. Shaw, John Sherborne, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright, and L.M. Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

293. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Sir Austen Chamberlain, Miss Courtney, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, H.H. Elvin, Captain Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Hugh Jaudwine, Commander Kenworthy, T.M. McGiff, Lady Parnoor, H.S. Syrett, Sir Ben Turner and Professor Zimmern.

294. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision and report on minutes 297(c) and 288, the minutes of the meeting dated November 17th, 1932 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 287(c) - Albert Hall Meeting, it was reported that this meeting had resulted in a profit to the Union of £50 instead of £18 as previously estimated. It was further reported that extracts from Mr. Beverly Nichols' speech had not been omitted from the cinematograph film taken at the meeting. The Chairman stated that these extracts did not contain the most alarming passages in Mr. Nichols' speech, and he did not therefore think they would do any harm to the cause of the Union.

On Minute 288 - The Far East, it was

RESOLVED: "That the first three sentences of the last paragraph of this minute be amended to read as follows:-

'Lord Lytton offered to lend to the Union a film he had received from the South Manchurian Railway Company. At present the film consisted of nine reels and took from two to two-and-a-half hours to show. He intended, however, to shorten it.'

295. AERIAL DISARMAMENT. In accordance with the decision contained in minute 287(d) of the last meeting, the Committee considered a note by Lord Cecil (S.G. 5591) together with the Report of the Committee on Aerial Disarmament which met in June last and its appendices, (S.G. 5126b, 5125, 5127 and 5129). After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Committee, reaffirming its previous decision, is in favour of the total abolition of national military and naval aircraft. It recognises, however, that,

having regard to all the circumstances of the case, some time must elapse before such total abolition can be effected."

- (2) "That the sub-Committee on Aerial Disarmament be asked to meet in the near future and to consider and report on (a) the advantages or disadvantages of international control of civil aviation, and (b) methods by which such control might be effected."
 - (3) "That the question of an international air force be considered in the light of the sub-Committee's report."
 - (4) "That Mr. Handley Page, Colonel Moore Brabazon and Sir Eric Geddes (or someone else prominently connected with commercial aviation and nominated by Sir Eric) be invited to join the sub-Committee."
296. BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS. The attention of the Committee was drawn to the speech made by the first Lord of the Admiralty on the previous day, in which he proposed that Great Britain should retain a fleet of battle cruisers of 22,000 tons armed with 11-inch guns. After considerable discussion the Committee decided that there was no ground for amending their present policy on this subject.
297. THE FAR EAST. Lord Lytton gave the Committee a survey of events that had taken place at the meeting of the Council in regard to the Report of his Commission. He went on to say that it was now generally agreed by all the delegations that the Assembly should, at its forthcoming session, pass a resolution accepting the findings of the Commission - the first eight Chapters of the Report. Lord Lytton thought that this would be followed in January either by a meeting of the Committee of Nineteen (plus America and Russia) or by a conference of certain Powers specially called to consider the recommendations.
298. DECEMBER MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered the Final Agenda for the December Meeting of the General Council, and it was

RESOLVED: "That members of the Executive be invited to take charge of the various items included in the Final Agenda as follows:-

- I. Welcome: Lord Cecil (in the Chair).
- II. Minutes (a) and (b): Professor Murray.
- IV. Budget for 1933 (a), (b) and (c): Lord Queenborough.
(d): Mr. Sherborne.

Resolutions.

1. Manchuria (a): Major Buxton. To omit paragraph 3.
(b): Professor Zimmern.
2. German Demand for Equality of Status in Armaments: Sir Austen Chamberlain. To oppose Blockley amendment.
3. Disarmament: Professor Murray. To recommend that the first sentence only of the L.R.F. resolution be adopted; and to oppose the East of Scotland amendment.

4. Private Manufacture of Arms: Colonel Carnegie. To oppose amendments by Kensington and Bury.
5. The League and the U.S.A.: Mr. Worsley.
6. Humanitarian Activities of the League: Mrs. Corbett Ashby.
7. International Police Force: Lord Cecil (Professor Murray in the Chair). To support Welsh National Council's amendment.
8. Reduction of Hours of Work as a Remedy for Unemployment: Captain Green to move the resolution, and a member of the Economic Committee to be invited to oppose the latter part of the Wolverhampton amendment.

299. TREATY REVISION. On the motion of Lord Cecil it was

RESOLVED: "That the means by which the League of Nations can bring about the revision of treaties, whether under Article 19 or Article 13 or in any other way, be one of the topics to be considered by the Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies."

300. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Library Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 41, the minutes of the Committee dated November 14th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (41) Temporary Resignation of the Chairman; (42) Composition of Committee for 1933; (43) Book List; (44) Children's Section of the Library.

On Minute 41 - Temporary Resignation of Chairman, it was

RESOLVED: "That a letter be sent to Mr. Headicar, expressing the Committee's thanks for the valuable work he has done as Chairman of the Library Committee, and their sincere hope that his health will speedily be restored."

(b) Education Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 157, 159 and 164, the minutes of the Committee dated November 14th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (151) Membership of the Committee; (152) Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (153) Report on Work in Universities and Colleges; (154) Report of the Youth Sub-Committee; (155) Composition of Youth Sub-Committee; (156) Conference of Youth Group Delegates; (157) The Union and the Drama; (158) Co-operation with the Youth Hostels' Association; (159) Union's Summer schools; (160) Mill Hill Summer School; (161) Text-Books in China and Japan; (162) "The League of Nations and the Schools"; (163) Present Position in Public Schools; (164) Observance of Armistice Day in the Schools; (165) The Centenary of the Freeing of the Slaves; (166) Communications from Rotary International (Association of Great Britain and Ireland);

(167) Communication from Williams and Norgate; (168) Report of the Y.W.C.A.; (169) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (170) Revision of School Text Books; (171) Address by Dr. G. C. Kullman; (172) London County Council Lectures for Teachers.

On Minute 157 - The Union and the Drama, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Committee approves in principle of the proposal to create a sub-Committee of the Education Committee on the Drama; but that the Education Committee be asked first to consult the Youth sub-Committee and thereafter to submit a proposal to this Committee."

On Minute 159 (d) - Union's Summer Schools, it was

RESOLVED: "That, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, the sum of £50 be allocated out of the contingency fund for 1933 for the purpose of paying the expenses of three lecturers who should be invited to attend the Geneva Institute, take a leading part in the discussions of the Institute and to stay on to lecture at the Conference of Teachers."

On Minute 164 - Observance of Armistice Day in the Schools, it was

RESOLVED: "That the grateful thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Lyon for the armistice Day message he so kindly prepared for the Union."

- (c) Christian Organisations Committee. (Dr. Lewis Robertson reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 85 and 87, the minutes of the Committee dated November 16th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (81) Position of Russian Lutherans; (82) Resolutions; (83) Meeting on Moral Disarmament; (84) Deputation of the Churches to the Prime Minister; (85) Follow up in the Churches - Proposal Regarding Corporate Members of the Union and Affiliated Congregations of the World Alliance; (86) Suggestions from Branches; (87) Observance of Armistice Sunday; (88) Composition of Committee for 1933; (89) Report from Overseas Societies; (90) Applications for Corporate Membership.

On Minute 85 - Proposal Regarding Corporate Members of the Union and Affiliated Congregations of the World Alliance, in reply to a question by Admiral Allen concerning the proposed fee of 30s.0d., it was stated that both the Union and the World Alliance are always prepared to consider reducing the fee in cases of hardship.

On Minute 87 - Observance of Armistice Sunday, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'except when Armistice Day' falls on a Sunday be inserted after the word 'that' in the first line of paragraph (1)."

The Committee hoped that action in this matter would be taken in collaboration with the British Legion.

- (d) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Lady Hall reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 92 and 94, the minutes of the Committee dated November 17th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (87) Disarmament and the Displaced Worker; (88) Meetings on the I.L.O.; (89) Conference on Unemployment Insurance; (90) Panel of Speakers; (91) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (92) Composition of Committee for 1933; (93) The Union and Disarmament; (94) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (95) Boot Manufacturers' Federation.

On Minute 92 - Composition of Committee for 1933, it was reported that Mr. Bander was unable to represent the Executive on the Industrial Advisory Committee and that it was proposed to invite Mr. Burris to do so. It was further reported that Mr. J. R. Leslie's name should be substituted for that of Mr. Arthur Hayday in paragraph (c), and that Mr. Gregory's name should be substituted for that of Mr. McGilliv in paragraph (d).

On Minute 94 - International Federation of League of Nations Societies, it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That all the words following the word 'date' in the fifth line of resolution (a) be omitted."
- (2) "That consideration of resolution (e) on Bribery and Corruption be adjourned until the next meeting and that, in the meantime, a statement of the present position in this matter be prepared in consultation with Rotary International (Association of Great Britain and Ireland)."
- (3) "That resolution (f) on an International Auxiliary Language be referred back for further consideration by the Industrial Committee in consultation with the Education Committee and that it be thereafter sent to Brussels in such form as the two Committees may agree upon."
- (4) "That resolution (g) on Hours of Work be not adopted; but that a letter be sent to the Secretary-General of the International Federation, pointing out that until the meeting of the Technical Committee has been held in January, it is impossible to give notice of a definite motion regarding Reduction of Hours of Work, but that the Union will no doubt be in a position to put forward a motion when the meeting of the Federation takes place."

- (e) Finance Committee. (Mr. Sherborne reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated November 22nd, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (71) Financial Statement; (72) General Council Meeting; (73) Appeals Committee; (74) Welsh National Council; (75) Loans; (76) Staff; (77) Budget for 1933; (78) Albert Hall Meeting on November 15th; (79) Composition of Committee for 1933; (80) Disarmament Fund; (81) Library Book Fund; (82) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

(f) Appeals Committee. Subject to the following report on minute 175, the minutes of the Committee dated November 23rd, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (174) International Luncheon; (175) Miss Bradish's Plan for Raising Money; (176) Reports on activities since last meeting; (177) Miss Hutchinson's Resignation; (178) Mr. Hawkey's Resignation; (179) Mr. Hawkey's successor; (180) International Ball; (181) Donations for 1933.

On Minute 175 - Miss Bradish's Plan for Raising Money, it was reported that the London Regional Federation were considering this plan, and that it would be mentioned to the General Council at its meeting next week.

301. VACANCIES ON COMMITTEE. It was reported that Mr. Dalisle Burnis had resigned his membership of the Committee for reasons of ill health, and that Mr. Patrick had also resigned owing to his appointment as Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Under-Secretary of State for India. In accordance with the decision of the Committee (see minute 205) an invitation to serve on the Committee had been sent to Miss Megan Lloyd George. This invitation had been accepted. After various names had been proposed for consideration in connection with the remaining vacancy on the Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That the secretary be asked to consult Sir Stafford Cripps with a view to his suggesting the name of a suitable representative of the Labour Party to serve on the Committee."

After it had been reported that Lord Lothian had not yet definitely accepted or refused the invitation to serve on the Committee it was

RESOLVED: "That a further letter be sent to Lord Lothian."

302. POSTERS. In accordance with the decision contained in minute 290, two posters designed for use in connection with the poster campaign were exhibited at this meeting of the Committee. The attention of the Committee was drawn to these designs by the Chairman.

303. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee adjourned consideration of Resolutions received from the Executive Committee of the Welsh National Council, the National Association of Head Teachers, the Westminster Branch Committee and Mr. Peimore and Mrs. Lawson of Haslemere.

See minute 306.

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304. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made in the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members and Corporate Associates, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

8 Branches, 14 Junior Branches, 6 Corporate Members, 2 Corporate Associates.

Deletions.

4 Branches, 2 Junior Branches, 2 Corporate Members.

BRANCHES: Ashington, Northumberland; Bedford Froebel Training College Branch, Beds; Claydon, Bucks; Cliburn, Westmorland; East Shilton, Leics; Ellesmere Port, Cheshire; Lisburn, Northern Ireland; Pontrilas and District, Herefordshire. DELETIONS: Arthingworth, Northants; Hargrave, Northants; Wappenhay, Northants; Maulden, Beds. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Wirral County School for Girls, Bebington, Cheshire; Elisworth Council School, Northants; Cardiff East Moors Institute Junior Branch; Girls' Secondary School, Devonport; Central Boys' School, Doncaster; Grammar School for Girls, East Ham; Hunmanby Hall, Yorks; Spring Grove Secondary School, Isleworth, Middlesex; Jersey College for Girls, Channel Islands; Londonderry High School, Ireland; Malvern House Girls' School, Reading; All Saints' School, Upper Norwood; Bandon Hill Central School, Wallington; Warwick School, Warwick. DELETIONS: St. Thomas' Junior Branch, Charlton; Lewisham High Road Congregational Church, Lewisham; Elmfield College, York. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Belfast Group of the Holiday Fellowship; Newark Women's Guild, Port Glasgow; Hornchurch Baptist Church, Essex; Church of St. John the Evangelist, Bromley, Kent; Holy Trinity Church, Hinchley, Leics; St. Catherine's Church, Fir Vale, Sheffield. DELETIONS: Wycliffe Congregational Church, Hull; Mansfield College Junior Common Room, Oxford. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Ashwell Women's Institute; Eltham Congregational Women's Own Sisterhood.

It was reported that there were now 2,958 Branches, 1,280 Junior Branches, 3,602 Corporate Members and 762 Corporate Associates; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 978,253 of whom 286,924 had paid a subscription in 1932 as compared with 313,311 during the corresponding period of 1931.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 1932 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), L.J.Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Dickinson, Mrs. E.Dugdale, H.H.Elvin, Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Captain L.H.Green, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lady Henschel, Dr.C.W.Kimmins, G. le M.Mander, T.M.McGiff, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Eustace Percy, Sir John Power, John Sherborne, H.S.Syrett, Mrs. Wilson-Pox, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright and L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

305. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral Allen, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Miss Megan Lloyd George, Lady Parmoor, Lord Rhayader and Professor Zimmern.

306. MINUTES. Subject to the following report and decision on Minute 301, the minutes of the meeting dated December 1st, 1932 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 301 - Vacancies on Committee, a letter dated December 13th from Lord Lothian was read to the Committee regretting that, owing to his many other duties, it was not possible for him to serve on the Executive Committee for this year. The Secretary reported that, in accordance with the decision taken at the last meeting, he had written to Sir Stafford Cripps with a view to his suggesting the name of a suitable representative of the Labour Party to serve on the Committee in place of Dr. Delisle Burns. In reply Sir Stafford's secretary had suggested that Mr. Lansbury should be consulted. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That invitations to serve on the Committee be sent to Lord Cranborne and to Sir Stafford Cripps; and that, in the event of Sir Stafford being unable to accept the invitation, Lord Eustace Percy and Mr. Mander be asked to make enquiries in the House of Commons and to suggest, for the consideration of the Committee, the names of suitable members of the Labour Party, one of whom might be invited to serve on the Committee."

(2) "That a list of the present members of the Executive be circulated for the information of the Committee."

307. UNFAIR COMMERCIAL PRACTICES. The Committee considered the draft resolution on Bribery and Corruption proposed by the Industrial Advisory Committee for submission to the International Federation, together with an explanatory statement asked for in minute 300(d)(2). It was

See minute 304.

including bribery + corruption
(See minute 321).

RESOLVED: "That, subject to the substitution of the words 'unfair commercial practices' for the words 'bribery and corruption', the resolution proposed by the Industrial Advisory Committee be placed on the agenda of the next Plenary Congress of the International Federation."

Note: The resolution thus amended reads as follows:-

XVIIth Plenary Congress

Urges national societies to bring all pressure to bear on their respective Governments to secure a Convention dealing with unfair commercial practices.

308. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. On the motion of Lord Cecil it was

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee desires to congratulate H.M. Government on the agreement secured at Geneva which will result in the early resumption of the Disarmament Conference with the co-operation of Germany."

The Committee had before them a memorandum on the present situation in regard to the Disarmament Conference (S.G.5642). It was

RESOLVED: "That this memorandum be referred for consideration by the Disarmament Campaign Subcommittee at its meeting on Tuesday, December 20th."

309. THE FAR EAST. The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to an unofficial memorandum which had been prepared by Miss White (who had attended the special meeting of the Assembly at Geneva) for the confidential information of the Committee. He expressed the hope that members of the Committee would read the memorandum before the next meeting.

310. ANGLO-PERSIAN OIL DISPUTE. The Committee considered a Resolution proposed by Mr. Mander, and, after discussion, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee congratulates H.M. Government on their action in promptly proposing to refer the dispute between this country and Persia with regard to the Anglo-Persian Oil Agreement to the Permanent Court of International Justice under the optional clause; and in subsequently referring the dispute to the League under Article XV of the Covenant."

311. MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered the Resolutions which had been adopted by the General Council at its meeting on December 7th and 8th. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Disarmament Campaign Committee be asked to consider paragraph (a) of resolution I (Private Manufacture of Arms) and to report to the next meeting of this Committee; and that copies of the memoranda

on this subject prepared by members of the Sub-Committee on the Private Manufacture of Arms (appointed 17.3.32.) be circulated for the information of the Disarmament Campaign Committee."

- (2) "That the Disarmament Campaign Committee be asked to consider resolution III (International Police Force) and to suggest, for consideration by this committee at its next meeting, terms of reference for a sub-committee which might be appointed to study this subject."

312. REGIONS COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions on minute 25, the minutes of the Regions Committee held on December 9th were received.

These minutes included (25) Report of Sub-Committee set up in accordance with minute 17 of 13.10.32.; (26) Voluntary Levy for Funds of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (27) Posters; (28) Quarterly Periodical.

On Minute 25 -- Report of the Regions Committee on (1) The Financing of Local Councils; (2) Appointment and Conditions of Service of District Councils' Secretaries; (3) The Income of the Union and the Present Division of Membership Subscriptions and (4) Printing and Publishing by Local Organisations of the Union; the report was adopted by the Executive Committee; subject to the approval of the Finance Committee in the case of section (1); subject to the inclusion of the following note after paragraph (1) in section (2);

"NOTE: It is understood that whole time paid secretaries of district councils are not to be debarred by membership of the Union's secretariat from being members of the General Council or of the Regions Committee when appointed to represent their district councils at meetings of these bodies or either of them"

and subject to the adoption of section (4) of the Report being confined to the first sentence, the Regions Committee being invited to reconsider the remainder of that section in the light of the Executive's opinion that nothing should be done in this matter which would tend to diminish the energy, vigour and initiative of local organisations.

313. GERMANY AND POLAND ON THE BALTIC. The Committee had before them a memorandum prepared by Sir Walter Napier, at the request of the Chairman, on Germany and Poland on the Baltic. It was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That the cordial thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Sir Walter Napier for his memorandum."
(2) "That consideration of the memorandum be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee."

314. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Traffic in Women and Children. (Lady Gladstone reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 9, the minutes of the Committee dated November 24th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (8) Resolution for submission to the XVth Plenary Congress of the International Federation; (9) Communication from the Director of the Opium Traffic and Social Questions Sections of the League of Nations with regard to Wider Publicity for the Reports of the League of Nations on the subject of the Traffic in Women and Children and of Child Welfare; (10) Composition of Committee for 1933.

On Minute 9 - Communication from the Director of the Opium Traffic and Social Questions Sections of the League of Nations, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved, subject to the deletion of suggestion (1)."

- (b) Religions and Ethics Committee. (Professor Murray reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated November 29th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (43) Public Meeting; (44) Sanctity of Treaties; (45) Resignations; (46) New Members of Committee; (47) Composition of Committee for 1933; (48) Resolution of Lambeth Conference, 1930.

- (c) Minorities Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 19 and 20, the minutes of the Committee dated December 1st, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (20) The Armenian Question; (21) Statelessness; (22) Generalisation of the Minorities Treaties; (23) Spring Meetings of the International Federation.

On Minute 19 - (15) - East Galicia, Lord Cecil undertook to write a letter to Captain Eden on this subject.

On Minute 20 - The Armenian Question, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'the draft convention (proposed in the accompanying memorandum) be substituted for the words 'a draft Convention' in the second paragraph of the resolution; that Lord Cecil and Sir Walter Napier be asked to convey the resolution personally to Captain Eden; and that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the International Federation for consideration at the next meeting."

- (d) Branches Committee. The minutes of the Committee dated December 1st, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (21) The Future of "Federal Councils"; (22) Composition of Committee for 1933.

See minute 321.

- (e) Political and Parliamentary Committee. (Lord Cecil reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 54, the minutes of the Committee dated December 7th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (51) Disarmament Conference; (52) Disarmament Campaign; (53) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (54) International Review "DISARMAMENT".

On Minute 54 - International Review "DISARMAMENT", after many members of the Committee had expressed their high appreciation of "DISARMAMENT" and their earnest hope that the publication of this review would be continued, it was

RESOLVED: "That a note on the financial aspect of the review be prepared for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee."

Members of the Committee who had suggestions to make concerning methods by which the circulation of "DISARMAMENT" might be increased or the cost of production lessened were asked to send them to Mr. Eppstein before the next meeting.

It was suggested that the Carnegie Endowment might be willing to contribute towards the cost of publishing the review; the Chairman promised to write to Mr. Nicholas Murray Butler.

- (f) International Law Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 63 and 65, the minutes of the Committee dated December 12th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (63) Treaty Revision; (64) Report on the Present Position regarding the Treaty of Peace Act; (65) Responsibility of States for Crimes Against Foreigners committed within their Territory; (66) Article 18 and the Doctrine of Non-recognition.

On Minute 63 - Treaty Revision, the Secretary read to the Committee the following statement prepared by Professor Brierly:-

'So far as I am in a position to express the mind of the International Law Committee in framing the Resolution in their Minute 63, I think we felt that for the present at any rate it was necessary for practical reasons to rule out any idea of carrying out the Resolution of the Executive Committee by an amendment of the Covenant. We felt further that it is improbable that any general agreement as to the exact formal method of utilising Article XIX would be arrived at beforehand. The suggestion that we make for the appointment of a Committee of Inquiry is, we are aware, liable to two objections.

The first arises from the doubt whether a decision to set up (as distinguished from a decision to appoint the members of) a Committee can be taken by a majority vote of the Assembly. We do not share this

doubt, but we are aware it is felt in certain quarters. We think however that it would be undesirable to suggest that it should be set at rest by an Advisory Opinion of the Court unless and until it is raised as an objection in an actual case.

The second possible criticism is that we propose only a procedure that would almost certainly be taken in any case. We should agree that it would be taken when a case arises under Article XIX, if the Assembly "means business". But it seems to us to be worth proposing as an indication that there exists a volume of opinion which desires and expects that Article XIX should be regarded as a "live" Article of the Covenant. We do not regard our proposal as doing more than this, and we do not think that more than this is at present practical politics.

Similarly with paragraph (2) of our Resolution. It is obvious that Article XI does stand in reserve behind any "advice" given under Article XIX. But it seems to us to be worth placing on record for the same kind of reason.

It was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution be approved for submission to the International Federation; but that before the meeting of the Federation takes place, the Secretary be asked to forward the resolution to Sir Eric Drummond and to ask for his opinion on the procedure recommended by the Committee for making Article 19 of the Covenant more effective."

On Minute 65 - Responsibility of States for Crimes Against Foreigners Committed within their Territory,
it was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be approved subject to the deletion of all the words following 'Congress' in the seventh line."

315. CLOSING OF OFFICE AT CHRISTMAS. It was

RESOLVED: "That the office be closed from 5.30 p.m. on Friday, December 23rd until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 28th."

316. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That a meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday next, December 22nd; but that the Committee do not meet on the fifth Thursday in December or the first Thursday in January."

317. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. Consideration of Branch resolutions was adjourned.

318. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made in the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members, Corporate Associates, and Junior Sections, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

5 Branches, 11 Junior Branches, 9 Corporate Members, 2 Corporate Associates, 1 Junior Section.

Deletions.

1 Branch, 1 Junior Branch, 1 Corporate Member, 6 Corporate Associates, 1 Junior Section.

BRANCHES: Askrige, Yorks; Barrow-on-Soar, Leics; Broadway, Worcs; Dungannon, N. Ireland; Market Rasen, Lincs. DELETIONS: Thorverton, Devon. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Bangor Central School, Carn; Grove House School, Wembdon, Bridgewater, Somerset; Wheelwright Grammar School for Girls, Dewsbury, Yorks; Park Girls' School, Dudley, Worcs; Hardingstone Council School, Hardingstone, Northants; Beal Modern Girls' School, Ilford, Essex; Overstone School, Overstone, Northants; Oxford High School; Trafford Road Girls' School, Salford, Lancs; Deeside Central School, Shotton; Whalley Range High School, Lancs. DELETION: Municipal Technical College, Hull. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Holy Trinity Church, Reading; St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Reading; Trinity Methodist Church, Rock Ferry, Cheshire; Presbyterian Church of Wales, Rake Lane, Wallasey, Cheshire; Batville Park Methodist Church, Bristol; Tilehouse Street Baptist Church Waterloo Branch of the British Legion, Waterloo, Lancs; Holy Trinity Church, Nottingham; St. Barnabas' Church, Southfields, Surrey. DELETION: Staff of Holborn Telephone Exchange. JUNIOR SECTION: Ferry Rise Morning School, Forest Hill, London. DELETION: Wesley Methodist Junior Guild, Kilsyth, Glasgow. CORPORATE ASSOCIATIONSHIP: East Lewisham Women Citizens' Association; Heaton Road Women's Co-operative Guild, Newcastle. DELETIONS: Stoke Ferry Women's Institute; St. John's Group, Clerkenwell; Rickmansworth Mothers' Union; St. James's Mothers' Union, Paddington; St. Paul's Mothers' Union, Mill Hill; Lincoln Y.W.C.A.

It was reported that there were now 2,962 Branches, 1,290 Junior Branches; 3,610 Corporate Members, 758 Corporate Associates and 43 Junior Sections; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 983,325 of whom 310,612 had paid a subscription in 1932 as compared with 340,680 during the corresponding period of 1931.

319. STAFF PARTY. The Secretary informed the Committee that the Staff Party would be held in this office on the evening of Saturday, January 21st. He hoped that as many members of the Executive as possible would attend the party.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, 1932
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Admiral J.D. Allen,
Major Anthony Buxton, Colonel David Carnegie,
Lord Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Miss K.D. Courtney,
Lord Dickinson, Mrs. Dugdale, Miss Megan Lloyd George,
Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Captain L.H. Green,
J.H. Harris, Sir Arthur Heworth, Lady Henschel,
Major Hills, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Lord Lytton, P.M. McCiff,
C. le M. Mander, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Rhayader,
H.F. Shaw, H.S. Syrett, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert
Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright and L.M. Wynch, to-
gether with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

320. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from L.J. Cadbury,
Admiral Drury-Lowe, Morgan Jones, Sir Hugh Jeudwine,
Commander Kenworthy, Lady Pennoer, Lord Eustace Percy,
John Sherborne and Sir Ben Turner.

321. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions and reports on
minutes 306(301), 307, 314(c), and to the inclusion of
Sir Hugh Jeudwine's name in the list of those who had apolo-
gised for absence, the minutes of the Committee dated
December 15th, 1932 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 306(301) - Vacancies on Committee, it was re-
ported that Sir Stafford Cripps was unable, owing to his
many other engagements, to accept the invitation to serve
on the Committee, and that a reply had not yet been
received from Lord Cranborne. The Committee were re-
minded that since Colonel Crosfield had resigned his
membership of the Committee in June last the Executive
had included no leading member of the British Legion.
It was

RESOLVED: "That the question of inviting one of the
leaders of the British Legion to serve on
the Executive be considered before the last
vacancy on the Committee is filled."

On Minute 307 - Unfair Commercial Practices, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'including bribery and
corruption' be included at the end of the
resolution for the Plenary Congress of the
International Federation."

On Minute 314(c)(20) - The Armenian Question, several
members of the Committee suggested that, if such memoranda
as that on the Armenian Question and on Germany and Poland
on the Baltic could be printed, their value would be
greatly enhanced, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the Publicity and Finance Committees be
asked to consider and report on this suggestion."

In the meantime Mrs. Dugdale promised to consult the
Information Committee of the Royal Institute of Inter-
national Affairs on the subject.

See minute 6 (1933)

Lord Cecil reported that he and Sir Walter Napier saw Mr. Eden on December 21st. They urged on him the desirability of doing something to prevent the shelving of the Ukrainian petition about prison torture, and Mr. Eden promised that he would enquire about it from Sir Eric Drummond whom he expected to see shortly. On Armenia, Mr. Eden took note of all that was said, and of the terms of the draft convention that had been proposed, and promised that he would consider it carefully.

322. GERMANY AND POLAND ON THE BALTIC. The Committee considered a memorandum by Sir Walter Napier on Germany and Poland on the Baltic (S.G. 5620). Sir Austen Chamberlain questioned the accuracy of the statement on page 7 that "There is still a theoretical state of war between Poland and Lithuania." He referred to the meetings of the League's Council, which was attended by Marshal Pilsudski, when, if he remembered aright, the Lithuanians definitely abandoned the state of war which had been declared to exist up till that time.

After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Minorities Committee be asked to propose, for consideration by the Executive, terms of reference for an ad hoc Committee to consider and report upon the position of Germany and Poland on the Baltic, and to recommend the names of persons who might be invited to serve on such a Committee."

In reply to a question from Admiral Allen, the Chairman stated that, although Sir Walter Napier's memorandum had been prepared for the confidential information of the Committee, members were at liberty, if they so desired, to use the document provided that its origin was not disclosed.

323. INTERNATIONAL REVIEW "DISARMAMENT". The Committee considered minute 74 of the Political and Parliamentary Committee dated December 7th, together with a memorandum on the financial aspect of the review (S.G. 5656) prepared in accordance with the Committee's request. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the first proposal contained in the memorandum, viz:

"That the Union should spend not more than £100 in the purchase of not less than 8,000 copies of the octavo pamphlet in January"

be approved."

- (2) "That a notice be inserted in the pamphlet, announcing that it is hoped to continue the publication of the Review, and inviting readers to subscribe towards the cost of production."

In view of the strong expression of the Committee's opinion that the review should continue to be published, Lord Cecil expressed his readiness to endeavour to raise a special fund for the purpose of continuing publication for a further six issues. It was further

RESOLVED(3) "That it be left to Lord Cecil, in consultation with the Chairman and the Secretary, to decide by what means the continuance of the Review is to be secured."

324. THE FAR EAST. Lord Lytton reported to the Committee on recent events in Geneva in connection with the consideration of the report of his Commission. He was of the opinion that in a situation in which there was no chance of getting what was wanted without a break with Japan, any course of action was justified which secured the retention of Japan provided it did not sterilise the League; but it would be no justification for making concessions to Japan if the price of it was to do nothing.

Lord Cecil would have liked to see the Assembly at the outset of its meeting pass a broad resolution saying that they accepted generally the Lytton Commission's Report; in accordance with the suggestions therein made formally to ask the two parties whether they would enter into discussion on the basis of the Report; and then, if either one or the other refused, to refer it to the Committee of Nineteen to advise the Assembly what further steps ought to be taken. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union deeply regrets that the Special Assembly and its Committee of XIX should have adjourned without approving the findings of the Lytton Report, and

Hopes that at the resumed meeting on January 16th that Report will be accepted without further delay.

The Executive Committee urges His Majesty's Government to exert their full influence to that end."

(2) "That copies of the above resolution be sent immediately to Mr. MacDonald and Sir John Simon."

325. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Education Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 179 and 183, the minutes of the Committee dated December 12th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (176) Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (177) Report on Work in Universities and Colleges; (178) Report of Youth Sub-Committee; (179) Appointment of Assistant Departmental Officer for Education; (180) Curriculum Sub-Committee; Report on Progress; (181) Text Books in China and Japan; (182) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (183) Moral Disarmament; (184) International Auxiliary Language; (185) Communicator from the National Association of Head Teachers; (186) "The World War and After"; (187) The Library; (188) List of Books for Children and Teachers.

On Minute 179 - Appointment of Assistant Departmental Officer for Education, the Secretary explained that, in the terms of the advertisement, it had been stated that "preference will be given to applicants under the age of thirty", but he thought it unnecessary to state that "it is intended that the holder of this post should be a young man or woman" in the absence of possible alternatives. He had, however, arranged that a covering letter should be sent to all candidates explaining that a candidate who had reached or nearly reached, the age of thirty should not look forward to retaining this particular appointment for more than two or three years. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That this action be approved."

- (2) "That paragraph (2) recommending "that the selection committee should choose an unmarried man or woman" be deleted."

On Minute 183 - Moral Disarmament, it was

RESOLVED: "That the last two lines of paragraph (c) be amended to read as follows:

'(whether by official or by unofficial agencies) to fulfil these obligations.'"

- (c) Welcome Committee. (Lady Gladstone reported.) Subject to the following decision on minutes 50 and 52 the minutes of the Committee dated December 13th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (49) Secretary's Report; (50) Dinner to Lord Lytton; (51) receptions to students; (52) Suggestions by London Regional Federation.

On Minute 52 - Suggestions by London Regional Federation, in view of Major Lawrence Wright's statement that the L.R.F. and the City Branch were arranging a reception for Lord Lytton in Cutlers Hall on 6th January, to which representatives of all the Branches in the London area had been invited, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be not adopted."

On Minute 50 - Dinner to Lord Lytton, it was

RESOLVED: "That the congratulations of the Committee be conveyed to the Welcome Committee and to Dame Adelaide Livingstone on their arrangements for the dinner, and on their having secured a small credit balance."

- (c) Joint Meeting of Traffic in Women and Children Committee and the British National Committee. (Lady Gladstone reported.) The minutes of the Joint Committee dated December 13th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (12) Resolution for Submission to the XVIIth Plenary Congress of the International Federation; (13) Wider publicity for the Reports of the League of Nations on the Subject of Traffic in Women and Children and Child Welfare; (14) Publicity in the dominions; (15) Future Meetings of the Committee; (16) Child Welfare.

- (d) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Captain Green reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 105, the minutes of the Committee dated December 15th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (98) Constitution of Committee for 1933; (99) Conference on Unemployment Insurance; (100) International Federation; (101) General Council; (102) Governing Body of International Labour Office; (103) Conferences on the I.L.O.; (104) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (105) Proposed League of Nations Union Year Book; (106) International Labour Conference - Union's Party.

On Minute 105 - Proposed League of Nations Union Year Book, it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this minute be adjourned."

- (e) Office Committee. Subject to the following decisions on minutes 69 and 71, the minutes of the Committee dated December 13th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (67) Mr. N. Wood; (68) Assistant Departmental Officer for Education; (69) Voluntary Workers; (70) Grading; (71) HEADWAY.

On Minute 69 - Voluntary Workers, the Committee, in approving this minute, wished to place on record their admiration of, and thanks for, the services rendered to the Union's cause by the voluntary workers at 15, Grosvenor Crescent, and expressed the hope that the Chairman would write to each of these volunteers individually.

On Minute 71 - HEADWAY, it was

RESOLVED: "That an honorarium of five guineas be paid to Captain Cliver Bell for each number of HEADWAY edited by him during the interregnum; and that an additional sum of £2 per week be paid to Mr. Claxton Turner for the work he is doing in the press section while Captain Bell is editing HEADWAY."

- (f) Disarmament Campaign Committee. Subject to the following decisions on minutes 2 and 4, the minutes of the Committee dated December 13th and 20th, 1932 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (1) The Five-Power Agreement and the Prospects of the Disarmament Conference; (2) Communication to Branches; (3) The Private Manufacture of Arms; (4) International Police Force.

On Minute 2 - Communication to Branches, it was

RESOLVED: "That the first paragraph of this minute be amended to read as follows:-

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'The Committee agreed that it would be useful to send a short note upon the present position to the Branches of the Union. The following text was adopted by the Committee:"

and that the last paragraph be amended to read as follows:-

'The immediate need is the drafting by the Disarmament Conference of an international agreement based on these principles.'

On Minute 4 -- International Police Force, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'in that order' be deleted from the fourth line of the last paragraph of this minute."

326. COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO MR. WILSON HARRIS. The Chairman read to the Committee a letter, dated 15th December, from Mr. F.G.Fennan, concerning the proposal that a complimentary dinner should be arranged for Mr. Wilson Harris, and suggesting that, in order that as many members as possible might be present, the cost should not exceed five shillings per head. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That it be left to Lady Gladstone and to Miss Bruce (in Dame Adelaide Livingstone's absence) in consultation with the London Speakers' Group, to arrange for a complimentary dinner or luncheon at a cost not exceeding five shillings per head."

27. SIR ERIC DRUMMOND. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Welcome Committee be asked to consider how the Union can best do honour to Sir Eric Drummond on his retirement in June, 1933, and to report to this Committee."

328. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made in the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Junior Sections and Corporate Members, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

3 Branches, 3 Junior Branches, 1 Junior Section,
1 Corporate Member.

Deletions.

3 Branches, 1 Corporate Member.

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BRANCHES: Crewkerne, Somerset; Dornoch, Scotland; Monquhitter, Scotland. **DELETIONS:** City Road Baptist Church, Bristol; Bristol Y.M.C.A. Brotherhood; Shirley and District, Warwickshire. **JUNIOR BRANCHES:** Grammar School for Boys, East Ham; Morecambe Junior Branch, Lancs; Blackdown School, Wellington, Somerset. **CORPORATE MEMBERS:** Blyth Branch of the National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers, Blyth, Northumberland. **DELETION:** Reading and District Free Church Council. **JUNIOR SECTION:** Sunday School of the Church of the Divine Unity, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

It was reported that there were now 2,962 Branches, 1,293 Junior Branches; 44 Junior Sections and 3,610 Corporate Members; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 986,610 of whom 328,806 had paid a subscription in 1932 as compared with 353,750 during the corresponding period of 1931.

329. **BRANCH RESOLUTIONS.** The Committee received with interest resolutions from the Executive Committee of the Welsh National Council, the National Association of Head Teachers, the Westminster Branch Committee, Mr. Palmore and Mrs. Lawson of Haslemere, Shaw and Crompton Branch, Torquay and Mid-Devon District Council.

330. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on January 19th, 1933."

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 12th,
1933 at 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Admiral Allen, P.J. Noel Baker, Major Anthony Buxton, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Miss Courtney, Lady Hall, Sir John Harris, Lady Henschel, Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Morgan Jones, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Lady Layton, Lord Lytton, T.M. McGiff, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Eustace Percy, Lord Ruyader, John Sherborne, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright, L.M. Wynch and Professor Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from L.J. Caddbury, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Captain Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, Commander Kenworthy, Lady Parmoor and Sir John Power.
2. **THE FAR EAST.** The Committee considered a draft resolution (S.G. 5673) prepared by the Chairman, together with amendments submitted by Lord Lytton and Major Buxton. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "Seeing that the main duty laid upon the League of Nations by its Covenant is the prevention of war;

That operations of war between two Members of the League have existed intermittently in the Far East since September, 1931 and still continue;

That a fresh act of aggression has been committed since the adjournment of the special session of the Assembly;

That the League has not yet adjudicated on the merits of the dispute, nor taken effective action for the restoration of peace; and

That the unanimous Report, published on October 1st, 1932, of the international commission appointed by the League on the proposal of Japan has made plain the facts of the case and has presented definite recommendations for the settlement of the dispute;

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION UNANIMOUSLY URGES H.M. Government, as soon as the Committee of Nineteen re-assembles

- (a) to press that the League shall immediately accept the Report of the Lytton Commission, and call upon both parties to enter into a conference forthwith on the basis of that Report;

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- (b) to press for the adoption of the proposal, made by the delegate of the Netherlands on December 7th, that the League shall constitute immediately a fact-finding commission on the spot which may from day to day provide the League with an impartial account of events in the area of conflict.

The Executive Committee urges the immediate adoption of these proposals as essential first steps to restore peace and to uphold the principles of the Covenant."

- (2) "That copies of the above resolution be forwarded immediately to H.M. Government, the press, the Union's Branches and members of the Executive Committee."
- (3) "That 'The Far East' be included as a regular item on the agenda of each meeting of the Executive."
3. SIR JOHN HARRIS. On the motion of the Chairman it was unanimously and by acclamation
- RESOLVED: "That the hearty congratulations of the Committee be conveyed to Sir John Harris on his new honour."
4. COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO MR. WILSON HARRIS. Lady Gladstone reminded the Committee of the arrangements which had been made for a complimentary dinner to Mr. Wilson Harris to be held at the Washington Hotel, Curzon Street, on the evening of January 24th. Tickets could be obtained from the Secretary at 7s.6d. each. Lady Gladstone hoped that as many members of the Committee as possible would attend the dinner.



