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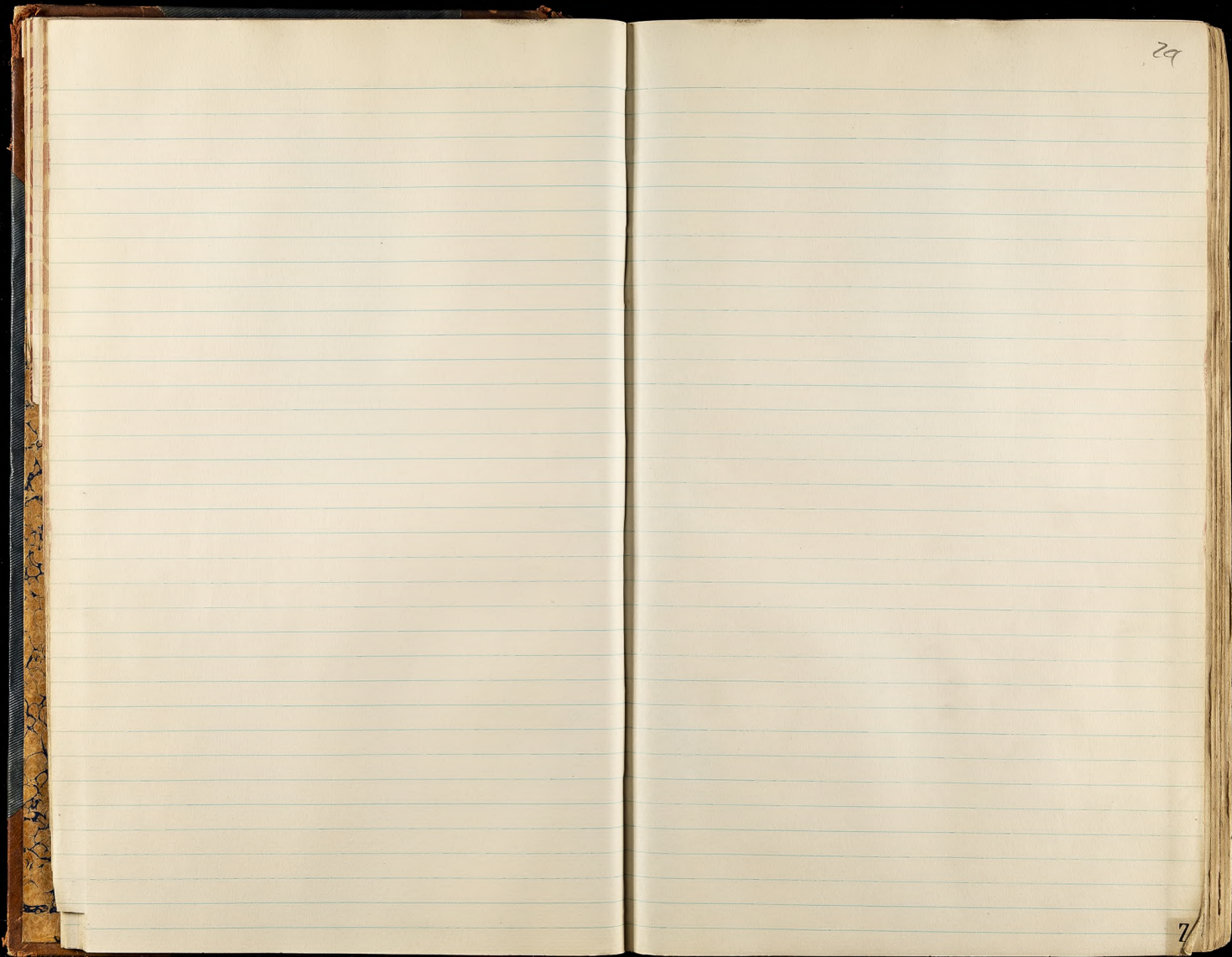
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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JANUARY
23RD, 1930 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), L.J. Cadbury, Lord Cecil, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Captain L.H.Green, Miss Guinness, J.H.Harris, Major Hillis, R.S. Hudson, Sir Thomas Inskip, Rt.Hon.Laif Jones, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Bamoor, H.S.Syrett, H.D.Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley and L.M.Wynon, together with the Secretary.

9. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Colonel Carnegie, Miss Courtney, Mr. Duff Cooper, Mr. Elvin, Lady Gladstone, Lady Hall, Commander Kenworthy, Sir John Power, Mr.W.J. Salmon, Lady Selborne, Miss Constance Smith and Mr. Rennie Smith.
10. MINUTES. The Minutes of the meeting held on January 16th, 1930, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 7 - Office Reorganisation Committee's Report (7), the Chairman intimated that this resolution was accepted only on the understanding that any representations which might be made by the Industrial Advisory Committee should be carefully considered.

11. OFFICE REORGANISATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT. The Committee again considered the report of the Office Reorganisation Committee. After discussion it was

- RESOLVED: (a) "That discussion of this matter be adjourned but that members of the Executive be invited to send to the Secretary in writing any suggestions which they may have to make."
- (b) "That, in accordance with the proposal made by Mr. Syrett, the report be referred forthwith to the Finance Committee for consideration."
- (c) "That the Vice-Chairman be asked to serve on the Reorganisation Committee."

The Chairman stated that, as members of the Reorganisation Committee had already been informed, the Committee of Twelve formed by the General Council "to meet the Executive Committee and/or its Reorganisation Sub-Committee for the purpose of examining the recommendations concerning the organisation and finance of the Union and to report thereon to the next meeting of the Council", would meet at 3 o'clock in the afternoon (January 23rd). Since the Reorganisation Committee's report had been provisionally approved by the Executive, the Chairman asked as many members as possible of the Executive Committee, as well as of its Reorganisation Committee, to meet the Committee of Twelve at 3 o'clock.

See Minute 20.

12. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL HELD ON DECEMBER 19TH AND 20TH, 1929. The Committee considered and approved the Minutes of the meeting of the General Council held on December 19th and 20th, 1929, subject to a small verbal change in the Minutes of the Special Meeting, and it was

- RESOLVED: (a) "That Minute 336(326) (Chairman's report on action taken on the General Council's decisions of June 1929 - Free Literature - Mr. Minto's suggestion concerning the desirability of publishing a new throw-away leaflet) be referred to the Publicity Committee for consideration and report."
- (b) "That Minute 337 (Budget and Council's Vote for 1930) be referred to the Finance Committee."
- (c) "That Lord Cecil and Professor Murray be asked to prepare the explanatory preamble called for in Minute 338, paragraph (a) to the Statement on the Organisation of Peace; that the draft Preamble be sent to Lord Grey for his approval; and further that, when the Preamble is prepared it shall be sent, together with the resolution, to H.M. Government."
- (d) "That Minute 345 (British Industry and the League of Nations) be referred to the Industrial Advisory Committee for consideration and report."
- (e) "That Minute 346 (Church and Home Inset) be referred to the Christian Organisations Committee for consideration and report."
- (f) "That Minute 348 (Publication of HEADWAY) be referred to the Publicity Committee for consideration and report."
- (g) "That Minute 349 (Division of Subscriptions) be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report."
- (h) "That Minute 350 (Undergraduate Speakers) be referred to the Office Committee for consideration and report."
- (i) "That the resolution on Drug Traffic contained in Minute 351 be sent to H.M. Government together with the resolutions on the Organisation of Peace."
- (j) "That the resolution on the League and Frison Conditions contained in Minute 352 be sent to H.M. Government and also to the International Federation of League of Nations Societies."

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the fact that the Postal Ballot (Minute 340) would be continued in 1930 and that the Eleventh Annual General Meeting of the General Council (Minute 341) would be held in London.

See Minute 20.

13. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending January 14th, 1930, showed a Bank Balance of £3,066 18s.0d. The Committee noted that the Bank Balance on January 14th, 1929 was £792 6s.8d.

14. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following 28 new Branches, 13 Junior Branches, 46 Corporate Members and 11 Corporate Associates, be formally recognised and the Union's seal affixed to the Certificates."

BRANCHES. Bellshill, Scotland; Bembridge, Isle of Wight; Bexleyheath, Metro.Kent; Parkfield Avenue Welsh C.M.Church, Birkenhead, Cheshire; Burpham, Sussex; Cambuslang, Scotland; Carmarthen - St. Davids Carmarthen; Coombe, Oxon; Droylsden, Lancs; East Bridgford, Notts; Greenford, Middlesex; Hayle, Cornwall; Headley, Hants; Heyford, Northants; Mount Pleasant; Holyhead, Anglesea; Kenton, Middlesex; Lancing, Sussex; Linton, Cambs; Nailsea, Somerset; Northchapel, Sussex; Pinner, Middlesex; St. Levan, Cornwall; Snape, Suffolk; Southwater, Sussex; Ulceby, Yorks; Windlesham, Surrey; Woodford Halse, Northants; East Leake, Notts. DELETIONS: Longwell Green, Glos; Malta; Stevenson, Glasgow. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Fleetwood Grammar School, Fleetwood, Lancs; Crossley and Porter School, Halifax; Castlemere School, Littlehampton, Sussex; Ansdell College, Lytham St. Anne's, Lancs; Marton Grove Senior Girls' School, Middlesbrough; Girls' County School, Wexath, Glam; County School, Presteign, Radnorshire; Mathematical School, Rochester; Rudgwick, Sussex; Oxford Street Church of England Girls' School, Swansea, Glam; County School for Girls, Welshpool, Mont; County School, Wolverton, Bucks; Tyldesley School, Blackpool. CORPORATE MEMBERS: St. Andrew's Church Women's Guild, Newhaven, Edinburgh; Cathcart Road Wesleyan Methodist Church, Men's Bible Class, Glasgow; City Business Club, Glasgow; Greek Street Baptist Church, Stockport; United Methodist Church, Chatterfield; Hebrew Congregation, Bristol; Radborough Fabernacle, Stroud; Cows Co-operative Society, Women's Guild, Chorley Wood Primitive Methodist Church; Broadstairs Congregational Church; Folkestone Labour Party; Sittingbourne C.C. Young Men's Bible Class, Kent; Adelaide Street Wesley Guild, Blackpool; The Burnley Church of England Men's Society, Lancs; St. Bartholomew's Church, Colne; Haslingden Congregational Church, Lancs; Heaton Mersey Wesleyan Methodist Church, Lancs; Middleton Junction P.S.A. Brotherhood, Lancs; Northenden Brotherhood, Manchester; Mitchell Street United Methodist Church Fellowship, Rochdale; Leicester Co-operative Printing Society, Ltd; Palmers Green Telephone Exchange, London; Spedwell Telephone Exchange, London; Hampstead Young Liberal Association; Albion Road Wesleyan Church, Lewisham; Army and Navy Stores Branch of the Shop Assistants' Union; St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Sunday School, Ealing, Middlesex; Thetford Wesleyan Methodist Church, Norfolk; Broomhill Co-operative Society, Northumberland; Oxford Street Primitive Methodist Church, Whitley Bay, Northumberland; Bethesda United Methodist Church, Staff Staffs; Southwold Wesleyan Methodist Church, Suffolk; Southwold Brotherhood, Suffolk; St. George's English Presbyterian Church, Felixstowe, Suffolk; Women's Section of Aersytham Branch of British Legion, Surrey; Warwick Road Congregational Church, Coventry; Six Ways Baptist Church, Erdington, Warwick; The Coventry Y.M.C.A., Warwick; Well Street C.C. Christian Endeavour Society, Radford;

The Congregational Church, Rugby; Wesleyan Methodist Church, Chippenham, Wilts; Kingshill Co-operative and Industrial Society, Ltd., New Swindon, Wilts; Hillhouse United Methodist Church, Huddersfield; Rodley Wesleyan Guild, Leeds; Wycliffe Congregational Church, Sheffield; Clayton-le-Moors Co-operative Society, Ltd., Clayton, Lancs.

DELETIONS: B.W.T.A. Chester; Theological College, Ely; Unitarian Church, Mary Street, Taunton. CORPORATE ASSOCIATE Women's Institute; Barrow Women's Institute; High Ham Women's Institute; Reinhold Women's Institute; Wilmington Women's Institute; Winscombe Women's Institute; Wilmington Hatfield Women's Institute; Mellis Women's Institute; Women's Section, Redlands Ward Labour Party; Mother's Union, Temple Branch, Bristol; Mother's School, Temple Branch, Bristol; DELETION: Eight Ash Green Women's Institute.

It was reported that there were now 2,880 Branches, 786 Junior Branches, 3,101 Corporate Members and 572 Corporate Associates, and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and who are not known to have died or resigned is 827,498 of whom 18,923 have paid a subscription in 1930 as compared with 13,669 at this date last year.

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the fact that the membership of the Children's League of Nations was now considerably over 10,000.

15. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Opium Committee (Professor Murray reported). The Minutes of the Committee dated November 28th, 1929, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (2) Composition of the Committee; (3) League of Nations Union Policy on Opium.

- (b) Rotary Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). The Minutes of the Committee dated December 4th, 1929, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (3) Club and District International Service Representatives; "Geneva 1929"; Report on Activities 1928/9; (6) International Barriers; (7) Topics for Discussion in the Clubs; (8) Future Co-operation.

- (c) Mandates Committee. (Mrs. Dugdale reported). With the exception of Minute 20 (10.12.29) the Minutes of the Committees dated December 10th, 1929 and January 9th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (18) Composition of the Committee; (19) Co-optations; (20) Statement on Palestine; (2) Composition of the Committee; (3) Statement on Palestine; (4) Expulsions from Turkey.

- (d) Industrial Advisory Committee (Captain Green reported). Subject to the following decisions on Minute 126(b), 126(c) and 126(e) (of 12.12.29) and Minute 5 (of 16.1.30), the Minutes of the Committees dated December 12th, 1929 and January 16th, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (125) Industrial Affiliations; (126) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; Conference on World Aspects of Unemployment, 1930; (128) Manchester Guardian Supplement; (129) Co-optation; (130) What the League has Done; (131) Regional

Representatives and Staff Speakers; (3) Forced Labour; (4) Industrial Affiliations; (5) Conference on World Aspects of Unemployment, 1930; (6) Co-optation of Employer Representative; (7) Unemployment and Disarmament; (8) Regional Conferences; (9) International Labour Conference - League of Nations Union Party.

On Minute 126(b) Forced Labour, the Committee considered a report on the Definition of Forced Labour and after a prolonged discussion in which Lord Cecil, Sir Thomas Inskip, the Vice-Chairman and others took part, on the motion of Lord Cecil it was

- RESOLVED: (a) "That while recognising the great care that has been displayed in drawing up this report, the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union still feels that it would be unwise in any international convention to attempt a definition of Forced Labour."
- (b) "That the report be referred back to the Industrial Advisory Committee for further consideration in the light of the above resolution and of the discussion which had taken place."
- (c) "That the Union's representatives at the forthcoming meeting of the Federation be requested to bring the above resolution (a) to the notice of the Federation and to inform the meeting that a memorandum, explanatory of the above resolution, is in course of preparation."

On Minute 126(c) - Raising of School Leaving Age, (see Minute 15(c) - Education Committee - below), after discussion, in the course of which the High Master of St. Paul's School (Mr. John Bell) explained the attitude taken by the Education Committee on this subject, it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this minute be at present adjourned in view of the fact that no opinion on the question of the school leaving age had been arrived at by the Education Committee."

On Minute 126(e) - Non-ratification of International Labour Conventions - Washington Hours Convention, after discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Vice-Chairman be asked to ascertain from H.M. Government the present position in regard to the Washington Hours Convention and to ask if the Government is prepared to make a statement on the subject."

On Minute 5 - Conference on World Aspects of Unemployment, the attention of the Committee was drawn to the fact that this Conference would be in session from Tuesday, February 25th until Thursday, February 27th. It was therefore

RESOLVED: "That no meeting of the Executive Committee should be held on Thursday, February 27th."

- (e) Education Committee (The High Master of St. Paul's School - Mr. John Bell - reported). Subject to the following decision on Minute 6, the Minutes of the Committee dated January 16th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (3) List of Meetings - Teachers and Schools; (4) Report on Universities and Colleges; (5) "Education and the League of Nations", the Report of the Joint Committee of Enquiry; (6) School Leaving Age: Minute 177(1929) of the Executive Committee; (7) The Public Schools; (8) Proposal of the Headmaster of Berkhamstead: Further Report; (9) League of Nations Teaching Exhibition; (10) Joint Conference of Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and Young People's Organisations; (11) The League of Nations Lecture Film; (12) Summer Schools.

On Minute 6 - School Leaving Age, (see Minute 15(d) - Industrial Advisory Committee - above), the High Master explained that the Education Committee had not felt that this question lay within the proper functions of that Committee. After discussion it was, however,

RESOLVED: "That the Education Committee be asked to consult the Teachers Associations and to make suggestions concerning the school leaving age from the British point of view."

It was then

RESOLVED: "That the High Master be cordially thanked for his attendance."

- (f) Christian Organisations Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). Subject to the following decision on Minute 7 (15.1.30) the Minutes of the Committees dated December 12th, 1929 and January 15th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (111) New members of Committee; (112) Co-operation with Christian Social Council and World Alliance; (113) Standard Appeal for Churches; (114) Prayer Card; (115) Report of Norwich Conference and Best Ham Peace Council; (116) Christ and Peace Campaign; (117) Church Magazine Inset - Alternative Proposal; (118) Representative of Committee at General Council; (119) Revised Hymn Sheet with Tunes; (120) Truce of Peace; (121) Call to Prayer; (122) Corporate Membership; (3) Co-operation with Christian Social Council and World Alliance; (4) Standard Appeal for Churches; (5) Church Magazine Inset - Alternative Proposal; (6) Revised Hymn Sheet with Tunes; (7) Christ and Peace Campaign; (8) Call to Prayer - January 19th; (9) Intercession Service for Naval Conference; (10) Prayer Card; (11) Church Branches and Sub-Branches; (12) Letter in HEADWAY.

On Minute 7 - Christ and Peace Campaign, it was suggested that the title of this Campaign was perhaps unfortunate and that representations on the subject might be made to the organisers.

See Minute 20

- (g) Finance Committee (Mr. Syrett reported). The Minutes of the Committee dated December 12th, 1929 and January 15th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (89) Financial Statement; (90) Half-Yearly Revision of Salaries and Wages; (91) Office Re-organisation Committee; (92) General Council Meeting; (93) Guildhall Dinner; (94) December Salary Cheques; (95) Branch Balance Sheets; (96) Geneva Institute of International Affairs; (97) European Co-operation; (98) Meeting on Slavery; (99) Passing of Cheques for Payment; (3) Financial Statement; (4) Assistance for Colonel Fisher; (5) Superannuation; (6) London Regional Federation; (7) Passing of Cheques for payment.

On Minute 2(92)(15.1.30)- Mr. Syrett particularly drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that they were under a definite obligation to reduce Headquarters expenditure by May 1st, 1930 to the annual rate of £35,200.

- (h) I.A.S.D. Committee (Lord Cecil reported). Subject to the deletion of the second sentence of the first paragraph of the Memorandum on the Proposals for the Reduction and Limitation of Air Armaments (Minute 73), the Minutes of the Committee dated December 16th, 1929, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (68) Membership of the Committee; (69) The Union and Parliament; (70) Parliamentary Questions and Answers; (71) Publicity; (72) Statistics; (73) Air Armaments; (74) Chemical Warfare.

Lord Cecil then raised as a matter of urgency the question of Colonel Carnegie's Memorandum on Chemical Warfare. Lord Cecil informed the Committee that the I.A.S.D. Committee had considered this memorandum at its meeting on 22.1.30. but had not been able to accept all the conclusions therein contained. It therefore requested the Executive to ask the Chairman to nominate a small Expert Committee to consider this question and to submit a report to the Executive. In this connection it was suggested that Major Lefebure and General Groves would be useful members of such a committee. It was then

RESOLVED: "That these recommendations be approved."

Lord Cecil further reported that the I.A.S.D. Committee had discussed the question of its possible absorption into the existing machinery of the Union. He assured the Executive that no objection to such a course would be raised by the I.A.S.D. Committee.

- (i) Publicity Committee (Professor Murray reported). With the exception of Minute 105(c), the Minutes of the Committee dated December 17th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (100) "Ten Years' Life of the League of Nations"; (101) Report on Publicity Activities; (102) Questions of Policy; (103) Membership of the Committee; (104) Conferences with the Press; (105) New Publications; (106) Periodicals of the Union.

On Minute 105(c) - Leaflet for Children, Professor Murray reported that the Publicity Committee had reconsidered the decision contained in this Minute at a subsequent meeting on 21.1.30, and had resolved

"That an illustrated leaflet for children, similar in size to the former leaflet ROUND THE WORLD WITH THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS be printed, provided the text of it be either written by or approved by Mr. Arthur Mee."

It was then

RESOLVED: "That this recommendation be approved."

- (j) Religions and Ethics Committee (Mr. Wynch reported). With the exception of Minute 27 - Lambeth Conference - which was adjourned for further inquiry, the Minutes of the Committee dated December 18th, 1929, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (26) Communication from Executive Committee; (27) Lambeth Conference; (28) Resignations; (29) New Member; (30) Composition of Committee for 1930; (31) Co-optations to General Council; (32) Memorandum of Honorary Secretary; (33) World Conference for International Peace through Religion.

- (k) Welcome Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). The Minutes of the Committee dated January 7th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (3) Secretary's Report; (4) Reception to Students; (5) International Friendship Scheme; (6) Dinner to Naval Delegates; (7) New Member of Committee; (8) Sir Willoughby Dickinson.

- (l) Minorities Committee (Sir Walter Napier reported). Subject to the following decision on Minute 4(4), the Minutes of the Committee dated January 16th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (2) Agenda of the Brussels meeting of the Federation Minorities Commission; (3) The Xth Assembly and Minorities; (4) The Situation of Minorities in Turkey.

On Minute 4(4) - The Situation of Minorities in Turkey.
It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this resolution be adjourned and that Lord Dickinson be asked to consult the Foreign Office privately on the question of the condition of the Christian and Moslem Minorities in Turkey."

- (m) Library Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). Subject to the approval of the Finance Committee of Minute 2 (Subscription Basis for the Library) and Minute 9 (Voluntary Help in the Library), and to the following decision on Minute 3, the Minutes of the Committee dated January 14th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (2) Subscription Basis for the Library; (3) Greater Publicity for the Library;

See Minute 20.

(4) Librarian's Report on Special Services; (5) Loan of Books to the Paris Section of the L.N.U.; (6) Composition of the Committee for 1930; (7) Librarian's Report on the Work of the Library during 1929; (8) Book List; (9) Voluntary Help in the Library. ³

On Minute 3 - Greater Publicity for the Library, it was agreed that the Editor of HEADWAY be consulted on this matter.

16. **WOMEN POLICE.** The Committee received with interest Miss Guinness' report on the Deputation Concerning Women Police which had waited upon the Home Secretary on December 2nd, 1929.
17. **BRANCH RESOLUTIONS.** The Committee considered a resolution from the Montague Burton Branch on the question of Officers' Training Corps in Schools and

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary be asked to write to the Montague Burton Branch on this subject."

The Committee further noticed with interest and appreciation the resolutions from the Manchester District Primitive Methodist Branch and from a number of Brotherhood Branches in the London District.

18. **TREATMENT OF CHRISTIANS IN RUSSIA.** Mr. Worsley drew the attention of the Committee to the growing interest in this subject and it was agreed that the Editor of HEADWAY should be asked to include an article giving information on this subject in a forthcoming issue of HEADWAY.

J.M.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1., ON THURSDAY, JANUARY
30TH, 1930 AT 11 A.M.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Colonel Carnegie, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Miss Guinness, J.H.Harris, Major Hills, Sir Charles Robinson, R.S.Hudson, Rt.Hon. Leif Jones, Sir Walter Napier, Mrs. Runciman, H.S. Syrett, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, L.M.Wynch together with the Secretary.

19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Lord Cecil, Major Elliott, Mr. Elvin, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Captain Green, Sir Thomas Inskip, Lady Parmoor, Sir John Power, Mr. W.J. Salmon, Miss Constance Smith, Mr. Rennie Smith, Mr. Herbert Worsley.

20 MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 12, 12(c), 14, 15(f)7 and 15 the Minutes of the meeting held on January 23rd 1930, were confirmed as circulated.

See Minute 28.

On Minute 12 - Minutes of the Meeting of the General Council held on December 19th and 20th, 1929, Admiral Drury-Lowe expressed the opinion that a number of persons other than delegates had obtained admission to the hall at the recent meeting of the General Council. The Committee was reminded of the following decision of the Council (Minute 170 of June, 1925)

"That all delegates appointed by Branches and District Councils, and all other members of the General Council, should have special tickets and a portion of the hall allocated to them at all General Council Meetings".

The Committee agreed that this rule should be more strictly enforced in future and that delegates should be notified that this would be done.

On Minute 12 (c) it was agreed that in the absence of Lord Cecil, Mr. R.S.Hudson be asked to assist in the drafting of the explanatory preamble to the Council's statement on the organisation of peace to be prepared in accordance with Council Minute 338.

On Minute 14 - Recognition of Branches. On the motion of Mr. J.H.Harris it was

RESOLVED "That the scheme for enrolling 100,000 Foundation Members be referred to the Appeals Committee for consideration and report to the Finance Committee."

On Minute 15(f)7 - Christ and Peace Campaign, it was

RESOLVED "That this minute be amended to read as follows -

"It was suggested that the title of this Campaign was perhaps unfortunate. The Chairman stated that the Union had no responsibility for the Campaign or for its title."

On Minute 18 — Treatment of Christians in Russia, it was

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

- 21 REPORT OF THE JOINT MEETING, HELD ON 23RD JANUARY, 1930 OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND RE-ORGANISATION COMMITTEES WITH THE COMMITTEE OF TWELVE APPOINTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL. Subject to the following decision on paragraph B (4) this report was approved and adopted. On paragraph B (4) it was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to re-draft this paragraph in order to make its meaning clearer".

- 22 PROPOSED PUBLIC MEETING. At the request of the Chairman the Secretary stated that Herr Helle, one of the Secretaries of the Federal Committee for European Co-operation and Signor Albenez, the Honorary Secretary of the Spanish National Committee for European Co-operation, who were now in this country had proposed that a public meeting on the subject of European Co-operation should be held in London at an early date under the auspices of the League of Nations Union. They believed that M. Briand and Dr. Curtius would address such a meeting, and they hoped that the British Foreign Secretary would also speak, but Mr. Henderson had not yet been consulted. Herr Helle and Signor Albenez attached importance to the holding of such a meeting with M. Briand present, while his memorandum on European Co-operation was still in course of preparation for the Council of the League. They considered that to hold such a meeting in London during the session of the Naval Conference would ensure that the case for European Co-operation was presented (in accordance with the convictions of the Federal Committee) as including collaboration with the United States instead of as a possible rival to Pan America. They hoped, in fact, that such a meeting, partly by influencing M. Briand's proposals, would help to direct the continental movement for European co-operation so as to make it consistent with and subordinate to the world-wide programme of the League of Nations. After discussion the Committee reached the conclusion that such a meeting was not desirable or expedient at the present time, and it was

RESOLVED: "That no action be taken".

23 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Publicity Committee (Professor Murray reported). With the exception of Minute 4 (Staff of Press Section) which was referred to the Re-organisation Committee and subject to the following decision on Minute 7 the Minutes of the meeting held on January 21st, 1930 were approved and adopted.

On Minute 7 — New Publications, it was

RESOLVED: "That that part of this minute concerning Miss Fawcett's suggestion to reprint a sermon dealing with the Naval Conference be not adopted, but that the Secretary of the Union be asked to see Miss Fawcett."

[These minutes included (2) Leaflet for Children; (3) Report of Publicity Activities; (4) Staff of Press Section; (5) The London Naval Conference; (6) "Peace Through Industry"; (7) New Publications.]

- (b) Overseas Committee (Sir Walter Napier reported). Subject to the inclusion of Lord Dickinson's name among those present and to the following decision on Minute 8 the minutes of the meeting held on January 22nd, 1930 were approved and adopted.

On Minute 8 — European Co-operation Business, the Committee considered the draft answers of the British Committee for European Co-operation to the Federal Committee's questionnaire. After considerable discussion it was

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

At the suggestion of Mr. R.S. Hudson, who stated that he would be unable to attend the next meeting of the Committee it was agreed that the answer to question 5 (b) should be amended to read as follows —

"We would prefer a strenuous movement for the general reduction of tariffs, including the convocation of a diplomatic conference for that purpose."

[These minutes included (2) Spring Meetings of the International Federation; (3) Organisation of the work of the Federation; (4) Agenda of Federation's Council and Permanent Committees; (5) Overseas Report; (6) I.N.U. Conference on World Aspects of Unemployment; (8) European Co-operation Business.]

- (c) I.A.S.D. Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). With the exception of Minute 3 (b) (Scope of the Committee) which was referred to the Re-organisation Committee, the minutes of the meeting held on January 22nd, 1930 were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (2) Publicity for I.A.S.D. Policy; (3) The Union and Parliament; (4) Chemical Warfare; (5) Reporter.]

- (d) Finance Committee - questions of urgency. Mr. Leif Jones reported, as a matter of urgency, the following minute of the Finance Committee which had not been circulated:-

REPORT OF RE-ORGANISATION COMMITTEE, Minute 10 of January 29th, 1930. At the request of the Executive consideration was given to the [attached] report of the Re-organisation Committee and it was resolved

on A. 1. ORGANISATION OF THE OFFICE.

That as the Union's Finance is so important a part of the Deputy Secretary's section, his group should be denominated "Administration and Finance";

on B. FINANCIAL.

(1) That the attention of the Executive be called to the fact that the reductions decided upon by the Executive are not sufficient to reduce the rate of expenditure from May 1st to £35,200 a year; that the Executive be asked to take further steps to bring the rate of expenditure down to that figure, and invited to inform the Finance Committee of the action proposed to take to bring this about;

(2) That should the Executive be inclined towards the creation of a special publishing company, detailed proposals should be referred to the Finance Committee before any definite action is taken.

It was then

RESOLVED: "That these questions be referred to the Re-organisation Committee."

- 24 INFLUENCE OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES. Mr. R.S.Hudson informed the Committee that the R.I.I.A. were setting up a section to study this subject. The Committee agreed that the Union should place any possible information at the disposal of the R.I.I.A.
- 25 BRANCH RESOLUTION. The Committee noted with interest a resolution from the Street (Somerset) Branch.
- 26 GENERAL SMUTS' SPEECHES. Mrs. Wilson Fox reported that the Women's Advisory Council at its meeting on January 29th had recommended that certain of General Smuts' speeches delivered during his visit to this country should be reprinted by the Union in leaflet form. It was pointed out that AFRICA AND SOME WORLD PROBLEMS (including the Rhodes Memorial Lectures delivered in Michaelmas Term, Oxford, 1929) had already been published by the Oxford University Press, and that other of his speeches would no doubt also be published. After further discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the question of printing or reprinting General Smuts' speeches be referred to the Publicity Committee for consideration and report."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH,
1930 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), C. Delisle
Burns, Colonel Carnegie, Lord Dickinson, Admiral
Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, H.H. Elvin, Miss Guinness,
J.H. Harris, Sir Charles Hothouse, R.S. Hudson,
Sir Thomas Lusk, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, Lord Lytton,
Sir Walter Napier, Mrs. Runciman, H.S. Syrett,
H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley and L.M. Wynch, together
with the Deputy Secretary.

27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Lord Cecil, Mr.
L.J. Cadbury, Mr. Duff Cooper, Miss Courtney, Miss Ruth Fry,
Lady Gladstone, Captain Green, Lady Hall, Commander
Kenworthy, Lady Selborne, Miss Constance Smith and Mr.
Rennie Smith.
28. MINUTES. Subject to the following amendment to Minute
20(12), the Minutes of the meeting held on January 30th,
1930, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 20(12) - Minutes of the meeting of the
General Council held on December 19th and 20th, 1929.
It was

RESOLVED: "That the first paragraph of this Minute
be amended to read as follows:-

'Admiral Drury-Lowe expressed the
opinion that it was impossible to
distinguish between delegates and
non-delegates in the body of the
hall at the recent meeting of the
General Council.'

It was further suggested that delegates to Council
Meetings might wear distinguishing badges.

See Minute 36

29. FINAL REPORT OF THE OFFICE RE-ORGANISATION SUB-COMMITTEE.
The Committee had before them the final report (S.G. 3136)
of the Office Re-organisation Sub-Committee. After con-
sideration it was

RESOLVED: "That this report be approved and adopted
subject to the following amendments and
reference to the Finance Committee:-

(a) That the words "and Commerce" be inserted
after the word "Industry" in line 17 of
the first paragraph on page 2.

(b) That the last sentence of the second
paragraph on page 2 be amended to read
as follows:-

'Further we recommend that the Secretary
should have the right to attend and
speak at all committees, except the
Executive, but that he should not attend
meetings of these committees unless for
definite reasons he thinks it desirable.'

- (c) That the word "to" be substituted for the word "or" in line 2 (paragraph 3) on page 3. 53
- (d) That on the chart Mr. Mills' Section be designated "Industry and Commerce".
- (e) That the confidential annex to the report be referred to the Finance Committee."

A member of the Committee registered a protest against the position of the Intelligence Department on the chart. The Chairman undertook to bring this matter before the Committee at a later date if he considered it desirable.

30. QUESTIONNAIRE ISSUED BY THE FEDERAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN CO-OPERATION. The Committee considered the draft answers of the British Committee to the Questionnaire issued by the Federal Committee for European Co-operation, together with suggested amendments to these answers submitted by Sir Charles Hobhouse and Mrs. Dugdale. The Committee also had before them the answers of the German and French Committees. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That, as regards question 1, the Executive suggests a reply on the following lines:-

'We are in favour of political co-operation. We do not see a sharp distinction between political and economic co-operation, and think that any suggestion of organic union is out of the question at the present time.'

- (b) "That the remaining questions are so large and intricate that the Committee feel they need further time to consider them."
- (c) "That the Overseas Committee be asked to reconsider the proposed replies in the light of (a) and (b) above and of the French and German replies."

It was agreed that certain members of the Executive Committee should be added to the Overseas Committee for the purpose of considering these questions.

31. DRAFT PREAMBLE TO THE STATEMENT ON THE ORGANISATION OF PEACE, ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 19TH, 1929. It was agreed that this draft Preamble should be considered at the next meeting of the committee.

32. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Women's Advisory Council. Subject to the following amendment to Minute 364 (b)(ii), the extract of the Minutes of the Meeting held on January 29th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (364) Constitution of W.A.C. for 1930; (365) Reports of Representatives; (366) General Smuts; (367) Report of Standing Sub-Committee; (368) Terms of Reference and Constitution; (369) Affiliation; (370) The Mui-Tsai Question; (371) Conference on Codification of International Law; (372) Corporate Associateship.

On Minute 364(b) (ii) - Co-opted Members, it was

RESOLVED: "That the first name in the list of persons recommended for co-optation to the Women's Advisory Council be omitted and that Miss E.M. Guinness and Miss J. Blomfield (Secretary of the Colchester Branch of the Union) be asked to serve on the Women's Advisory Council."

- (b) Finance Committee. (Mr. Leif Jones reported). The minutes of the Committee dated January 29th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (9) Financial Statement; (10) Report of Reorganisation Committee; (11) Appeals Committee; (12) Library; (13) Division of Subscriptions; (14) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

- (c) Minorities Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported). Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 6 and 7, the Minutes of the Committee dated January 30th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (6) Expulsion of Armenians from Turkey; (7) Admission of Turkey to the League of Nations; (8) Proposal for a Balkan Conference.

On Minute 6 - Expulsion of Armenians from Turkey, it was

RESOLVED: "That in consideration of the reply of the Foreign Office no action be taken on this resolution and that it be not forwarded to the International Federation of League of Nations Societies."

On Minute 7 - Admission of Turkey to the League of Nations, it was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be forwarded to H.M. Government and the International Federation of League of Nations Societies."

33. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following 8 new Branches, 2 Junior Groups, 40 Corporate Members and 16 Corporate Associates be formally recognised and the Union's seal affixed to the Certificates."

BRANCHES: Baschurch, Salop; Bosham, Sussex; Brigstock, Northants; Eastwood and District, Notts; Geddington, Northants; Maulden, Beds; Orsman Mission, London; Poynton, Cheshire. DELETION: St. David's, Carmarthen. JUNIOR GROUPS: Sibley Primitive Methodist Sunday School; Emanuel Congregational Church Sunday School, Dulwich. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Belfast Women Citizens' Union; Oakshaw West Girls' Auxiliary, Paisley; Reading Branch of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers; Bensham Road Congregational Church, Gateshead; Witham Congregational Church, Essex; Wesley Brotherhood, Baptist Mills, Bristol; Christ Church, North Watford; Batterssea Telephone Exchange, London; Grosvenor Telephone Exchange,

London; Maple Branch of Toc H., London; St. John's Wesleyan Church, Monkseaton, Northumberland; The Wesleyan Guild, Brunswick Church, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Newcastle District of the Durham and Northumberland Congregational Union Women's Guild of Social Service; Wallsend Wesleyan Methodist Church, Northumberland; Society of Friends, Whitley Bay, Northumberland; Carlton and Gelding Wesleyan Church, Notts; Midland and District Branch of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, Nottingham; Longton Congregational Church, Staffs; Trinity Wesleyan Church, Bury St. Edmund's; Bryce Institute, Burnside, Westmorland; Women's Co-operative Guild, Droitwich Spa, Worcs; St. Luke's Church, Hull; Marshall Street Congregational Church, Holbeck, Leeds; South Cliff Congregational Church, Scarborough; St. John's Church, nr. Sheffield, Wales, Yorks; Inverness Co-operative Society, Ltd; Adlestone and District Industrial Co-operative Society, Ltd., Surrey; Great Yarmouth Co-operative Society; Newcastle-on-Tyne Co-operative Society, Ltd; Halstead Co-operative Society, Ltd, Essex; Wolverhampton and District Co-operative Society, Ltd; Hurlet and Nitshill Co-operative Society, Ltd., Glasgow; Fenzance and District Industrial Co-operative Society, Ltd.; Kettering Branch National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers, Northampton; Manchester Equitable Branch of the National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers; Wellingborough, Earls Barton and Olney and Kempston National Union of Boot and Shoe Operatives, Northants; Edinburgh Branch National Union of Shop Assistants, Warehousemen and Clerks; Sheffield Typographical Society; Norwich Co-operative Society, Ltd; Hastings Co-operative Society, Ltd.

CORPORATE SOCIETIES: Kelvedon Women's Institute; Wolverley Women's Institute; West Chiltonington Women's Institute; Malvern Common Women's Institute; Underriver Women's Institute; Hanbury Women's Institute; Bledlow Women's Institute; Trevellas Women's Institute; Shirley Women's Institute; Lockerley Women's Institute; Heacham Women's Institute; Hodnet Women's Institute; Wymondham Women's Institute; Henley-in-Arden Women's Institute; Fressingfield Women's Institute; Temple Branch, Girls' Friendly Society, Bristol.

It was reported that there were now 2,887 Branches, 19 Junior Groups, 1,141 Corporate Members, 538 Corporate Associates, and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and who are not known to have died or resigned is 830,181 of whom 33,852 have paid a subscription in 1930 as compared with 25,743 at this date last year.

34. **BRANCH RESOLUTIONS.** The Committee noted with interest Resolutions from the Derbyshire Federal Council, the Wembley Branch and the Brighton and Hove Liberal Association.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, 1930, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, H.H.Elvin, Captain Green, Miss Guinness, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Sir Walter Napier, Rennie Smith, Mrs. Wilson-Fox and L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary.

35. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr.L.J.Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Mr. Duff Cooper, Miss Courtney, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Lady Hall, Sir Arthur Haworth, Commander Kenworthy, Mr. Philip Kerr, Lady Parmoor, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Mr.W.J.Salmon, Lady Selborne, Miss Constance Smith, Mr.H.S.Syrett and Mr.H.D.Watson.
36. MINUTES. Subject to the inclusion of Lady Parmoor's name in the list of those who had apologised for absence from the Committee, and the following decision on Minute 29, the Minutes of the meeting held on February 6th, 1930, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 29 - Final Report of the Office Re-organisation Sub-Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words "of Youth" be omitted from the title of Mr.Judd's department as shown on the chart attached to the report."

37. PREAMBLE TO THE STATEMENT ON THE ORGANISATION OF PEACE ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 19TH, 1929. The Committee considered a draft Preamble (drawn up by the Chairman and Mr.R.S.Hudson) to the Statement on the Organisation of Peace adopted by the General Council on December 19th, 1929. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the Preamble be adopted in the attached amended form."

- (b) "That the Preamble, together with the Resolutions adopted by the General Council on December 19th, be sent to H.M.Government."

38. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Welcome Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). Subject to the inclusion of Lady Gladstone's name in the list of those who had apologised for absence from the Committee, to the following amendment to and decision on Minute 12 and decision on Minute 13, the Minutes of the Committee dated February 4th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (12) Secretary's Report; (13) Consideration of Minute of Executive Committee; (14) Follow-up Receptions to Students; (15) Interview with Indo-British Society.

See Minute 42.

On Minute 12 - Secretary's Report, it was

RESOLVED: "That the word 'June' be substituted for the word 'January' in this Minute."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to convey to the Chairman of District 13 of R.I.B.I. the sincere thanks of the Executive Committee for assisting in and financing the Reception to Foreign Students held at University College on January 22nd."

On Minute 13 - Consideration of Minute of Executive Committee, after discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the Executive Committee's Minute 7(6) of January 16th, 1930 was not intended to suggest that the Welcome Committee should raise money for the Union but that the Department of Special Activities (of which Dame Adelaide Livingstone is the Director as well as Secretary of the Welcome Committee) should be used for the purpose of raising at least £300 before 31st December, 1930."

(b) "That Minute 13 of the Welcome Committee, together with the above resolution be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report."

It was then

RESOLVED: "That the sincere sympathy of the Committee be conveyed to Lady Gladstone on account of Lord Gladstone's illness."

(b) Overseas Committee (Lord Dickinson reported). Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 10 and 11, the Minutes of the Committee dated February 11th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (9) Re-organisation of the Work of the Federation; (10) Proposed Transfer of the Federation's Headquarters to Geneva; (11) European Co-operation Questionnaire.

On Minute 10 - Proposed Transfer of the Federation's Headquarters to Geneva, it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the resolution in this Minute be amended to read as follows:-

"That the League of Nations Union should vote in favour of the Federation's headquarters and secretariat being transferred to Geneva as soon as it is clear that the finances of the Federation will suffice for such a step."

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- (b) "That the Union should continue its present contribution to the funds of the International Federation for five years on condition that other League of Nations Societies, members of the Federation, did the same."
- (c) "That before effect is given to the foregoing resolutions, they be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report."

On Minute 11 - European Co-operation Questionnaire, after detailed consideration of the suggested reply of the British Committee for European Co-operation to the Federal Committee's questionnaire, the reply was adopted in the attached amended form.

39. BRANCHES SUB-COMMITTEE. The Chairman reminded the Executive that in accordance with paragraph A.ii (2) of the Re-organisation Sub-Committee's report, a Branches Sub-Committee of the Executive was to be formed to meet once a month and to deal specially with questions affecting the relations of Branches and Headquarters. It was agreed that consideration of this matter should be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.
40. COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN. The Chairman reported that a communication had been received from Mr. S. Okuyama, Secretary-General of the League of Nations Association of Japan, in which the attention of the Committee was drawn to the fact that the Japanese Delegation to the London Naval Conference included several influential members of the Japanese League of Nations Association, notably Mr. Wakatsuki and Dr. Tadao Yamakawa. It was suggested that steps should be taken to entertain these gentlemen and, if possible, to arrange for them to meet members of the Executive Committee. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That this question should be referred to the Welcome Committee."

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See Minute 42.

PREAMBLE TO
STATEMENT ON THE ORGANISATION OF PEACE.

Adopted by the General Council at its last Meeting
(Minute 338 of 19.12.29)

In the Memorandum on International Policy included in the Annual Report for 1928, stress was laid on the consequences, as yet hardly appreciated, which must flow from the Renunciation of War as an instrument of national policy by all civilised nations, and on the need for a study of the "science of Peace". With regard to the main policy of Arbitration, Security and Disarmament, the League of Nations Union abides by the programme unanimously approved at Brighton on June 28th, 1929; it welcomes the meeting of the Five-Power Naval Conference as an important and indispensable step towards the realization of that policy and trusts that by the next meeting of the Council there will be definite results to report.

The "science of Peace" is above all things a science of international co-operation; and it must be remembered that international co-operation is set forth in the Preamble to the Covenant as the first object of the League of Nations. In proportion as the fear of war can be cast aside, the nations will be set free for this great and difficult constructive work.

Thus the acceptance of the full jurisdiction of the International Court in all legal disputes must lead to a further building up of the structure of international law; the agreements on Disarmament to a consideration of the methods by which the whole body of law-abiding nations can safeguard any one of their number against lawless attack, and of the measures necessary to ensure that reduction of war expenditure shall not result in a reduction of employment but in increase of employment. The signature of the Washington Hours Convention must involve the study of a number of concrete problems of international co-operation in the field of Labour, which were always present but which now become immediately pressing. Meantime, the general stabilisation of Peace will, we hope, enable the League to deal more freely with such problems as the re-consideration of Treaties, the difficulties of racial Minorities, the Education of Youth in League principles, and the establishment of some international standard in the treatment of Prisoners. Thus every increase in the security of civilisation makes possible a further advance in the realisation of the vast constructive programme outlined in the objects of the Union, as defined in the Royal Charter.

SUGGESTED REPLY OF THE BRITISH COMMITTEE
FOR EUROPEAN CO-OPERATION TO THE FEDERAL
COMMITTEE'S QUESTIONNAIRE.

The British Committee for European Co-operation has given very careful consideration to the Federal Committee's Questionnaire, as well as to the answers of the French and German Committees.

In endeavouring to formulate its answers, the British Committee, which is in reality and in accordance with the terms of Article I of the Federal Committee's Statutes "a section of the national Association for the League of Nations" (i.e. the British League of Nations Union), has had necessarily to seek the approval of the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union. This Executive Committee is so constituted that its membership includes representatives of the three great political parties and of many social, industrial and humanitarian interests.

The Executive Committee and the British Committee for European Co-operation have therefore taken count not only of the responsibilities they have assumed in adhering to the Statutes of the Federal Committee for European Co-operation, but also of the general state of public opinion in this country, without whose support no British Committee could hope to succeed in its task.

The questionnaire raises such large, intricate and controversial issues that in these circumstances the Executive Committee has found it impossible to return a reasoned and detailed answer to all the questions.

This attitude, however, does not preclude the British Committee from reaffirming its general sympathy with the movement for European Co-operation or from saying that as regards Question I it is in favour of political as well as economic co-operation in Europe. Indeed, it is difficult to draw any sharp distinction between political and economic co-operation. On the other hand the Committee believes that any suggestion of organic union of European States is out of the question at the present time.

In this connection the Committee draws attention to the following resolution passed by the XIth Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies at Berlin, 1927:-

"The problem of peace and war is to-day to all intents and purposes a world problem, since by the very fact of economic interdependence every war tends to become world-wide. It therefore regional groups of States with definite and limited objects (whether juridical, economic, or political) are to be regarded as legitimate and indeed, in some cases necessary as a transition stage between that of purely national policies and that of the complete League policy, it is essential that such groups should not be in any way whatsoever inconsistent constitutionally with the realisation of the world-wide programme of the League of Nations.

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"The XIth Congress lays particular stress on the fact that purely continental groups do not correspond to any political or economic realities and are capable of engendering rivalries which might easily result in another world war.

"Our goal must remain a united and comprehensive League of Nations strongly supported by the public opinion of the whole world and the duty of our Federation is to work for the development of a wider realisation of international interdependence."

The attitude of the British Committee must not be construed as a repudiation of its adherence to the European Co-operation movement. It is due to the conviction that much more time must be given in order to appreciate thoroughly the issues that have been raised and to obtain if possible a larger measure of agreement on the answers which should be given to these questions.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 1930, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Norman Angell, C.Delisle Burns, Colonel Carnegie, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Captain Green, Miss Guinness, J.H.Harris, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Philip Kerr, Sir Walter Napier, W.S.Sanders, Rennie Smith, Mrs. Wilson Fox and L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary.

41. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr.L.J.Cadbury, Lord Cecil, Miss Courtney, Mr.A.S.Duff Cooper, Major Walter Elliot, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Lady Hall, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major Hills, Commander Kenworthy, Mr. Charles Roberts, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Lady Selborne, Miss Constance Smith and Mr.H.S.Syrett.
42. MINUTES. Subject to the following amendment to Minute 38(a) and report on Minute 40, the Minutes of the meeting held on February 13th, 1930, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 38(a) - Welcome Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That this Minute be amended to read as follows:-

'Subject to the inclusion of Lady Gladstone's name in the list of those who had apologised for absence from the Committee, to the following amendment to and decision on Minute 12 and decision on Minute 13, and to the addition of the following Minute 16, omitted in error, the Minutes of the Committee dated February 4th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

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MINUTE 16. LORD GLADSTONE'S ILLNESS.
It was

RESOLVED: "That the sincere sympathy of the Committee be conveyed to Lady Gladstone on account of Lord Gladstone's illness."

On Minute 40 - Communication from the Secretary-General of the League of Nations Association of Japan, it was reported that Lady Power had very kindly promised to give a dinner on March 10th when the members of the Japanese Delegation to the London Naval Conference would be invited to meet members of the Executive Committee.

43. BRANCHES COMMITTEE. It was

RESOLVED: (a) "That a Branches Committee consisting of Professor Murray, Miss Courtney, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Miss Guinness, Sir Arthur Haworth, Mr. Watson, Mr. Worsley and Mr. Wynch, be formed to meet once a month and

to advise the Executive Committee upon questions affecting the relations of Branches and Headquarters." 99

- (b) "That when any problem affecting a particular area is being considered by the Committee someone associated with that area be invited to attend the meeting."

44. LONDON NAVAL CONFERENCE. The Chairman stated that, in view of the fact that the Naval Conference appeared to be making little progress, it had been suggested to him that the Union should do what it could to strengthen the hands of the Government. The Committee had before them a memorandum prepared by the Secretary, a note by Mr. Delisle Burns and a draft resolution proposed by Admiral Drury-Lowe. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union, having followed with close attention the progress of the Five-Power Naval Conference, reasserts its conviction that, inasmuch as the only enemy to be guarded against in future would be a breaker of the Pact of Paris, a satisfactory all-round reduction of armaments can be achieved on the basis of a sincere adherence to the obligations of the Covenant and of the Pact."

- (b) "That the above resolution be forwarded to H.M. Government and to the Press; and that it be circulated, together with a covering letter to be drafted by the Chairman in consultation with Mrs. Dugdale, to Branches of the Union."

- (c) "That a Sub-Committee consisting of Professor Murray, Mr. Norman Angell, Colonel Carnegie and Admiral Drury-Lowe, be appointed to draw up a memorandum for consideration by the Executive on March 6th, stating what, if any, action the Union might usefully take in regard to the Naval Conference."

45. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Traffic in Women and Children Committee (Mrs. Wilson Fox reported). The Minutes of the Committee dated February 5th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (2) Proposed resolutions for submission to the forthcoming Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (3) Memorandum on English Law as regards the Souteneur.

- (b) Library Committee. The Minutes of the Committee dated February 11th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (12) Subscription Basis for the Library; (13) Greater Publicity for the Library; (14) Further accommodation for the Library; (15) Book-List.

(c) Finance Committee (Mr. Leif Jones reported). The Minutes of the Committee dated February 15th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (17) Financial Statement; (18) Report of Reorganisation Committee; (19) Division of Subscriptions; (20) Gould Committee; (21) Communication from Mr. W. Asher; (22) Welcome Committee; (23) International Federation; (24) Passing of Cheques for Payment.]

On Minute 17 - Financial Statement, the Committee noted that the Financial Statement for the period ending February 10th, 1930, showed a Bank Balance of £2,591.

46. COMMUNICATION FROM THE SUSSEX FEDERATION. The Committee noted with pleasure a communication from Mr. Irevlyan Leak stating that at the recent Annual Meeting of the Sussex Federation, Mr. J. Bruce Bullock (the Union's Regional Representative in the Southern Region) was elected a Vice-President of the Federation. It was

RESOLVED: "That the congratulations of the Committee be extended to Mr. Bullock."

47. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following 18 new Branches, 20 Junior Branches, 3 Junior Members Groups, and 28 Corporate Members, be formally recognised and the Union's seal affixed to the Certificates."

BRANCHES: Ascot, Sunninghill and Sunningdale, Berks; Brafield, Northants; Burs, Suffolk; Caldecote, Beds; Charminster, Hants; Codford, Wilts; The Cheshire County Training College, Crews; Golcar, Ruddersfield; The Hereford County Training College, Hereford; Kilsyth, Scotland; H.M.B. Ramillies; Ruskington, Lincs; St. Martin's Accountant Generals Dept., London; Stratton, Cornwall; Tarporley, Cheshire; Waterbarn, Lancs; Wrestlingworth, Beds; Poulton-le-Pylde, Lancs. DELETIONS: Alumni Society of the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, London; Ladybarn, Manchester; Plaistow, London; Chalk Valley, Wilts. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Hill Top Council Girls's School, Blackheath, Birmingham; Saltley Secondary School, Birmingham; County School for Girls, Wallington, Surrey; Central School, Chesterfield, Derby; The North Middlesex School for Girls, Enfield; St. Paul's Presbyterian Sunday School, Enfield, Middlesex; County School, Fram, Somerset; Cockburn High School, Burton Road, Leeds; St. Edmund's College, Liverpool; County High School, Moat Road, Langley, Oldbury, Worcs; Central School, Oswaldtwistle, Accrington, Lancs; Eggars Grammar School, Alton, Staffs; Higher Trammere High School for Girls, Birkenhead, Cheshire; Palmers Green High School, Middlesex; St. John's Road Demonstration School, Shoreditch; Sreatham Hill High School; The Russell School, Victoria Dock, West Ham; Central School for Girls, Woolwich; Council School, Wilmington, Yorks; The Girls High School, Yeovil, Somerset; JUNIOR MEMBERS GROUPS: 1st Harrow Weald Troop of Boy Scouts, Middlesex; Kilsyth Wesley Methodist Junior Guild, Scotland; Tenth West Kent Company, Boys Brigade, Sevenoaks. CORPORATE MEMBERS:

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St. Michael's Parish Church, Macclesfield, Cheshire; Nantwich Wesleyan Church, Cheshire; Runcorn Spiritualist Lyceum, Cheshire; South Normanton Primitive Methodist Church, Derbyshire; Dedham Congregational Church, Essex; Southbourne Wesleyan Church, Hampshire; The Church of St. Christopher with St. Thomas, Derby; Herne Bay Baptist Church, Kent; Bolton Branch of T. H., Lancs; Bolton and District United Trades Council, Lancs; The Albert Hall Leaders Meeting, Manchester; Hollingwood Congregational Church, Oldham, Lancs; Stanhill United Methodist Church and Sunday School, Oswaldtwistle, Lancs; Hykeham and Swallowbeck Women's Unionist Association, Swallowbeck, Lincs; The Staff of the Flaxman Telephone Exchange, London; Park Telephone Exchange, London; The Staff of the Riverside Telephone Exchange, London; St. Mary's Church, Osterley and Spring Grove, Osterley, Middlesex; Kettering Women's Liberal Association, Northamptonshire; The Church of the Divine Trinity, Jesmond, Northumberland; Brunswick Church Wesleyan Guild, Newcastle; St. John's Wesleyan Church, Whitley Bay, Northumberland; New Bedford Wesleyan Church, Notts.; Hales and District Club, near Market Drayton, Salop; Walton-on-the-Hill, Congregational Fellowship, Tadworth, Surrey; The Staff of the Richmond Telephone Exchange, Metro Surrey; East Riding of Yorkshire Branch of the Association of Assistant Mistresses, Yorks; Hull and District Teachers' Association, Yorks; ~~DELETIONS~~: Leicester Co-operative Printing Society Ltd.; The Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation, Liverpool; Wallasey, U.K.C.T.A.

It was reported that there were now 2,901 Branches, 806 Junior Branches, 22 Junior Members Groups and 3,166 Corporate Members, and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and who are not known to have died or resigned is 834,453 of whom 56,704 have paid a subscription in 1930 as compared with 38,931 at this date last year.

48. **BRANCH RESOLUTIONS.** The Committee noted with interest and appreciation resolutions from the Enfield Civic Branch, the Cardiff Theosophical Branch and the Hove Branch.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, MARCH 6TH,
1930, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair),
C. Delisle Burns, Colonel Carnegie, Lord
Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale,
Major Walter Elliot, H.H. Elvin, Captain
L.H. Green, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris,
Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, Commander Kenworthy,
Philip Kerr, C.W. Kimmins, Sir Walter Napier,
Charles Roberts, W.J. Salmon, Rennie Smith,
H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley
and L.M. Wynch, together with the Secretary.

49. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Lord Cecil,
Mr. Duif Cooper, Miss Courtney, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady
Gladstone, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major J.W. Hills, Lord Lytton, Lady
Pamcor, Sir John Power, Lord Greenborough, Mrs. Walter
Runciman, Lady Selborne, Miss Constance Smith and
Mr. H.S. Syrett.
50. LORD GLADSTONE. The Committee expressed their most
profound sympathy with Lady Gladstone on account of
Lord Gladstone's death. The Chairman in paying tribute
said that Lord Gladstone had especially in the last few
years, done valuable and lasting work in the cause of
peace. The Chairman was asked to convey the sympathy
of the Committee to Lady Gladstone and it was
- RESOLVED: "That a wreath should be sent on behalf
of the League of Nations Union."
51. WELCOME. The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee
welcomed Lady Hall and Mr. Worsley back to the Committee
after their illnesses and Commander Kenworthy after
his journey to India.
52. MINUTES. The Minutes of the meeting held on February
20th, 1930 were confirmed as circulated.
53. MEMORANDUM ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE COVENANT IN RESPECT
OF SECURITY. The Committee considered a memorandum by
the Chairman on this subject. After considerable
discussion, particularly in regard to paragraph 3
concerning the interpretation of Article 16 of the
Covenant, it was
- RESOLVED: "That this memorandum be referred to the
International Law Committee for con-
sideration and report."
54. LONDON NAVAL CONFERENCE - RESOLUTION. The Committee
considered a resolution concerning the London Naval
Conference. After considerable discussion it was
- RESOLVED: "That this resolution be approved and
adopted for transmission to H.M. Government
and the Press in the attached form."

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It was further agreed that the Chairman should be asked to ascertain whether the Prime Minister would be willing to receive a deputation from the Executive Committee on the subject of the Naval Conference.

55. MEMORANDUM BY ADMIRAL DRURY-LOWE. The Committee received with interest a Memorandum by Admiral Drury-Lowe on some technical aspects of the Naval Conference.

56. THE COVENANT AND THE PACT. The Committee received with interest a memorandum by Mr. Noel Baker concerning the amendments to the Covenant necessary to bring it into harmony with the Pact of Paris. Mr. Philip Kerr said he might consider it necessary to submit a memorandum in reply.

57. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Publicity Committee (Professor Gilbert Murray reported). With the exception of Minute 10 and of 15f, which was referred to the Finance Committee, and subject to the following decision on Minute 16, the Minutes of the Committee dated February 18th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (9) Leaflet for Children; (10) Staff of Press Section; (11) Report on Publicity Activities; (12) Literature on Arbitration and Disarmament; (13) Quarterly Magazine; (14) Publications Sub-Committee; (15) Suggested Publications; (16) Adult Education Conference.

On Minute 10 - Staff of Press Section, the Committee noted the opinion of the Publicity Committee on this question.

On Minute 16 - Adult Education Conference, on the motion of Mr. Blvin it was

RESOLVED: "That a representative of the Industrial Advisory Committee be invited to attend this Conference."

(b) Religious and Ethics Committee (Mr. Wynch reported). With the exception of Minute 6, the Minutes of the Committee dated February 19th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (3) Communication from the Executive Committee; (4) New Member; (5) Miss Behrens' Work in France; (6) Memorandum of Honorary Secretary; (7) New Corporate Member.

On Minute 6 - Memorandum of Honorary Secretary, it was

RESOLVED: "That a Sub-Committee consisting of Lord Dickinson, Major Hills, the Bishop of Kensington, Lord Lytton and Mr. L.K. Wynch, together with Mr. Wren and Mr. Porter Goff, be appointed further to consider this memorandum."

- (c) Christian Organisations Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). The Minutes of the Committee dated February 19th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (16) Co-operation with Christian Social Council and World Alliance; (17) Christ and Peace Campaign; (18) Treatment of Christians in Russia; (19) Denominational Resolutions; (20) Resignation from Committee; (21) Speakers' Notes and Panel of Preachers; (22) Church Congress, 1930; (23) Church Magazine Inset; (24) Applications for Corporate Membership; (25) Abolition of Slavery Demonstration; (26) Conference on Adult Education and Peace of the World; (27) Statement on Corporate Membership.

On Minute 18 - Treatment of Christians in Russia, the Committee, while approving this Minute, agreed that the main reason why the Union should not take action was that such a course would constitute interference in the domestic affairs of a nation which is not a member of the League.

- (d) Industrial Advisory Committee (Captain Green reported). With the exception of Minute 24, the Minutes of the Committee dated February 20th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (13) Office Reorganisation Committee's Report - I.L.O. Intelligence Officer; (14) Forced Labour; (15) Raising of the School Leaving Age; (16) Industrial Applications; (17) Conference on "World Aspects of Unemployment, 1930"; (18) Co-optation; (19) Unemployment and Disarmament; (20) Resolutions; (21) Ten Years' Work of the International Labour Organisation; (22) Forthcoming Meetings; (23) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (24) I.L.O. Expenditure - Leaflet; (25) Pamphlet on coal.

On Minute 24 - I.L.O. Expenditure-Leaflet, it was

RESOLVED: "That this Minute be adopted subject to the approval of the Finance Committee and that the proposal be reported to the Publicity Committee."

- (e) Education Committee (Dr. Kimmins reported). Subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on Minutes 26 and 29, the Minutes of the Committee dated February 20th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (15) Arising out of the Minutes; (16) Nominations to the Committee; (17) List of Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (18) Report on Work in Universities and Colleges; (19) Report of the Film Committee; (20) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (21) Adult Education; (22) Literature for Local Education Authorities, Teachers and School Children; (23) Junior Membership; (24) Joint Conference of Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and Young Peoples Organisations; (25) American School Citizenship League; World Essay Contest; (26) The New Education Fellowship; (27) The National Union of Women Teachers; (28) The International Exchange of School Children; (29) Communications from Dr. Hayward.

See Minute 64.

58. WORLD ASPECTS OF UNEMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE - REPORT. Captain Green reported that this Conference had been conspicuously successful. 380 people had attended the first session and the average attendance for the six sessions had been 240. The level of the discussions had been good. Captain Green further informed the Executive that it was not proposed to publish a general report of the Conference but the Industrial Advisory Committee would probably ask the Executive at a future date to sanction the publication of Mr. H.B. Butler's speech in pamphlet form.
59. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Committee noted that the Financial Statement for the period ending March 3rd, 1930, showed a Bank Balance of £3,368.
60. REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES AT BRUSSELS - FEBRUARY 22nd TO 24th. It was
RESOLVED "That this document be referred to the Overseas Committee for consideration and report."
61. EUROPEAN CO-OPERATION - REPORT OF BRUSSELS MEETING AND MEMORANDUM. It was
RESOLVED: "That these documents be referred to the Overseas Committee for consideration and report."
62. ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. It was
RESOLVED: "That the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the General Council be held on June 26th, 27th and 28th next."
The Committee were reminded that this meeting would take place in London.
63. SLAVERY MEETING. The attention of the Committee was drawn to the fact that the prospects for the meeting on Slavery to be held on March 18th, were not good and that a very small number of tickets had been disposed of to date.
64. IMPERIAL CONFERENCE. After discussion it was
RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee should, if possible, arrange a dinner for the delegates to the forthcoming Imperial Conference."
65. BRANCH RESOLUTION. The Committee noted with interest the resolution of the Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations.

RESOLUTION.

The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union sees with anxiety that the London Naval Conference does not at present appear to be justifying the high hopes with which it began of a large reduction of naval armaments among the Five Powers, and may even lead to an increase in the world's naval expenditure.

The Executive observes that the discussions of the Conference appear still to be based on the assumption of the probability of war and of each State having to provide unaided for its security by means of its own armaments.

The Executive ventures again to call attention both to

- (1) The Pact of Paris condemning recourse to war, renouncing it as an instrument of national policy, and agreeing "that the settlement or solution of all disputes or conflicts.... shall never be sought except by pacific means;" and to
- (2) The unanimous resolution of the Eighth Assembly of the League of Nations (September 26th, 1927) that the principal condition of success in the reduction of armaments is

"that every State should be sure of not having to provide unaided for its security by means of its own armaments, and should be able to rely also on ... organised collective action" which "should aim chiefly at forestalling or arresting any resort to war and, if need be, at effectively protecting any State victim of aggression".

The Executive re-affirms its conviction that, owing to the security against war provided by the Covenant and the Pact of Paris, the Five-Power Naval Conference should result in a large all-round reduction of armaments, including the abolition of submarines and of warships above 10,000 tons so far as new construction is concerned, and the scrapping of a considerable number of existing battleships.

Finally, the Executive ventures respectfully to appeal to the Prime Minister to use once more the full resources of his great authority and influence in order to restore the confident atmosphere in which the Conference began its labours, and assures him of its whole-hearted support in such action.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, MARCH 13TH, 1930 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Lord Cecil (in the Chair), C. Delisle Burns, Colonel Carnegie, A.S. Duff Cooper, Lord Dickinson, H.H. Wain, Miss Guinness, J.H. Harris, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Sir Walter Napier, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Rennie Smith, H.S. Syrett, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley and L.M. Wynch, together with the Secretary.

In the absence of Professor Murray, Lord Cecil was voted to the Chair.

66. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr. L.J. Cadbury, Miss Courtney, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Captain Green, Major Hills, Lord Lytton, Professor Murray, Sir John Power, Mr. Charles Roberts, Lady Selborne and Miss Constance Smith.
67. MINUTES, Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 56 and 62, the Minutes of the meeting held on March 6th, 1930, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 54 - London Naval Conference - Resolution, Lord Cecil read to the Committee a reply which had been received from the Prime Minister.

On Minute 56 - The Covenant and the Pact, Lord Cecil addressed the Committee on the subject of the work of the Committee for the Amendment of the Covenant in order to bring it into harmony with the Pact of Paris, which had recently sat at Geneva.

On the motion of Mr. Leif Jones it was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That Lord Cecil be thanked for his valuable work on this Committee."

It was then agreed that the report of the Geneva Committee should be a subject for discussion at the next meeting of the International Law Committee.

On Minute 62 - Eleventh Annual Meeting of the General Council, it was pointed out that since arranging the date for the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the General Council, it had been ascertained that the National Council for the Prevention of War were holding a Conference at the same time. It was therefore

RESOLVED: "That an attempt be made to adjust the dates so that the two meetings do not occur at the same time."

68. LORD HAREWOOD'S SPEECH. The attention of the Executive Committee was called to a paragraph in HEADWAY headed "Family Jars". After some discussion, during which Mr. Wilson Harris was present and in the course of which Lord Cecil expressed his own very deep sense of the value of Mr. Wilson Harris' services to the Union, both as Editor of HEADWAY and in other ways and also observed that "it is undesirable to use the King's name in any

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controversial matter in HEADWAY", it was

RESOLVED: "That the Executive regrets the appearance of this paragraph and agrees that a paragraph should be inserted in the next issue to the following effect:

'Exception has been taken to a paragraph which appeared in MATTERS OF MOMENT in the last issue, referring to a recent speech of the Earl of Harewood. The Editor desires to express his regret that it appeared.'

69. REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

(a) Welcome Committee (Mrs. Russell reported). The Minutes of the Committee dated March 4th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (18) Arising out of Minutes; (19) Secretary's Report; (20) Follow-Up receptions to students; (21) Dinners to Members of Foreign League of Nations Associations attending as delegates to Naval Conference; (22) Activities of Committee with regard to Indians; (23) Abolition of Slavery Meeting; (24) Correction of Index to Societies offering facilities to American, Dominion and European Student Members in Great Britain.

It was then

RESOLVED: "That Mrs. Russell be thanked for her attendance."

70. RE-ORGANISATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT. Lord Cecil read to the Committee certain sentences of the Re-organisation Committee's Report concerning the internal administration of the office, which it was proposed to omit from the printed document to be submitted to the General Council in June next. The Committee approved these omissions with one exception and it was

RESOLVED: "That the report attached be printed for submission to the General Council."

71. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Committee noted that the Bank Balance on March 3rd was £3,517.

In view of representations made by certain members of the Committee, including Lord Cecil and Mr. Leif Jones, it was

RESOLVED: "That for the weekly financial statement circulated to the Executive there be substituted a monthly report from the Finance Committee; and that the Finance Committee be asked to prepare such a report, explaining the Union's financial position and adding any comments they may think fit to make."

72. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following 13 new Branches, 23 Junior Branches, 34 Corporate Members, 27 Corporate Associates, be formally recognised and the Union's seal attached to the Certificates."

BRANCHES: Brierley Hill, Staffs; Bryneglwys Methodist Church, Denbighshire; Holdenhurst and Throop, Hants; East Preston, Sussex; Loddon, Norfolk; Osterley and Isleworth, Middlesex; St. Helens, Isle of Wight; Sawtre, Hunts; Southminster, Essex; South Molton, Devon; Sturmer, Essex; Sutton-on-Trent, Notts; Yapton, Sussex. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Hill Top Council Senior Boys' School, Blackneath, Birmingham; Cambridge and County High School for Girls; King Edward VI's School, Chelmsford; Morevian School for Girls, Tytherton, Chippenham; Eastbourne High School for Girls; Fakenham Boys' School, Norfolk; County School for Girls, Gravesend; Halesowen Church of England School, Worcestershire; Kew Junior Branch, Surrey; Girls' Modern School, Leeds; St. Nicholas, Littlehampton; The Grammar School, Lyonn, Cheshire; Broomhill Girls' School, Mansfield; St. Leonards Road Girls' School, Poplar; Rawtenstall Junior Branch, Lancs; High School for Boys, Rock Ferry, Cheshire; Kesteven and Bleaford High School for Girls, Bleaford, Lincs; Corbett Street Girls' School, Smetwick, Staffs; Brook Street Senior Council School, Stourbridge, Worcs; Waterfoot Junior Branch, Lancs; Rossholme School, Weston-super-Mare; Windsor County School for Girls; Technical College, Wolverton, Bucks. DELETIONS: Beddington Carshalton and Wallington Junior Branch, Surrey; Kincoed School, Llandrindod Wells; Fellowship Junior Branch, Victoria, London. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Cathcart Co-operative Society, Ltd., Scotland; Lockhart Memorial Parish Church Sunday Evening Fellowship, Edinburgh; St. George's Church Women's Guild, Queen's Park, Glasgow; St. John's Church Women's Guild, Hamilton, Scotland; Sunderland Street Wesleyan Church, Macclesfield, Cheshire; Macclesfield Equitable Provident Society, Cheshire; Cockermouth Society of Friends, Cumberland; Thornhill Wesleyan Young People's Class, Egremont, Cumberland; Melbourne Baptist Church, Derbyshire; Torquay Labour Party; Stockton and Thornaby Branch of the National Council of Women, Stockton-on-Tees; Chadwell Heath Baptist Young People's Christian Endeavour Society, Ilford; Southampton Branch of the National Amalgamated Union of Shop Assistants, Warehousemen and Clerks; Shortlands Congregational Church, Bromley, Bolton Chamber of Trade, Ltd., Lancs; The Staff of the Metropolitan and National Telephone Exchange; Park Street Wesleyan Church, Lytham, Lancs; The Staff of the Langham Telephone Exchange, London; The Staff of Tol "E" Telephone Exchange, London; The Combined Staffs of the Baling, Southall and Hayes Telephone Exchanges, Middx; Wealdstone Parish Church, Middx; Elswick Wesleyan Church, Newcastle; Seaton Delaval Co-operative Society, Northumberland; St. Matthews Church Talbot Street, Nottingham; Minehead Wesleyan Church, Somerset; National Amalgamated Union of Shop Assistants, Warehousemen and Clerks, Coventry Branch; The Wesleyan Church, Church Street, Salisbury; New Swindon Industrial Co-operative Society, Ltd., Parliamentary and Local Representation Committee; The Congregational Church, Pudsey, Yorks; Columbus Ravine Baptist Church, Scarborough; Endcliffe Park Congregational Church, Sheffield; St. Mark's Church Broomhall, Sheffield; Gleadless Road Women's Co-operative Guild, Sheffield; The York Equitable Industrial Society, Ltd., York. DELETIONS: Paton Congregational College, Nottingham; Erdington Baptist Church Women's Meeting, Birmingham; Melbourne Congregational Church, Derbyshire; Elizabeth Whitelaw Reid Club, London; The Uxbridge Sisterhood. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Abbots Morton Women's Institute; Bures Women's Institute; Easebourne Women's Institute; Elsenham Women's Institute;

Ewhurst Women's Institute; Kensworth Women's Institute; Keyham Women's Institute; Langley Women's Institute; Littlewater and Barcote Women's Institute; Margaretting Women's Institute; Meppershall and Stondon Women's Institute; Hayes Women's Institute; Newgate Street and Ponsbourne Women's Institute; Offham Women's Institute; Ottery St. Mary Women's Institute; Ripe and Chalvington Women's Institute; Stanford Rivers Women's Institute; Stanstead Abbots Women's Institute; Walton Women's Institute; Wilden Women's Institute; Wood Green and Southgate Girls Leisure Club; Women's Section, Salisbury City Labour Party; Bassenthwaite Mothers' Union; Leiston Women's Co-operative Guild; Women's Guild, Presbyterian Church, Kings Street, East Finchley, St. Anne's Wandsworth, Mothers' Union.

It was reported that there were now 2,914 Branches, 826 Junior Branches, 3195 Corporate Members and 615 Corporate Associates, and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and who are not known to have died or resigned is 841,208 of whom 90,559 have paid a subscription in 1930 as compared with 65,368 at this date last year.

73. **THE GENERAL ELECTION?** Lord Cecil said that he considered the political situation did not indicate any great stability at the present time and that a political crisis in the comparatively near future was not improbable. In these circumstances he thought that it might be prudent to ask the appropriate committee to consider what action the Union should take in the event of a General Election. After further discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the question of the Union's activities in connection with the next General Election be referred to the appropriate committee for consideration and report."

74. **BRANCH RESOLUTIONS.** The Committee noted with interest resolutions from the Adlestons, Hull, Radlett, Burnley, Barrow-in-Furness, Berkwell and Balsall Common, Northwood, Fleet, Queenborough, Bradford and Hull Branches. In regard to the resolution from the Hull Branch on Female Relief in China, it was proposed that a question might be asked in Parliament on this subject.
75. **RESIGNATION.** The Committee learnt with regret that Major the Hon. W. Cransby-Gore, M.P., had been obliged to resign from the Executive Committee in view of his many engagements and duties which prevent him from attending the meetings of the Committee.

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R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S

concerning the organisation and finance of the Union submitted by the Executive Committee with the approval of the Committee of Twelve to the General Council.

The Executive Committee on January 16th resolved

"That the report of the Office Re-organisation Committee be provisionally approved, as amended and attached to these minutes; and that this report be further considered with a view to a final decision being taken when members of the Union's secretariat have been consulted upon the report and when it has been examined by the Committee of Twelve appointed by the General Council for the purpose."

Members of the Union's secretariat have accordingly been invited to submit their comments and suggestions, and several officers of the Union have responded to this invitation. The report has also been examined by the Committee of Twelve whose discussion of it was reported to the Executive on January 30th. In the light of the observations of the Committee of Twelve and of members of the Union's secretariat, the Office Re-organisation Sub-Committee have revised their report as follows and submit this, their final report, for approval by the Executive.

The Sub-Committee considers that the difficulties with which it was asked to deal fall under three heads:-

- A. Any signs of friction or ineffectiveness in the organisation.
- B. The present financial stringency.
- C. Other causes which may interfere with the success of the Union's work.

The Sub-Committee has held thirteen meetings and considered a large number of proposals.

Measures recommended.A.1. ORGANISATION OF THE OFFICE.

In proposing certain changes we desire at the outset to explain that we are in no way criticising either the ability, the enthusiasm or the morale of the staff. On the contrary we can only express our satisfaction with the general standard of industry, personal efficiency and zeal throughout the Office, a satisfaction which was confirmed by the recent report made on behalf of Sir John Mann. We realise that practically every member of the staff was carefully selected out of a large number of competing applicants.

In order to prevent the loss of time and the difficulty of consultation which ensue from too much routine business going always through the hands of the chief officer, the Secretary has proposed and the Sub-Committee approves, a plan for devolving part of his work upon the Deputy Secretary and three Assistant Secretaries. This plan is not meant in any way to diminish the authority or the freedom of the Heads of Departments, but merely to provide readier and more accessible means of consultation. By this the ordinary daily work of the Union will in future be divided into three groups, each group comprising certain existing departments: Administration and Finance (under Major Freshwater), Information (under Captain Thomas), Public Action (under Mr. Epstein), Industry and Commerce (under Mr. Mills) will constitute a fourth section.

We recommend that a Member of the Executive be found who can attend the office daily for an hour or two, and act as Deputy to the Chairman. This Deputy Chairman should also be Chairman of the Office Committee. It shall be suggested to the Deputy Chairman that regular meetings (weekly if convenient) of the Secretary of the Union, the Deputy Secretary and the three Assistant Secretaries be held under the presidency of the Deputy Chairman. The Vice-Chairman's position and powers should, of course, continue unaffected by this new appointment. Further, we recommend that the Secretary should have the right to attend and speak at all Committees, except the Executive but that he should not attend meetings of these Committees unless for definite reasons he thinks it desirable.

A.ii. RELATIONS WITH BRANCHES.

The feelings of Branches towards the Executive vary. In some places Headquarters is regarded as being too prolific with suggestions and proposals. In other places the exact opposite is thought.

We recommend

- (1) That better arrangements be made for the reception of visitors to the Union, and that to this end Mr. Mills be asked to undertake, in addition to his other duties, those of Reception Officer.
- (2) That a Branches Sub-Committee of the Executive be formed to meet once a month and deal specially with questions affecting the relations of Branches and Headquarters.
- (3) That a permanent Regions Committee of twelve to twenty-four persons, representative (like the Committee of Twelve) of the National Councils of Scotland and Wales and of the ten English regions, be constituted; that it should have the right to make proposals as well as to criticise them; and that it meet regularly twice a year some two months before meetings of the General Council. It is hoped that this Committee might save a good deal of the time of the Council.

(4) The Council Meetings appear to show that, while there is general unanimity and confidence in the lead of the Executive on political matters, questions of internal organisation and administration often produce lively discussion, for which the time given is altogether insufficient, and should be increased. This difficulty would to some extent be met by the above proposal to appoint a Regions Committee. We recommend that the Executive as a whole should receive invitations and platform tickets and should make a practice of attending Council Meetings; and that policies proposed by the Executive should be introduced and recommended by members other than the Chairmen of the meeting.

(5) We recommend that it should be a regular practice for some member of the Executive to attend every annual meeting of the Federal and County Committees. It would be useful also for them, when convenient, to attend the Annual Meetings of branches.

(6) An agreement with the London Regional Federation has already been approved by the Executive, chiefly affecting matters of finance.

(7) The Public Meetings department appears to be overworked and, in consequence, not always able to select the most suitable kind of speaker for particular meetings and localities. These difficulties should be met by enlisting the co-operation of the Secretaries of the Industrial Advisory, Education, Women's Advisory and Christian Organisations Committee in choosing and securing speakers for meetings which come within their respective spheres.

B. FINANCIAL.

(1) We have recommended that the lease of No. 13 be got rid of, that certain reductions be made in the staff, and that certain small economies recommended by the representative of Sir John Mann in his examination of the office be put into effect. These measures, in so far as they have not been taken already, should be taken at once. We would point out, however, that the reductions in the staff now decided upon will involve some diminution of the supply of articles and paragraphs for the press.

We also recommend that in the appeals for membership used at meetings and appended to pamphlets, etc. a phrase should be added explaining that the 1s. 6d. and 3s. 6d. subscriptions do not appreciably help the funds of the Union, and urging all those who can afford it to subscribe £1 or at least 5s. 6d.

A proposal was made to charge booking fees for speakers. This did not seem to be desirable, but it is recommended that, when outside organisations ask for speakers, steps should be taken to secure a donation to the Union.

(2) It has been proposed to increase both the profits and effectiveness of HEADWAY and our other literature by creating a special publishing company. This scheme has been referred to a special sub-Committee with outside advice, and the matter is still under consideration.

(3) The Union's Travel Agency, under the able management of Miss Tynan, has provided a source of profit, and can easily be expanded. The Secretary has been asked, in consultation with Miss Tynan, to propose detailed steps. The Union's Travel Agency should take over from the Public Meetings department all arrangements for foreign travel.

(4) As the Executive already knows, a special Appeals Committee has been formed in connection with the Finance Committee, and two Appeals officers have been added to Colonel Fisher's staff. Colonel Fisher has propounded a scheme for obtaining a much larger number of Foundation Members. The main idea of the scheme is as follows: If the Union had 100,000 Foundation Members that would bring in an income to Headquarters of £37,500 and suffice for all Headquarters expenditure on the present scale. We recommend that each county should be invited to secure its quota of the 100,000 members, this quota being reckoned according to the county's membership, wealth, etc. calculated on the present quota basis.

C. Colonel Fisher reports, and the report is confirmed from many sources, that the Union is suffering from a certain unpopularity in the City and among those classes who have hitherto contributed chiefly to our financial support. The unpopularity seems to be based on two charges: 1. that the Union has adopted a party attitude hostile to the Conservatives, especially in the last election; and 2. that its annual expenditure is altogether excessive. We are convinced that both these charges are entirely baseless, and cannot survive careful study of the facts. We consider that steps should be taken, as opportunity offers, to explain the true situation to those whom it may concern.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, MARCH 20TH,
1930, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Lord Cecil (in the Chair), C. Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury, A.S. Duff Cooper, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, Sir Charles Hobhouse, R.S. Hudson, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Sir Walter Napier, Mrs. Runciman, Lady Selborne, Rennie Smith, H.S. Syrett, H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley and Mrs. Wilson-Fox, together with the Deputy Secretary.

6. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Colonel Carnegie, Miss Courtney, Mrs. Lugdale, Major Elliot, Miss Ruth Fyfe, Lady Gladstone, Captain Green, Mr. J.H. Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major Hills, Professor Murray, Lady Parmoor, Sir John Power and Miss Constance Smith.

See Minute 93

7. LORD BALFOUR. It was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union desires to express its deep sorrow at the death of Lord Balfour and its sympathy for his relatives. It desires to record its great appreciation of his work for peace and for the League of Nations, particularly during the first critical years of its existence."

78. MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY. It was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee desires to express its deep sympathy with Professor Murray and Mr. John Harris in the bereavements they have recently suffered."

79. THE SECRETARY. The Committee learned with regret that the Secretary was prevented by illness from attending and it was

RESOLVED: "That a message of sympathy be sent to the Secretary."

80. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on Minute 67(62) and to the inclusion of the names of Admiral Drury-Lowe and Lady Parmoor in the list of those who had apologised for absence, the Minutes of the meeting held on March 13th, 1930, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 67(62) - Eleventh Annual Meeting of the General Council. It was reported that enquiries had been made and that it had been ascertained that the N.C.P.W. Conference would be held for one day only, on June 26th or 27th, the date had not been definitely fixed. While noting that the N.C.P.W. Conference would only occupy one day, the Committee agreed that an attempt should be made to adjust the dates so that the meetings would not occur on the same day.

81. LONDON NAVAL CONFERENCE. The Chairman read to the Committee a letter from the Liverpool and Merseyside District Council in which it was suggested that further information for the use of branches should be circulated. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution passed by the Executive Committee on March 6th, 1930, should be circulated to branches for their information."

82. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Publishing Sub-Committee (Mr. Worsley reported). The Committee received with interest the report of the Publishing Sub-Committee held on March 6th, 1930.

Mr. Syrett expressed the hope that the question of HEADWAY would continue to be a subject of discussion by this committee.

- (b) Library Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). With the exception of Minutes 18 and 19 which were referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report, and subject to the following amendment to Minute 20 and decision on Minute 22, the Minutes of the Committee dated March 11th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (18) Subscription basis for the Library; (19) Voluntary help in the Library; (20) Greater publicity for the Library; (21) Opening of the Library in the evening; (22) Book List; (23) Loan of Books to members of the Children's League of Nations living abroad.

On Minute 20(2) - Greater Publicity for the Library, it was

RESOLVED: "That the word 'all' be omitted from this Minute."

On Minute 22 - Book List, it was

RESOLVED: "That the name of the Publisher and the price of the books to be added to the list for purchase should be included in the minutes of future meetings."

- (c) Minorities Committee (Sir Walter Napier reported). Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 11, 12 and 15, the Minutes of the Committee dated March 13th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (11) Bulletin of the International Federation; (12) Question of a Balkan Office; (13) Report on the Brussels Meeting of the Federation; (14) Stateless Persons; (15) New Edition of Minority Pamphlet.

On Minute 11 - Bulletin of the International Federation, after considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That Lord Cecil be asked to send this resolution to Sir Eric Drummond with a covering letter suggesting that perhaps the action already taken meets the case."

On Minute 12 - Question of a Balkan Office, after considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this Minute be adjourned and that the Minorities Committee be asked further to consider the matter in the light of the discussion which had taken place and to lay proposals before the Executive Committee at a later date."

On Minute 15 - New Edition of Minority Pamphlet, it was

RESOLVED: "That this Minute be referred to the Publicity Committee for consideration and report."

83. INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMITTEE. It was

RESOLVED: "That Sir Thomas Inskip be asked to become a member of the International Law Committee."

84. SLAVERY MEETING. The Chairman reported that the Slavery Meeting held at the Central Hall, Westminster, on March 18th, had been successful, some two thousand people having attended. The receipts had amounted to £209 17s.2d. and would almost certainly cover the cost of the meeting.

85. COMMUNICATION FROM READING. The Chairman read to the Committee the attached letter from the Reading Branch, which contained several suggestions concerning the proceedings at meetings of the General Council of the Union. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the Reading Branch be informed that the Executive Committee much appreciates the suggestions contained in their letter and that these suggestions have been referred to the appropriate committee."

(b) "That the letter, together with some draftstanding orders for General Council meetings, be considered by the Branches Committee at its meeting on Thursday, March 27th."

86. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee noted with interest a resolution concerning the London Naval Conference from the Niton Branch.

A resolution from the Paris Section concerning the League of Nations and Empire Day was referred to the Education Committee for consideration and report.

87. VACANCIES ON COMMITTEE. It was reported that there were two vacancies on the Executive Committee and it was

RESOLVED: "That any member of the Committee who has suggestions to make concerning the filling of these vacancies be asked to communicate with Lord Cecil."

88. EASTER HOLIDAYS. It was

RESOLVED: "That the office be closed from mid-day on Thursday, April 17th to 10 a.m. on April 22nd."

Dickinson

12, Gun Street,
Reading.

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Dear Dr. Garnett,

Our Committee has given long and careful thought to the proceedings at the last meeting of the General Council and wish to put forward the following ideas for the consideration of the National Executive.

Having got into touch with a number of Branch Secretaries and other delegates, we find that there was a universal feeling of disappointment with regard to the way in which the time was spent. Many delegates were involved in considerable expense and attended the meeting at some sacrifice, and it is strongly felt that the whole procedure at these meetings requires re-organisation, failing which enthusiasm for and support of the Union will inevitably dwindle.

Some better staff work is required as a preparation for these meetings. It was tactically wrong to spring upon the delegates when they entered the room the information that a re-organisation committee had been sitting, together with important resolutions to be moved by the Executive, of which no previous notice had been given. These circumstances aroused considerable misgivings amongst many of the delegates.

Secondly, the ordinary rules of debate should be observed and it should not be possible for one individual to address the meeting repeatedly throughout the day.

Thirdly, some method of voting should be put into operation to provide that only persons duly accredited and authorised to vote are able to do so.

Fourthly, we suggest a rule to the effect that no Branch or District shall introduce more than one resolution, or at most two, at any meeting of the Council; it is obviously unfair that one Branch should monopolise a large amount of the available time.

Fifthly, when a matter has been thoroughly discussed at any Council Meeting there should be some rule to prevent its re-introduction for a year or longer; the decisions of the Council ought to have effect over a definite period.

Sixthly, in order to strengthen the hands of the Chairman, authoritative rules of procedure should be established, and a time limit placed on the debating of each resolution as well as on individual speakers.

A suggestion has been made that the procedure followed at conferences of other national organisations might be adopted, namely, the appointment of a Standing Orders Committee. If the Council approves this idea they can elect a Committee which could meet at a suitable opportunity before the Meeting to decide what subjects should be debated and what time should be devoted to each resolution.

Finally, and perhaps most important of all it is desirable that at least half the time available at each meeting of the Council should be devoted to the consideration of International Affairs and the League's work, and in relation to this a resolution carried unanimously at the meeting of the Reading Committee is appended.

If the National Executive approves of any or all of the above suggestions the Reading Branch is prepared to consider the framing of an appropriate resolution to be moved at the next meeting of the Council.

Our Committee wishes you to understand that in writing this letter it is prompted only by a desire to contribute something helpful, and to try and suggest methods which will relieve Headquarters of the anxiety and disappointment which resulted from the December Meeting of the Council.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN SHERBORNE Vice-Chairman.

B.E. WAKELIN Honorary Secretary.

Resolution Carried Unanimously at a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Reading Branch.

That at future Meetings of the General Council at least one-half of the available time be allotted to the discussion of International Affairs and the work of the League.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH, 1930 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Lord Dickinson (in the Chair), I.J.Cadbury, Lord Henry Cavendish-Pentinck, C.Delisle Burns, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, Sir Thomas Inskip, C.W.Kimmins, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Lady Selborne, Romie Smith, Mrs. Walter Runciman, H.D.Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley and L.M.Wynch, together with the Deputy Secretary.

On the motion of Mr.Wynch and seconded by Mr.Cadbury, Lord Dickinson was voted to the Chair.

89. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Colonel Carnegie, Miss Courtney, Major Walter Elliot, Mr.H.Elvin, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Captain Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, Commander Kenworthy, Professor Murray, Sir John Power, Mr.W.S.Sanders and Mr.H.S.Syrett.

90. MISS CONSTANCE SMITH. The Committee learned with profound regret that Miss Constance Smith had passed away the previous evening. It was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That the deep sympathy of the Committee be conveyed to Miss Hinton Smith in her bereavement together with a sincere expression of the Committee's appreciation of Miss Constance Smith's work for the League and the Union."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That a wreath be sent on behalf of the Union."

91. LETTER FROM LADY GLADSTONE. The Chairman read to the Committee a letter from Lady Gladstone in acknowledgment of the Committee's resolution of sympathy in the death of Lord Gladstone.

92. THE SECRETARY. The Committee were glad to learn that the Secretary was progressing satisfactorily after his operation.

93. MINUTES. The Minutes of the meeting held on March 20th, 1930 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 77 - Lord Balfour, the Chairman read to the Committee a letter from Mr. Gerald Balfour in acknowledgment of the Committee's resolution of sympathy in the death of Lord Balfour.

94. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Publicity Committee. (Lady Hall reported). Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 22, 25 and 26, the Minutes of the Committee dated March 16th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (18) Publishing Committee; (19) "The United States of America and World Peace"; (20) Picture Post Cards; (21) Adult Education Conference; (22) Report on Publicity Activities; (23) London Naval

Conference; (24) Publicity for the Library; (25) L.L.O. Expenditure; (26) Leaflet on the General Act. 7

On Minute 22 - Report on Publicity Activities, the Committee noted with interest the report on publicity activities from February 10th to March 10th, 1930. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That a list of the Union's recent pamphlets and publications together with information concerning their sales be circulated to the Executive Committee for information each quarter."

On Minute 25 - I.L.O. Expenditure, it was noted that resolution (2) in this Minute stood referred to the Finance Committee for their information.

On Minute 26 - Leaflet on the General Act, after discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this Minute be adjourned until the Minutes of the International Law Committee, dated 24.3.30, came before the Executive."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That Professor Brierly be invited to attend the next meeting of the Executive Committee."

- (b) Economic Committee (Mr. Delisle Burns reported). Subject to the following reports on Minutes 2 and 5, and a decision on Minute 4, the Minutes of the Committee dated March 19th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (2) International Federation's Economic Conference; (3) Proposed New Members of Committee; (4) Bank for International Settlements; (5) The League of Nations versus Economic Imperialism; (6) Communications from Mr. F.W. Hirst.

On Minute 2 - International Federation's Economic Conference, it was reported that the name of this Conference would be "Conference on World Prosperity and Trade Barriers".

On Minute 4 - Bank for International Settlements, after considerable discussion consideration of this Minute was adjourned until the next meeting. It was agreed that the Chairman of the Economic Committee should be further consulted on the matter.

On Minute 5 - The League of Nations versus Economic Imperialism, Dr. Delisle Burns reported a letter from Major Walter Elliot on the question of Economic Nationalism.

- (c) Christian Organisations Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). With the exception of Minute 35(3) resolution (3), which stood referred to the Finance Committee, and to the following amendment to Minute 33, the Minutes of the Committee dated March 19th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

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These Minutes included (31) Denominational Resolutions; (32) Church Congress, 1930; (33) Church Magazine Inset; (34) Conference on Adult Education and Peace of the World; (35) Sunday Schools; (36) Revised Hymn Sheet with Tunes; (37) Statement on Corporate Membership; (38) Corporate Members; (39) Geneva Cathedral Service; (40) Proposed Order of Service for Armistice Day; (41) Toc H;

On Minute 33 - Church Magazine Inset, it was

RESOLVED: "That the last sentence in this Minute be amended to read:

'Branches will be circularised for this purpose.'

- (d) Industrial Advisory Committee (Lady Hall reported). Subject to the following amendment to Minute 35(b) and decisions on Minutes 35(a), 37 and 41, the Minutes of the Committee dated March 20th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (30) Office Re-organisation - Mr. Macartney; (31) Unemployment and Disarmament; (32) I.L.O. Expenditure - Leaflet; (33) I.L.O. - 1919/1929; (34) Forced Labour; (34) World Aspects of Unemployment; (36) Conference of Representatives of Industrial Organisations associated with the Union; (37) Membership; (38) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (39) Adult Education Conference; (40) Industrial Applications; (41) International Federation of League of Nations Societies;

On Minute 35(a) - World Aspects of Unemployment, it was

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

On Minute 35(b) - World Aspects of Unemployment, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'if possible' be added to this resolution."

On Minute 37 - Membership, the Committee noted that Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck had retired from the Industrial Advisory Committee and it was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That Lord Lytton be asked to serve on this Committee as a representative of the Executive."

On Minute 41 - International Federation of League of Nations Societies - Resolutions, on the motion of Mr. John Harris it was

RESOLVED: "That the 1930 Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies be asked to reaffirm the resolution on the Washington Hours Convention which had been passed by the Congress in 1929."

This resolution reads:-

The ——— Plenary Congress

Notes with satisfaction that a majority of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, at its Forty-third Session in March 1930, affirmed the possibility of the ratification of the Washington Hours Convention, and that even the proposals made for the revision of the Convention maintain the principle of the eight-hour day and demonstrate the will to attain an international agreement;

And reaffirms its ardent desire that its affiliated national Societies should actively continue their effort to secure at an early date complete international agreement on the eight-hour day.

- (e) Finance Committee (Mr. Worsley reported). Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 32 and 35, the Minutes of the Committee dated March 20th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (25) Library; (27) Financial Statement and Accounts for 1929; (28) Financial Report; (29) Appeals Committee; (30) Scheme for Enrolling 100,000 Foundation Members; (31) The Reverend G. Dickin's Schemes for International Friendship and the World Service Exhibition; (32) Appeals Department; (33) Headway; (34) New Education Fellowship; (35) Travel Agency; (36) References from the Executive; (37) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

On Minute 32 - Appeals Department, Mr. Worsley reported that the Office Committee had recommended that Mr. Weston's increase in salary should be retrospective and should operate as from January 1st, 1930. This recommendation was approved.

On Minute 35 - Travel Agency, it was reported that the recommendations concerning the Union's Travel Agency contained in the report of the Office Re-organisation Committee had proved impracticable at present. It was therefore

RESOLVED: "That the references to this matter in the report of the Office Reorganisation Committee, which was to be presented to the General Council and the Committee of Twelve, should be deleted.

- (f) Education Committee (Dr. Kimmins reported). With the exception of Minute 36(b) which stood referred to the Finance Committee, and subject to the following decisions on Minutes 38 and 40(b), the Minutes of the Committee dated March 20th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (32) Arising out of the Minutes (33) Nominations to the Committee; (34) List of Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (35) Report on Work in Universities and Colleges; (36) The Training Colleges; (37) Report on Film "The World War and After"

(38) League of Nations Teaching Exhibition; (39) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (40) Local Education Authorities, Teachers and Schools; (41) Adult Education; /

On Minute 38 - League of Nations Teaching Exhibition, after considerable discussion, on the motion of Lady Selborne and seconded by Mrs. Wilson-Fox, it was

RESOLVED: "That this Minute be referred back to the Education Committee with a request for more detailed information."

On Minute 40(b) - Local Education Authorities, Teachers and Schools - The Public Schools, this Minute was adopted but the Committee desired it to be made clear that the Union was not committed to any expenditure and it was agreed that, should any expenditure by the Union prove necessary, the matter should stand referred to the Finance Committee.

(g) Political and Parliamentary Committee (Mr. Worsley reported). Subject to the following decision on Minute 4, the Minutes of the Committee dated March 21st, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (2) Chemical Warfare Sub-Committee; (3) Name and Scope of the Committee; (4) Reconstitution of the Committee; (5) Constituency Representatives; (6) Statement upon International Policy; (7) Publicity for I.A.S.D. Policy; (8) Literature upon Arbitration and Disarmament. /

On Minute 4 - Reconstitution of the Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Political and Parliamentary Committee be recommended to ask Captain W.S. Sanders, M.P., to serve on that Committee."

95. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following 7 new Branches, 21 Junior Branches, 14 Corporate Members and 5 Corporate Associates, be formally recognised and the Union's seal affixed to the Certificates."

BRANCHES: Aberdour, Scotland; Duffield, Derbyshire; Potterspurty (to include Yardley Gobion), Northants; Reepham, Norfolk; Renfrew, Scotland; Risca - Bethany, Mon. ; Skenfrith, Mon; DELEGATIONS: Ingall, Parsons, Clive and Co., Pupil Teachers' Centre Old Students Association, Birmingham; Presbyterian Church, Bishop Auckland; Brindley Ford, Crossley Hall, Bradford; Fulwood, Preston.
JUNIOR BRANCHES: Barking Abbey School, Essex; Queen Elizabeth's Girls' Grammar School, Barnet; County School for Girls, Brecon; Central School for Girls, Chiswick; Raynham School for Girls, Edmonton; Eddington House School, Herne Bay; Christchurch Junior School, Ilford; North Paddington Central School for Girls, Kensal Green; Camden School for Girls, Kentish Town; Furnace School, Llanelli; Malton and Norton Junior Branch, Malton, Yorks;

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Newcastle High School, Staffs; Nottingham High School for Girls; Ackworth School Boys' Branch, Pontefract; St. Leonards Collegiate School, Sussex; West St. Leonards School, Sussex; Blue Coat School, Stourbridge; Secondary School, Washington, Durham; County School for Boys, Welsnpool, Mont; The Girls' Practising School, Bishops Stortford; Moor Park Wesleyan Mixed School, Preston, Lancs. **CORPORATE MEMBERS:** Eighton Banks United Methodist Church, Gateshead; The Wesley Church, West Hartlepool; Women's Co-operative Guild, Durmow; Oldfield Park Wesleyan Church, Bath; The Ashford Branch of the Typographical Association, Kent; Upper Holloway Sisterhood, London; No. 1 Norwich Branch of the Boot and Shoe Operatives, Norfolk; British Legion, Higham Ferrers, Northants; St. Augustine's Church, New Basford, Notts; Overleigh Women's Adult School, Glastonbury, Somerset; Union Church Women's Guild, Brighton; Fernhill Heath Brotherhood, Worcester; Hensden Street Congregational Church, Huddersfield; Spens Valley Trades Council, Spensborough, Yorks. **DELETIONS:** All Souls Church, Camberwell; Pudsey Congregational Church; Gorton Parish Church; St. George's Presbyterian Church, Stockton-on-Tees. **CORPORATE ASSOCIATES:** Baenham and Lower Padworth Women's Institute; Bray Women's Institute; Hovingham Women's Institute; Preston Women's Institute; Reading Women's Co-operative Guild.

It was reported that there were now 2,915 Branches, 847 Junior Branches, 3,205 Corporate Members and 620 Corporate Associates, and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and who are not known to have died or resigned is 844,286 of whom 107,106 have paid a subscription in 1930 as compared with 81,271 at this date last year.

96. **POSTAL BALLOT.** The Chairman reported that all the members of the Executive Committee with the exception of Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck and Mr. H. D. Watson had consented to stand again for election and that eight new nominations had been received. Ballot papers would be sent out at the beginning of April. At the request of the Committee, Mr. H. D. Watson agreed to stand again for election.
97. **BRANCH RESOLUTIONS.** The Committee noted with interest and appreciation a resolution on the subject of the Naval Conference from the Burslem Branch. It was also noted that the Harrow Branch and the Manchester Primitive Methodist District Branch had adopted the Executive Committee's resolution on the Naval Conference dated February 20th, 1930.
98. **NATIONAL LIBERAL FEDERATION - RESOLUTION.** The Committee noted with interest a resolution by the National Liberal Federation on the subject of the Naval Conference.
99. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE HULL BRANCH.** The Committee received a letter from the Hull Branch suggesting that steps should be taken to urge the authorities to name the new planet or comet, PAX. It was agreed that the Hull Branch should be thanked for this suggestion. No further action was taken.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 3RD, 1930.
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Lord Cecil (in the Chair), C. Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, H.H. Elvin, Captain L.H. Green, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, R.S. Hudson, Sir Thomas Inskip, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Charles Roberts, Lady Selborne, Rennie Smith, H.S. Syrett, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Pox, Herbert Worsley and L.M. Wynch, together with the Deputy Secretary.

100. APLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Colonel Carnegie, Miss Courtney, Major Walter Elliot, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Sir Arthur Haworth, Commander Kenworthy, Professor Murray, Sir John Power and Captain W.S. Sanders.
101. MINUTES. Subject to the following amendment to Minute 94(d) (41), the Minutes of the meeting held on March 27th, 1930, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 94(d)(41) - International Federation of League of Nations Societies - Resolution, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution referred to in this Minute (for submission to the 14th Plenary Congress) be amended to read as follows:-

'The 14th Plenary Congress urges the affiliated Societies to take the necessary steps to ensure at the earliest possible moment the ratification of the Washington Hours Convention.'

102. LONDON NAVAL CONFERENCE. On the motion of Lord Cecil it was

RESOLVED: "To ask branches which have passed, or may be about to pass, resolutions based on that sent out in accordance with the Executive's decision of March 20th, 1930, to send copies forthwith to the Prime Minister, the local M.P.'s and this office."

103. BANK FOR INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENTS. The Committee considered Minute 4 of the Economic Committee (Bank for International Settlements) dated March 19th, 1930, and in particular the following resolution which had been suggested by the Economic Committee for the agenda of the 14th Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies:-

"XIVth Plenary Congress is of opinion that it is desirable that the League of Nations should take steps to establish connection with the Bank for International Settlements."

Mr. Hartley Withers, Chairman of the Economic Committee, addressed the Committee on the subject of the International Bank. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That Minute 4 of the Economic Committee be not adopted but that the following resolution be placed on the agenda of the 14th Plenary Congress:-

"The 14th Plenary Congress is of opinion that it is desirable that a connection should eventually be established between the economic work of the League of Nations and the Bank for International Settlements."

The Committee also took note of the following resolutions proposed by the Rev.L.Chown, on behalf of the Wolverhampton Branch, and by the South Staffordshire District Council, respectively, for inclusion on the agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the General Council:-

- (a) "That in view of the great and growing power of International Finance, this Union would respectfully urge the Finance and Economic Commission of the League of Nations to explore the possibility and to take the necessary steps for the formation of a League of Nations Bank at Geneva."
- (b) "We the representatives of the South Staffs. League of Nations Union District Council, wish to recommend that a League of Nations Bank be formed, with Headquarters at Geneva."

It was then

RESOLVED: "That the Rev.L.Chown and the South Staffordshire District Council be thanked for their resolutions and that a copy of the Executive Committee's resolution on this subject (above) be sent to them for their information."

The Committee received with interest a memorandum by Mr.J.A.Hobson and Dr. Delisle Burns on the subject of the Bank for International Settlements.

Mr. Hartley Withers was cordially thanked for his attendance.

104. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) International Law Committee (Professor J.L.Erierly reported). Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 5, 6, 7 and 8, the Minutes of the Committee dated March 24th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (3) Appointment of Chairman; (4) Composition of Committee; (5) Provisions of the Covenant in respect of Security; (6) The Covenant and the Pact of Paris; (7) The General Act; (8) Article 18 of the Covenant.

On Minute 4 - Composition of the Committee, the Committee heard with pleasure that Sir Thomas Inskip had accepted the invitation to serve on the International Law Committee.

On Minute 5 - Provisions of the Covenant in respect of Security, consideration of this Minute was adjourned pending the return of Professor Murray.

On Minute 6 - The Covenant and the Pact of Paris, after considerable discussion it was

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RESOLVED: "That a special meeting of the International Law Committee be summoned for 2.45 p.m. on Monday, April 7th, to consider with Lord Cecil the report of the League Committee for the Amendment of the Covenant in order to bring it into Harmony with the Pact of Paris, and to submit (in time for consideration by the Executive at its meeting on April 10th) a report of the legal implications of the proposed amendments."

On Minute 7 - The General Act, Professor Brierly addressing the Committee stated his views upon the three chapters of the General Act. After a considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That this Minute be not adopted."

(b) "That the Executive Committee, considering the advisability of completing at the earliest possible date the machinery for the pacific settlement of all international disputes, hopes that as a means to this end, H.M. Government will consider acceptance of the General Act with whatsoever reservations or modifications they consider necessary."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That the criticisms of the General Act contained in the memoranda by Sir Anton Bertram and Professor Brierly be forwarded to H.M. Foreign Office, together with a covering letter indicating that the Union's International Law Committee has expressed general approval of the criticisms contained in these memoranda, and although the Executive Committee does not feel able to do this, it feels that there are several points therein contained which H.M. Government may like to consider."

In connection with this Minute, the Committee also considered Minute 26 of the Publicity Committee dated 18.3.30, containing a proposal to print a leaflet about the General Act. This recommendation was not approved.

On Minute 8 - Article 18 of the Covenant, (Resolution proposed by Dutch Society) the Committee received Sir Walter Napier's memorandum on this subject and

RESOLVED: "That Sir Walter Napier be given discretion to deal with the matter at the Juridical and Political Committee of the Federation on the lines indicated therein."

Professor Brierly was cordially thanked for his attendance.

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- (b) Overseas Committee (Lord Dickinsen reported). Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 14 and 17 and amendment to Minute 15, the Minutes of the Committee dated March 26th, 1930, were approved and adopted. 23

These Minutes included (13) Report of the Brussels Meetings; (14) L.N.U. Delegation to the XIVth Plenary Congress; (15) Resolution on Treatment of Prisoners; (16) Overseas Report; (17) European Co-operation.

On Minute 14 - L.N.U. Delegation to the 14th Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies. It was pointed out that the Education Committee had recommended that delegations chosen to represent the Union at meetings of the Plenary Congress of the Federation should include a sufficient number of members able to put forward the point of view of British teachers. It was therefore

RESOLVED: "That the first vacancy on the delegation should be filled by a member to be selected with the approval of the Chairman of the Union's Education Committee."

The attention of the Committee was also drawn to the fact that only limited funds were available for travelling expenses this year and the hope was expressed that as many delegates as possible would pay their own expenses.

On Minute 15 - Treatment of Prisoners, on the motion of Mr. H. D. Watson the resolution in this Minute was amended to read as follows:-

"The 14th Plenary Congress

Notes with satisfaction that the Council of the League of Nations has requested the Assembly to place the question of the improvement of penal administration on its agenda, and

Expresses the earnest hope that the Assembly will ask the Council to appoint a committee to study this question in conjunction with the International Prisons Commission, with a view to the framing of an international convention upon the conditions (including conditions of prison labour) to be observed in all civilised countries in the treatment of persons under arrest or in captivity."

On Minute 17 - European Co-operation, Mr. Wynch raised the question of the instructions to be given to the delegates representing the British Committee for European Co-operation at the General Assembly and the Commissions of the Federal Committee for European Co-operation. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee requests the delegates

- (a) to stand by its answer to the questionnaire (already agreed upon); and

(b) to indicate that the British Committee does not see its way to make any proposal in regard to the European Co-operation movement at the present time, though they would gladly consider proposals from any other quarter." 80

(c) Branches Committee (Mr. Worsley reported). Subject to the following decision on Minute 2, the Minutes of the Committee dated March 27th, 1930 (including draft Standing Orders to Regulate Procedure at Meetings of the General Council) were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (2) Communication from Reading Branch; (3) The General Council and International Affairs; (4) Regional Representatives; (5) Summer Schools.

On Minute 2 - Communication from Reading Branch, it was

RESOLVED: "That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to those members of the staff who had prepared the draft Standing Orders."

(d) Office Committee (Mr. Worsley reported). The Minutes of the Committee dated March 25th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (2) Regional Representatives; (3) Staff; (4) Undergraduate Speakers during Vacations; (5) Travel Agency.

On Minute 3(k) - Staff, a resolution of the Staff Committee on the subject of the appointment of an apprentice assistant in the Library was noted by the Committee.

105. ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee was reminded that this meeting would take place in London on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 26th, 27th and 28th, 1930. It was then

RESOLVED: "That the Welcome Committee be asked to make arrangements if possible for an evening reception to be held in connection with the Council Meeting."

It was reported that the Conference to be arranged by the N.C.P.W. in the same week had now been provisionally fixed for June 25th in order to avoid its occurring during the sessions of the Council.

106. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee noted with interest Resolutions from the Knaresborough Branch, the Worcestershire Federal Council, the St. Ives (Hunts) and District Branch, the Whitstable and Tankerton Branch, the Starnore and Harrow Weald and Wealdstone Branches, and the Hampstead Garden Suburb and Golders Green Branch.

In regard to the resolution from the Knaresborough Branch it was agreed that this Branch should be informed that a copy of the Union's resolution on the London Naval Conference (of March 6th) has been sent for information to the Office of the Federation of League of Nations Societies.

107. TARIFF TRUCE. Consideration of this matter was adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH, 1930, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Lord Cecil (in the Chair), Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, H.H. Elvin, Captain L.H. Green, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, Sir Charles Hobhouse, R.S. Hudson, Sir Thomas Inskip, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, The Marquess of Lothian, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Lord Queensborough, Mrs. Walter Runciman, J.J. Salmon, Lady Selborne, Rennie Smith, H.S. Syrett, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Pox, Herbert Worsley and L.M. Wynch, together with the Deputy Secretary.

108. APLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr. L.J. Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Miss K.D. Courtney, Lord Dickinson, Major Walter Elliot, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Sir Arthur Haworth, Commander Kenworthy, Professor Murray, Sir John Power and Captain W.S. Sanders.
109. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 104(a)(8) and 104(b)(14), the Minutes of the Meeting held on April 3rd, 1930, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 104(a)(8) - Article 18 of the Covenant. Sir Walter Napier reported that the meeting of the Juridical and Political Committee of the Federation had been called at the Hague for April 13th. He regretted that owing to the short notice he had received he was unable to attend this Committee and it was

RESOLVED: "That a letter be sent to the Secretary of the International Federation protesting against the meeting of the Juridical and Political Committee being called at such short notice and suggesting that a further meeting of this Committee be held in Geneva at the time of the XIVth Plenary Congress."

On Minute 104(b)(14) - I.N.U. Delegation to the XIVth Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies. It was reported that two vacancies had occurred in the Union's Delegation to the XIVth Plenary Congress and it was

RESOLVED: "That the Overseas Committee be requested to make arrangements for filling these and other possible vacancies."

110. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) International Law Committee (Lord Cecil reported). The Chairman read a letter (dated April 9th) from Major Walter Elliot, suggesting that consideration of the Report of the League Committee for the Amendment of the Covenant in order to bring it into harmony with the Pact of Paris, should be adjourned pending the statement which it is hoped the Prime Minister will make at an early date concerning Article 16. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (i) "That consideration of this report be adjourned till May 15th, when it shall be the first item on the agenda." 8

(ii) "That members of the Committee desiring to do so be invited to send to the Secretary specific motions for consideration at this meeting."

(b) Political and Parliamentary Committee (Lord Cecil reported). Subject to the following decisions on Minute 14, the Minutes of the Committee dated April 2nd, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (10) Chemical Warfare Sub-Committee; (11) Membership of the Committee; (12) Date of Meetings; (13) The Union and Naval Disarmament; (14) Statement upon International Policy.

On Minute 14 - Statement upon International Policy, it was

RESOLVED: (i) "That the Statement upon International Policy be adopted in the attached amended form (S.G.332C)."

(ii) "That items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, the second sentence of 6 and the second clause (opium) of 9, be placed on the agenda for the XIVth Flenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies."

(iii) "That the whole of the Statement be placed on the agenda for the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the General Council of the Union."

(c) Welcome Committee (Admiral Drury-Lows reported). Subject to the following decisions on Minute 31 and amendment to Minute 33, the Minutes of the Committee dated April 1st, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (26) Arising out of Minutes; (27) Secretary's Report; (28) Resignation of Mr. Bartlett; (29) Additional Members of Committee; (30) Activities with regard to Indians; (31) International Club; (32) Dinner to Delegates to Imperial Conference; (33) Suggested Reception for Council Meeting; (34) At Home to L.R.F. Branch Officers.

On Minute 31 - International Club, it was

RESOLVED: (i) "That the International Club Sub-Committee be dissolved."

(ii) "That Lord Cecil be asked to inform Mr. Evelyn Wrench of this and at the same time tell him that the Executive welcome the suggestion that Lady Gladstone should be Chairman of the International Club Committee of A.P.A., also that two members of the

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Executive and one member of the Welcome Committee should join his committee; this would secure the Union and A.P.A. being kept, unofficially, in touch with each other's activities."

- (iii) "That it be suggested to Mr. Wrench that the two members of the Executive might be Mr. David Davies and Mrs. Wilson-Fox; that the member of the Welcome Committee might be Miss Margesson; that the invitation to Lady Gladstone should be held over until the autumn and that Lady Dickinson might be asked to represent her until her return."

On Minute 33 - Suggested Reception for Council Meeting, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution in this Minute be adopted in the following amended form:-

'That such a reception be held; that it be not a charge on the Funds of the Union; and that details be left to the Welcome Committee.'"

- (d) Landates Committee (Sir Walter Napier reported). Subject to the following decision on Minute 8, the Minutes of the Committee dated April 3rd, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (6) Expulsions from Turkey; (7) Belgian resolution proposed for the International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (8) Resolution on Slavery and Forced Labour for the International Federation.

On Minute 8 - Resolution on Slavery and Forced Labour for the International Federation, it was

RESOLVED: "That the following paragraph be added to this resolution:-

'(c) That it is desirable that a permanent organisation should be established at Geneva to watch over the execution of the Slavery Convention.'"

111. RE-ORGANISATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT. It was reported that a member of the Committee of Twelve (Mr. Clift of Manchester) had taken exception to certain words in the first sentence of Section C of the revised report (D.S. 1129) and that another member (Mr. Woodall, Chairman of the Kent Executive) had taken exception to the recommendation in section B to get rid of the lease of 13, Grosvenor Crescent.

RESOLVED: (a) "That the first sentence of section C be amended to read:-

'Colonel Fisher reports, and the report is confirmed from many sources, that the Union is suffering from a certain unpopularity in the City and in some circles which have hitherto contributed generously to our financial support.'

(b) "That Mr. Woodall be informed that the Executive were compelled to come to their decision to dispose of the lease of 13, Grosvenor Crescent, as soon as possible, in order to comply with the General Council's decision to reduce expenditure in 1930 to the rate of £35,200 a year."

(c) "That the Committee hopes it will be possible for Mr. Woodall to attend the General Council Meeting in June to state his views when the recommendations of the Reorganisation Committee come up for consideration."

(d) "That Miss Guinness, a member of the Kent Executive, be asked to explain the position in greater detail to Mr. Woodall."

112. BRANCHES COMMITTEE. On the motion of Mr. Worsley it was

RESOLVED: "That Lady Hall be invited to become a member of the Branches Committee."

113. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following 14 new Branches, 6 Junior Branches, 7 Corporate Members, 3 Corporate Associates, and one County Committee be formally recognised and the Union's seal affixed to the Certificates."

BRANCHES: Red Triangle Hut Brotherhood, Berry Hill, Glos; Mansfield Road Wesleyan Church, Birmingham, Warwick; Coolham and Shipley, Sussex; Gwyndaf a Tawrog, Llanwnda, Carnarvonshire; Islington Central Mission, London; Kirkliston, Scotland; Martham, Norfolk; Herstham, Surrey; Petworth, Sussex; Rushen, Isle of Man; St. Lawes, Cornwall; Thurso, Scotland; West Chilton, Sussex; Worpleston, Surrey. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Mission Room Girls' School, Burton-on-Trent; Hadleigh Council Schools, Essex; County School for Girls, Chatham; Dudley Bank School, Hale, Cheshire; Kensington Junior Branch, London; Ladybarn House School, Withington, Manchester. DELETIONS: Nansen Road Council School, Saltley, Birmingham; Little Green Lanes Girls' School, Birmingham. CORPORATE MEMBERS: The Unitarian Church, Stanley Street, Colne; Kenyon Baptist Church, Clapham; St. Mary's Church, Crouch End; Middlesex Branch of Assistant Mistresses Association; Whitley Bay Baptist Church, Northumberland; Stone Congregational Church, Staffs; Worcester Brotherhood, Angel Street, Worcester. DELETIONS: St. Michael's Church, Byker; Choppington Parish Church. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Cotteridge Women's Institute; Sparkhill Primitive Methodist Church Ladies Social Circle; Palm Street Women's Adult School, Birmingham. COUNTY COMMITTEE: Flint County Committee.

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It was reported that there were now 2,929 Branches, 851 Junior Branches, 3,210 Corporate Members and 623 Corporate Associates, and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and who are not known to have died or resigned is 346,526 of whom 122,139 have paid a subscription in 1930 as compared with 102,921 at this date last year.

114. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee noted with interest a resolution on the subject of the Naval Conference from the Macclesfield Branch. It was also noted that the Executive Committee of the Welsh National Council had adopted the Executive Committee's resolution on the Naval Conference dated March 6th, 1930.
115. TARIFF TRUCE. Note was taken that enquiries had been received on this subject but no resolution was passed in addition to item 5 of the Statement upon International Policy.
116. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was
RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, May 1st."

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION
STATEMENT UPON
INTERNATIONAL POLICY

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.

International Arbitration has made great progress in recent months. But the London Naval Conference has brought to light some of the difficulties of reconciling the desire of America to avoid political commitments with the insistence of European Powers upon the importance of pre-arranged mutual assistance between nations for the defence of international order.

Appreciating both these points of view, Great Britain has a leading part to play in the organisation of peace and the promotion of a general reduction of armaments, which is an essential condition of lasting peace. It should be a fundamental object of British foreign policy to sustain and encourage cordial co-operation between the British Empire and the United States of America in the interests of peace, without weakening in any degree the loyal attachment of the Empire to the Covenant of the League of Nations.

For Peace is the greatest interest of the British Empire, and the Empire can render a valuable service to peace through the League. The system of consultation between the seven delegations of the British Empire to the Assembly of the League of Nations has been valuable as a means of promoting unity of purpose in the Empire's foreign policy, and the effective collaboration of all members of the British Commonwealth in the League's various activities. This system might be developed and utilised in the intervals between the meeting of the Imperial Conference. 73

1. 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 signature of the Optional Clause of the Statute of the Permanent Court by the British Governments and the majority of States Members of the League involves the submission of international disputes of a legal character to judicial settlement. As a means of completing machinery for the solution of other disputes, the British Government is asked to consider the acceptance of the General Act, adopted by the Ninth Assembly of the League, with whatever reservations or modifications may be thought necessary.

Treaties which have become inapplicable, or which seem to constitute obstacles to international goodwill, should be reconsidered and modified: it is important to use Article 19 of the Covenant, wherever it is properly applicable, for this purpose.

2. 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.

In order that practical means of applying the principles of the Covenant to deter a disturber of the peace may be available, two Conventions should be signed; one upon the basis of the Draft Model Treaty to Strengthen Means of Preventing War; the other, a Convention for Financial assistance in the event of war or the threat of war; the latter should be signed on condition that a State benefiting from the Convention shall have ratified and loyally co-operated in the execution of a Treaty for the general reduction of armaments.

3. THE REDUCTION 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. Every effort should be made to bring to a satisfactory conclusion the work of the League's Preparatory Disarmament Commission, in order that a World Conference may soon be held to conclude a general treaty for the genuine reduction and limitation of all armaments. Such a treaty should at least include the following provisions:

All classes of warships should be progressively restricted. There should, in particular, be an immediate reduction in the number of existing capital ships and a drastic limitation in the future size and armament of such ships, as well as an agreement to reduce the number of auxiliary craft, including submarines, which should, if possible, be abolished.

The period of service in conscript armies, or the annual contingent of recruits, or both, should be restricted.

The number of military aeroplanes, of pilots and of mechanics should be strictly limited and reduced, and commercial aircraft should not be built in such a way as to be immediately available for fighting purposes.

War material should be restricted either specifically or by budgetary limitation, or by both, and in view of the treaties renouncing chemical warfare, chemical manufacture should be subject to special regulations and publicity.

Reasonable machinery should be devised and accepted for ascertaining that the provisions of a general disarmament treaty are loyally carried out.

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

4. THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MINORITIES.

It is essential to a lasting peace that the rights of minorities should be respected and harmonised with their duties to the States of which they are part.

The Council of the League should not cease its endeavour to improve the methods by which it discharges its duty of protection to a certain number of minorities; and all States Members of the League should undertake to respect the same rights of minorities as a few of their number are at present obliged by treaty to acknowledge.

5. ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION.

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

With this object in view, every effort should be made to secure the enlargement of markets for exports; the improvement of credit for commercial purposes in connection with the Bank for International Settlements; and the removal of hindrances to international commerce and the friction and impoverishment arising therefrom.

6. 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 renewed upon its expiration, and it should be part of the considered policy of the British Government to secure the prompt ratification and application of all conventions signed by it at International Labour Conferences.

7. 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 a Convention for the suppression of forced labour should be signed and ratified at the earliest possible date. In the meantime, all Colonial Powers should observe a standard which is at least not lower than that laid down in the regulations already in force in the "B" and "C" Mandates.

8. 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.

9. 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 Conventions 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 should be secured, and an endeavour should be made through the League of Nations 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 should promote an international Convention determining the conditions to be observed in all civilised countries in the treatment of persons under arrest or in captivity, and should co-operate with the International Prison Commission to secure the loyal observance of such a Convention.

∟Note. It is suggested that the passages in double spacing should appear in heavy print and the remainder in smaller type.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, MAY 1ST, 1930, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), C. Delisle Burns, Miss Courtney, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Druy-Lowe, Major Walter Elliot, H.H. Elvin, Captain L.H. Green, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, R.S. Hudson, Commander Kenworthy, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, Charles Roberts, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Lady Selborne, Rennie Smith, H.S. Syrett, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley and L.M. Wynch, together with the Deputy Secretary.

117. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr. L.J. Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Lady Parmoor, Sir John Power, Mr. W.J. Salmon and Captain W.S. Sanders.

118. MINUTES. Subject to the following amendment to Minute 110(c) (31 - ii), the decision on Minute 110(c) (33), the Minutes of the Meeting held on April 10th, 1930, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 110(c) (31 - ii) - International Club, A.P.A., it was

RESOLVED: "That the latter portion of this resolution be amended to read as follows:-

'.....also that two members of the Executive and one member of the Welcome Committee, in their individual capacities, should join his committee; this would secure the Union and A.P.A. being kept unofficially in touch with each other's activities.'

On Minute 110(c) (33) - Suggested Reception for Council Meeting, after considerable discussion, on the motion of Lord Lytton and seconded by Lady Selborne, it was

RESOLVED: "That the decision to hold a reception in connection with the forthcoming meeting of the General Council be rescinded."

119. LONDON NAVAL TREATY. The Chairman read to the Committee a letter on the subject of the recent London Naval Treaty which had been addressed privately by the Prime Minister to Lord Cecil.

The Committee expressed a desire to see the memorandum on the London Naval Conference which, it was reported, had been drawn up by the Intelligence Department and it was accordingly

RESOLVED: "That this memorandum, together with a note concerning the French and Italian Naval Building Programmes be circulated to the Committee."

See Minute 127

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It was further

RESOLVED: "That members of the Executive desiring to send memoranda for discussion at the next meeting of the Committee, be asked to do so on or before Monday, May 5th."

The Committee also expressed the opinion that a resolution or a statement on the subject of the London Naval Treaty should be placed by the Executive Committee on the agenda for the forthcoming meeting of the General Council. It was agreed that this matter should be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee.

120. DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT. The Committee considered the Draft Annual Report for 1929. After a considerable discussion, in the course of which certain minor alterations and modifications were suggested and agreed to, it was

RESOLVED: "That members of the Executive desiring to send in any further alterations be asked to do so before Thursday, May 8th, and that the final form of the report be left to the discretion of the Chairman."

A discussion took place upon the information concerning membership given in the Report and it was suggested that the footnote at the bottom of page 13 should be omitted and that a further paragraph concerning the collection of subscriptions should be inserted on page 10. Captain Green suggested that a special leaflet urging branches to tackle this matter with renewed energy might be desirable.

121. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Christian Organisations Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). Subject to the following amendment to Minute 46, the Minutes of the Committee dated April 9th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (44) Dr. Garnett; (46) Composition of Committee; (47) Sunday Schools; (48) Goodwill Day and Empire Day; (49) Revised Hymn Sheet with Tunes; (50) Proposed Order of Service for Armistice Day; (51) Sermon Notes; (52) Co-optations to General Council; (53) Statement on Corporate Membership; (54) Corporate Membership and Church Branches; (55) Resolution of National Council of Evangelical Free Churches; (56) Dr. Hott's Speech.

On Minute 48 - Goodwill Day and Empire Day, it was

RESOLVED: "That the title of this Minute be changed to 'Empire Day' and that the words 'May 18th' be substituted for the words 'Goodwill Day' in this Minute."

- (b) Publicity Committee (Professor Murray reported).
The Minutes of the Committee dated April 15th, 1930,
were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (28) The United States of
America and World Peace; (29) Picture Post Cards;
(30) Report on Publicity Activities; (31) Questions
of Policy; (32) Report of the Publishing Committee;
(33) Leaflet for Ex-Service Men; (34) Pamphlet on
Minorities; (35) World Aspects of Unemployment; (36)
Broadcast Talk by Lord Cecil; (37) Resignation of
Mr. Vernon Bartlett; (38) Hour of Meeting; (39) New
Members.

122. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following 12 new Branches, 6
Junior Branches, 1 Junior Group, 29
Corporate Members and 19 Corporate
Associates, be formally recognised and
the Union's seal affixed to the
Certificates."

BRANCHES: Blakedown and District, Worcs; Bream, Glos;
Chacewater, Cornwall; Corris, Monmouthshire; East Ham
Wesleyan Mission; Hockwold, Norfolk; Leyburn, Yorks;
North Weald, Essex; Norwich Diocesan Training College;
Rhayader, Radnorshire; Urswick, Lancs; Plashet Park
Congregational Church, Metro. Essex. DELETIONS: Rochdale,
West Street Baptist Church; Preston, Orchard United
Methodist Church. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Redmoor School,
Bournemouth; Girls' Council School, Buckley, Flint;
Girls' and Boys' Central School, Fleetwood, Lancs;
Prendergast Boys' Council School, Haverfordwest, Pems;
Boys' County School, Newtown, Mont; Girls' County School,
Pontypool, Mon. JUNIOR GROUP: Third Stockport Rever
Scouts, Stockport. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Kent Road Church
Mothers' Meeting, Glasgow; St. Mary's Church, Luton;
Falmouth Group of Toc H.; St. Mary's Church, Ilkeston,
Derbys; South West Lancashire and Cheshire Branch of the
Association of Assistant Mistresses in Secondary Schools;
Ashton-under-Lyme P.S.A. Brotherhood; St. James' Church,
Ashworth, Bury; Droylsden Independent Co-operative Society,
Lancs; Droylsden P.M. Church Young Men's Institute, Lancs;
Boraby Co-operative Women's Guild, Lancs; Gravel Hole Lane
Wesleyan Chapel, Manchester; Smith Street Independent
Methodist Church, Oldham; Lanehead Sunday School, Rochdale;
The Hershey White Lead Works, Warrington; New Clissold
Social and Literary Club; The Staff of Erixton Telephone
Exchange; Rosslyn Hill Chapel, Hampstead; St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church, Frognal, Hampstead; Edmonton Town Hall,
P.S.A.; Wembley Conservative and Unionist Association;
St. Saviours Church, Shotton, C.E.M.S., Northumberland;
East Oxford Women's Liberal Guild; Burslem United Methodist
Circuit, Staffs; Northorpe Working Men's Club, Mirfield,
Yorks; Old Bank Working Men's Club, Mirfield, Yorks;
Towngate Working Men's Club, Mirfield, Yorks; Upper Hopton
Working Men's Club, Mirfield, Yorks; Women's Liberal
Federation, Mirfield, Yorks; Zion Baptist Church, Mirfield,
Yorks. DELETIONS: Camberwell Free Church Women's Council;
East Ham Presbyterian Young People's Fellowship; Wembley
Division Conservative and Unionist Association; CORPORATE
ASSOCIATES: Alvechurch Women's Institute; Compton and
Shawford Women's Institute; Crayford Women's Institute;

East Malling Women's Institute; Great Gransden Women's Institute; Bagley Women's Institute; Hurst Green Women's Institute; Sandon Women's Institute; Tending-Women's Institute; Welbeck Colliery Women's Institute; Fordcombe Women's Institute; Earl Soham Women's Institute; Wattisfield Women's Institute; Birmingham Women's Institute; East Ham Women's Co-operative Guild; Ilford Women's Co-operative Guild; Peel Institute; All Saints Mothers' Union, Bromsgrove; Sunningdale, Sisterhood. DELEGATIONS: St. Stephen's Bible Classes for Elder Girls, Enfield.

It was reported that there were now 2,939 Branches, 857 Junior Branches, 23 Junior Groups, 3,236 Corporate Members and 640 Corporate Associates, and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and who are not known to have died or resigned is 850,416 of whom 142,014 have paid a subscription in 1919-30 as compared with 130,412 at this date last year.

123. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee noted with interest resolutions from the Woking Branch, the Walkern and Ardeley Branch, the Derbyshire Federal Council, the Camberwell Green Branch, the Spensborough Branch and the Keighley and District Branch.

It was agreed that the Headington Branch should be informed that their resolution concerning disarmament had been noted with interest, and further that the Executive Committee had already forwarded several resolutions on the same subject to H.M. Government.

The Committee also considered a resolution from the University of London Animal Welfare Society concerning the destruction of seabirds by oil waste. It was

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

124. ESSAY COMPETITIONS. The attention of the Committee was drawn to the recent increase of Essay Competitions held up and down the country and it was

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee notes with satisfaction that many of the Union's local organisations have recently arranged Essay Competitions on League subjects. The Committee expresses the hope that this excellent practice may become general."

125. DAMAGE TO SCOTTISH FISHERMEN'S NETS. The Committee considered a communication from the North of Scotland District Council concerning damage done to Scottish Fishermen's nets by Danish shipping. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That details having been obtained from the Foreign Office, friendly representations on the subject be made to the Danish League of Nations Society."

(b) "That enquiries be made as to how far this matter is already affected by International Agreement."

See Minute 127.

S.M.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, MAY 8TH, 1930,
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), C. Delisle Burns,
Miss Courtney, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale,
H.H. Elvin, Miss Guimess, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris,
Sir Arthur Haworth, R.S. Hudson, Sir Thomas Inskip,
Commander Kenworthy, Dr. C.W. Kinnians, Lord Lytton,
Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Lady Selborne,
Rennie Smith, H.S. Syrett, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-
Fox, Herbert Worsley and L.M. Wynch, together with
the Deputy Secretary.

126. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr. L.J. Cadbury,
Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone,
Captain L.H. Green, Sir John Power, Mr. Charles Robertz,
Mrs. Walter Runciman and Captain W.S. Sanders.

127. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes
118(110)(c)(33), 120 and 125, the Minutes of the Meeting
held on May 1st, 1930 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 118(110)(c)(33) - Suggested Reception
For Council Meeting, it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That this Minute be not confirmed."

(b) "That a Reception for delegates to
the forthcoming meeting of the
General Council be given by the
Executive Committee at the Guildhall
on the evening of Friday, June 27th,
and that the Lord Mayor or his
nominee, Lord Cecil, Lord Grey and
the Chairman be invited to receive
the guests."

Mr. Syrett reported that he had secured an
option on the Guildhall (at a nominal charge) on this
date. He further reported that the Lord Mayor
would not be able to be present owing to a prior
engagement, but hoped that one of the Senior Aldermen
would be able to deputise. It was further

RESOLVED: (c) "That the expense of this reception
(which it was estimated would be in
the neighbourhood of £70) be borne by
the Executive Committee and that
individual members of the Committee
be asked to contribute to this fund
at their discretion."

On Minute 120 - Draft Annual Report, the Chairman
read to the Committee a redraft of that portion of
the Report dealing with membership figures. After
discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the Chairman be asked to amend
this redraft in the light of the
discussion which had taken place."

(b) "That the Report be issued at the
discretion of the Chairman."

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On Minute 125 - Damage to Scottish Fishermen's Nets, the Committee received with interest a memorandum on this subject. It was

RESOLVED: (a) "That Major Walter Elliot be consulted on this matter."

(b) "That resolution 125(a) be deleted."

128. LONDON NAVAL TREATY. The Committee received for information a memorandum attached as amended on the results of the London Naval Conference. At the suggestion of Admiral Drury-Lowe several amendments were made to this document.

The Committee then considered memoranda submitted by Admiral Drury-Lowe and Lt. Commander the Hon. J. L. Kenworthy. After considerable discussion, in the course of which it was suggested that Commander Kenworthy be asked to add to his memorandum figures showing the total tonnage of British ships (in the building stage). It was

RESOLVED: "That these memoranda be received but that further discussion thereof be postponed until after the debates on the subject in Parliament."

129. "THE LEAGUE'S AUTHORITY" - PAMPHLET BY MISS RUTH FRY. Consideration of this pamphlet was adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

130. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Overseas Committee (Sir Walter Napier reported). With the exception of Minute 23(3) which stood referred to the Finance Committee, the Minutes of the Committee dated April 30th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (20) Letter from Lady Gladstone; (21) XIVth Plenary Congress; (22) Overseas Report; (23) European Co-operation Business.

- (b) Women's Advisory Council (Mrs. Wilson-Fox reported). Subject to the following decision on Minute 378, the Minutes of the meeting held on April 30th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (373) Lady Gladstone; (375) Membership of the Council; (376) Reports of Representatives; (377) Standing Sub-Committee; (378) Mui Tsai; (379) Naval Conference; (380) Representation on W.A.C.; (381) Representation on General Council; (382) Articles in Women's Journals; (383) Applications for Corporate Associateship.

On Minute 378 - Mui Tsai, after discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of the resolution (which it was proposed to send to H.M. Government) in this Minute, be adjourned until the Women's Advisory Council has had a further opportunity for considering the matter."

Mr. J. H. Harris suggested that the Bishop of Hong Kong be consulted on this matter.

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(c) Branches Committee (Mr. Worsley reported). The Minutes of the Committee dated May 2nd, 1930, were approved and adopted. 97

These Minutes included (8) Composition of Committee; (9) Standing Orders for Council Meetings; (10) Instructions for New Branches; (11) Discussion of Council Resolutions by Districts and Branches; (12) Lapsed Foundation Members; (13) Annual Reports of Branches; (14) Sale of Literature at Meetings.

131. THE DESTRUCTION OF SEA BIRDS BY OIL WASTE. The Committee received with interest a memorandum on this subject. It was suggested that the Foreign Office and the American Embassy should be consulted on this matter. At the suggestion of Commander Kenworthy it was agreed that a paragraph dealing with damage to fisheries caused by oil waste should be added to the memorandum.

132. DRAFT PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered the draft Preliminary Agenda for the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the General Council. It was reported that Lord Cecil would take the Chair at this meeting. After discussion it was then

- RESOLVED: (a) "That Lord Cecil be asked to make a speech of welcome to the Council (in the course of which he should be asked to refer to the general policy of the Union) at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 26th."
- (b) "That should the Council show signs of wishing to devote a large part of the time to consideration of the draft Standing Orders, the Chairman should suggest that a small Standing Orders Committee should be appointed by the Council to report to a subsequent meeting."
- (c) "That the Council be recommended, at any rate provisionally, to adopt the draft Standing Orders as an experiment applicable to the meeting in question."
- (d) "That the Chairmen of the Union's Sub-Committees be specially asked to attend the Council Meeting in order to answer questions (if necessary) on any subjects which came within the sphere of their respective committees."
- (e) "That the Chairman of the Executive Committee be asked to present the Annual Report; and also to address the meeting on current international affairs on Friday morning, June 27th."
- (f) "That Lord Lytton be asked to move those resolutions in the Statement upon International Policy with concern the I.L.O. and further to address the Council on International Labour problems. (This will take place on Friday afternoon, June 27th.)"

Subject to certain minor verbal changes the draft Preliminary Agenda was then approved by the Committee.

33. POSTAL BALLOT. The Committee noted that the following 30 persons had been chosen by Postal Ballot to be proposed to the General Council for election to the Executive Committee for 1930 - 31:-

Professor Gilbert Murray
 Norman Angell
 P.J.Noel Baker
 Miss Ruth Fry
 The Viscountess Gladstone
 Vice-Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe
 Rt.Hon.the Lord Dickinson
 Rt.Hon.the Earl of Lytton
 Mrs. Walter Runciman
 L.J.Cadbury
 C.Delisle Burns
 Major the Rt.Hon.J.W.Hills
 Most Hon.the Marquess of Lothian
 Major Walter Elliot
 Rt.Hon.Leif Jones
 A.S.Duff Cooper
 David Davies
 Colonel David Carnegie
 J.H.Harris
 The Lady Parmoor
 Lt.Col.the Hon.J.M.Kenworthy
 Sir Arthur Haworth, Bt.
 Sir Thomas Inskip
 Rt.Hon.Sir Charles Hobhouse
 C.W.Kimmins
 Rt.Hon.the Lord Queenborough
 Miss K.D.Courtney
 Sir Walter Napier
 Captain L.H.Green
 Herbert Worsley

The Committee then discussed the question of continuing the ballot. It was pointed out that failing a resolution by the Council to continue the Ballot for another year, it would automatically lapse. After further discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this question be adjourned."

J.M.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, MAY 15TH, 1930.
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), C. Delisle Burns,
Lord Cecil, Miss Courtney, Admiral Drury-Lowe,
Mrs. Dugdale, Major Walter Elliot, Captain
L.H. Green, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris,
Sir Arthur Haworth, Major Hills, Sir Charles
Hobhouse, R.S. Hudson, Sir Thomas Inskip, Lord
Lothian, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter
Napier, Lady Parmoor, Rennie Smith, H.S. Syrett,
H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley and L.M. Wynch,
together with the Deputy Secretary.

134. APCOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr. L.J. Cadbury,
Colonel Carnegie, Lord Dickinson, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady
Gladstone, Commander Kenworthy, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones,
Sir John Power, Captain W.S. Sanders and Mrs. Wilson-Fox.

135. DEATH OF DR. NANSEN. The Committee expressed its profound
regret at the recent death of Dr. Nansen and unanimously

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to send a telegram
of condolence to Dr. Nansen's family in the
name of the Executive Committee."

It was reported that tentative arrangements had been
made for a Memorial Service to be held on Tuesday, May 20th,
at 12.15 p.m. at St. Margaret's, Westminster. It was

RESOLVED: "That these arrangements be approved."

136. DEATH OF THE RT. HON. T. R. FERENS. The Committee learned with
regret of the recent death of the Rt. Hon. T. R. Ferens, a
Vice-President of the Union and President of the Hull Branch,
and it was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That a message of condolence be sent to his
family."

137. PAMPHLET BY MISS RUTH FRY. The Committee received with
interest a pamphlet by Miss Ruth Fry entitled "The League's
Authority".

138. REPORT OF THE LEAGUE COMMITTEE FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE
COVENANT IN ORDER TO BRING IT INTO HARMONY WITH THE PACT
OF PARIS. At the request of the Chairman, Lord Cecil
addressed the Committee on the subject of the above Report.
After a prolonged discussion the Committee agreed to
consider the proposed amendments one by one. Lord Cecil,
having expounded the amendments to the Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That the approval of the Executive Committee
be given to the amendment to the Preamble."

After consideration had been given to the amendments
to Articles 12, 13, 15(6) and 15(7), the discussion was
adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee. At the
end of the meeting a suggestion was made that several
members of the Committee who had taken a prominent part in
the discussion should hold an informal meeting further to
consider the amendments.

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139. OFFICE COMMITTEE. Consideration was given to Minute 7 of the Office Committee dated May 8th, 1930, and it was

RESOLVED: "That subject to the approval of the Finance Committee and to the addition of the words 'to the end of this year' this Minute be approved."

140. OTHER BUSINESS. The remainder of the business standing on the agenda paper was adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

S.M.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR GREEN, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, MAY 22ND, 1930, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), C. Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury, Lord Cecil, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, Commander Kenworthy, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Charles Roberts, Mrs. Runciman, Lady Selborne, Rennie Smith, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley and L.M. Wynch, together with the Deputy Secretary.

141. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr. Norman Angell, Colonel Carnegie, Miss K.D. Courtney, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Captain Green, Major Hills, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Queensborough, Sir John Power, Captain W.S. Sanders and Mr. H.S. Syrett.
142. REPORT OF THE LEAGUE COMMITTEE FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE COVENANT IN ORDER TO BRING IT INTO HARMONY WITH THE PACT OF PARIS. The Committee resumed consideration of this report. Lord Cecil informed the Committee that a resolution on this subject had been agreed to by an informal meeting of members of the Executive at which Lord Cecil, Miss K.D. Courtney, Mrs. Dugdale, Major Walter Elliot, Mr. R.S. Hudson, Sir Thomas Inskip, Lord Lothian, Mr. Rennie Smith, Mr. Herbert Worsley and Mr. L.M. Wynch had been present. Lord Cecil then moved the resolution which was unanimously adopted in the following form:-

The Executive Committee, having considered the report of the Committee presided over by Signor Scialoja, are of opinion that it is desirable so to amend the Covenant as to bring it into harmony with the Pact of Paris. They recognise that this can only be done by international agreement and they support the proposed amendments (with the exception of the new paragraph 7(bis) of Article 15 which seems unnecessary) as a reasonable compromise on two conditions. In the first place they think that no alteration in the existing provisions of the Covenant should be made until a treaty for the reduction and limitation of armaments in pursuance of Article 8 has entered into force; and in the second that it should be made clear by a resolution of the Assembly that while the Council must have discretion as to how it should exercise its powers under Articles 11, 13 and 15 it should be understood that it will not recommend measures involving acts of war except against a party which has itself resorted to war. If these conditions are fulfilled the Executive Committee, while recognising that the ambit of Article 16 will be in principle extended, yet are of opinion that the guarantees of peace will on the whole be increased."

It was then

RESOLVED: (a) "That this resolution be referred to by the Chairman in his speech to the forthcoming meeting of the General Council."

See Minute 153

- (b) "That reference be made to this resolution in a forthcoming issue of Speakers' Notes."
- (c) "That this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister and to the Foreign Secretary."
- (d) "That this resolution be brought to the notice of the Union's delegation to the XIVth Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies."

Lord Cecil expressed his appreciation of the fact that the Committee had reached general agreement on this matter.

The Committee then considered and received with interest the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the International Law Committee held on April 7th, 1930 (subject to the addition of Mr. F.N. Keen's name to the list of those who apologised for absence.)

It was further

RESOLVED: "That Professor Murray's memorandum on 'The Provisions of the Covenant in Respect of "Security", i.e. Protection in Case of War' (attached to the Political and Parliamentary Committee's Minutes of 1.5.30) be reconsidered by the Political and Parliamentary Committee in the light of the above resolution."

143. MINUTES (8.5.30). Subject to the following reports on Minutes 127 and 131 and decisions on Minutes 130(a), 130(b) and 132, the Minutes of the Meeting held on May 8th, 1930, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 127(118)(110)(c)(33)(b) - Suggested Reception for Council Meeting, Lord Cecil reported that he would unfortunately be unable to attend the Reception as he would be in Geneva on that date.

On Minute 127(118)(110)(c)(33)(c) - Suggested Reception for Council Meeting, the Chairman expressed the hope that those members of the committee who had not already sent a donation towards the expenses of the Reception to the Council delegates would give the matter their attention.

On Minute 130(a) - United States of Europe - Overseas Committee (European Co-operation Business), after discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Political and Parliamentary Committee be asked to give their consideration to M. Briand's Memorandum on a United States of Europe and that they be recommended to invite members of the British Committee for European Co-operation to attend meetings at which this document was to be discussed."

On Minute 130(b)(378) - Women's Advisory Council - Mi Tsai, it was

See Minute 153

RESOLVED: "That the following portion of the resolution to which this Minute refers be adopted:-

'The Women's Advisory Council further urges (H.M. Government) that the public be periodically informed of the progress of events (in connection with the abolition of the system of imi Teal).'"

On Minute 131 - The Destruction of Sea Birds by Oil Waste - the Chairman reported that enquiries on this subject had been made. The Foreign Office had indicated that they were willing and anxious to do what they could. They had submitted an amended draft Convention to Washington in 1927 but had heard nothing of it since. They had raised the matter at intervals but had had no reply. Interest in the matter in the United States was apparently dead.

The Foreign Office would be willing to try to convoke a second conference if the United States of America would definitely indicate that they had no further interest in the matter. The Foreign Office did not however anticipate success as obstacles concerning the zone system were likely to be forthcoming from Germany and Holland. They suggested, however, that the American, German and Dutch League of Nations Societies might be approached on the matter, and also the British representative of the Marine Tonnage Measurement Committee.

It was agreed that action might be taken on the lines suggested above.

On Minute 132 - Draft Preliminary Agenda for the Eleventh Annual Meetings of the General Council, Lord Cecil reported that he would be unable to attend the Council Meeting and that therefore Professor Murray would take the Chair and deliver the speech of welcome to the Council. It was further agreed that certain other members of the Executive Committee be asked to speak to several items on the Council Agenda, notably the Office Reorganisation Committee's Report, the Annual Report, Accounts and Statement of Policy. It was

RESOLVED: "That arrangements in this connection be left in the hands of the Chairman."

The Chairman then expressed the hope that members of the Executive Committee would make every effort to attend the Council Meetings and to take part in the discussions.

144. MINUTES (15.5.30) The Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee held on May 15th, 1930, were confirmed as circulated.

See Minute 153

145. PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE XIVTH PLENARY CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES TO BE HELD IN GENEVA IN JUNE 1930. The Committee considered resolutions contained in this agenda and

RESOLVED: I. Internal Questions: That action in regard to resolutions 1 (Plenary Congress 1931), 2 (Application for Affiliation to the Federation) and 4 (League of Nations Emblem Prize Competition) be left to the discretion of the Union's delegation to the Congress."

II. Education: It was reported that 1 (Geneva Scholarships for Schoolmasters) and 2 (The Visual Teaching of Geography) were to be considered by the Union's Education Committee at their meeting on May 22nd.

III. National Minorities: That the Union's delegation be recommended to support resolutions 2 (Armenian Procray in Turkey) and 3 (Identity and Travelling documents for persons of doubtful nationality or none) and that action in regard to 4 (Situation of Apatrides) be left to its discretion.

V. Political and Juridical Questions: That the Union's delegation be instructed to oppose resolutions 1 (Article 16 of the Covenant) subject to its discretion and 4 (Ratification of International Conventions); to support 2 (Application of Article 15 of the Covenant) and 3 (Codification of International Law); to suggest the amalgamation of 7 (Policy of Peace and Disarmament) with the resolutions on the same subject viz. 5 (Pacific Settlement of International Disputes) 6 (Defence of International Order) 8 (Reduction of Armaments by International Agreement) standing in the name of the British League of Nations Union; to exercise its discretion in regard to resolutions 14 (Espionage) and 15 (Misleading Press Publications on International Matters) and to suggest the adjournment of resolution 16 (The Palestine Mandate). (In this connection the Chairman reported that the Mandates Committee was to consider an alternative resolution which the Delegation might think fit to put forward.)

In regard to resolution 17 (Terror and Religious Persecution in the Ukraine) to suggest that the following be moved as an amendment to this resolution:-

"XIVTH PLENARY CONGRESS

Deeply moved by the accounts appearing throughout the world of the persecution of religion in Russia,

formally protests against those practices which are universally condemned by the conscience of to-day and which threaten to disturb the good understanding between nations upon which peace depends."

In regard to the additional resolution submitted by the French League of Nations Federation concerning the Constitution of an International Criminal Jurisdiction, to oppose this resolution.

Lord Dickinson (The Union's Representative on the Bureau) said that he anticipated that a certain amount of business on the agenda would have to be postponed or dropped in view of the large number of resolutions which had been put forward. In this event the Committee suggested that resolutions 5 (Pacific Settlement of International Disputes) 6 (Defence of International Order) 7 (Policy of Peace and Disarmament) 8 (Reduction of Armaments by International Agreement) might be amalgamated; 9 (Composition of the Mandates Commission) 14 (Espionage) and 15 (Misleading Press Publications on International Matters) postponed; and 10 (Drug Traffic), 11 (Treatment of Prisoners) and 13 (Pensions Scheme for League of Nations Officials) dropped.

146. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Political and Parliamentary Committee (Lord Cecil reported). With the exception of Minute 16, consideration of which was adjourned, in accordance with Minute 142 above, the Minutes of the Committee dated May 1st, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (16) Chemical Warfare Sub-Committee; (17) Membership of the Committee; (18) Sanctions of the League; (19) The Union and Parliament.

- (b) Mandates Committee (Mrs. Dugdale reported). The Minutes of the Committee dated May 6th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (11) Summary of the report of the Commission of Enquiry on the Palestine Disturbances of August, 1929; (12) Co-optation.

- (c) Minorities Committee (Mrs. Dugdale reported). The Minutes of the Committee dated May 6th, 1930, were approved and adopted, subject to the inclusion of Sir Walter Napier's name in the list of those present.

These Minutes included (17) Resolutions for the Federation Meeting; (18) Stateless Persons; (19) Question of a Balkan Federation.

- (d) Welcome Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). Subject to certain alterations in the programme for the visit of representatives of American International Clubs in Minute 43, the Minutes of the Committee dated May 6th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

See Minute 153

- These Minutes included (37) Arising out of Minutes; (38) Secretary's Report; (39) Letter from Lady Gladstone; (40) Hospitality to Foreign Students; (41) New Member of Committee; (42) Reception for Council Meeting; (43) Visit of Representatives of American International Clubs; (44) Musicians' Benevolent Fund; (45) U. Nesser.
- (e) Industrial Advisory Committee (Lady Hall reported). Subject to the following decision on Minute 51 the Minutes of the Committee dated May 15th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (45) Office Reorganisation - Mr. Macartney; (46) World Aspects of Unemployment; (47) Adult Education Conference; (48) Miss Constance Smith; (49) Membership; (50) Miss Hinton Smith; (51) Forced Labour; (52) Conference of Representatives of Industrial Organisations Associated with the Union; (53) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (54) Unemployment and Disarmament; (55) League of Nations Union General Council; (56) Washington Hours Convention; (57) Peace through Industry; (58) White Lead Convention; (59) International Association for Social Progress; (60) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (61) Applications; (62) International Labour Conference - League of Nations Union Party.

On Minute 51 - Forced Labour, the Committee considered a memorandum S.G. 3364a concerning the definition of Forced Labour and after considerable discussion it was

- RESOLVED: (a) "That the Executive receives this report and recognises its valuable suggestions but it reiterates its fear lest such provisions of the draft convention as those contained in Article 2 of the preamble and sub-clause (b) may operate as authorising and stabilising forced and compulsory labour, and hopes that the whole convention will be carefully scrutinised by a skilled draftsman before it is accepted by the British delegation to the I.L.O. Conference."
- (b) "That the Union's delegation to the Congress of the Federation be recommended to support resolution IV(3) (Definition of Forced Labour) under the heading I.L.O., Economic and Social Questions (in the one stripe agenda) and that the delegation be authorised to make what use they think suitable of the suggestions contained in the memorandum S.G. 3364a."

- (f) Finance Committee. The Minutes of the Committee dated May 15th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (39) Accounts for 1929; (40) Financial Report; (41) Manchester; (42) Essex; (43) Sussex; (44) "Salaries Account"; (45) Proposed Annual Dinner; (46) References from the Executive; (47) Passing of Cheques for Payment; (48) Scheme for Enrolling 100,000 Foundation Members.

On Minute 43 - Scheme for enrolling 100,000 Foundation Members, Mr. J.H. Harris stressed the importance of this matter.

(g) Office Committee (Mr. Worsley reported). The Minutes of the Committee dated May 8th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (7) Staff; (8) Report of Standing Staff Committee; (9) Regional Representatives; (10) Clerk in Publicity Section; (11) Composition of Committee; (12) Membership Increases.

147. LONDON NAVAL TREATY. Consideration of this matter was adjourned.

148. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following 6 new Branches, 15 Junior Branches; 15 Corporate Associates and 5 Corporate Associates be formally recognised and the Union's seal affixed to the Certificates."

BRANCHES: Bradfield and Stanford Dingly, Berks; Groombridge, Sussex; Linly and Papplewick, Notts; Llantwit Fardre and District, Glam; London Telephone Services; Southbourne and District. DELETIONS: Clochmill, Beds.; South London Ethical Society Branch. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Kelsick Grammar School, Ambleside, Westmorland; County Secondary School, Brampton, Cumberland; Day Technical School for Girls, Chatham, Kent; Cheadle and Gatley School, Cheadle, Cheshire; The Grammar School, Darwen, Lancs; The Modern School, Thornhill, Dewsbury, Yorks; Central School, Kettering, Northants; Lewisham Road Congregational Church, Lewisham, Sussex; Council School, Llanfillo, Brecons; Central High School for Girls, Manchester; High School for Girls, Manchester; Municipal Secondary School, Newport, Mon; Salford Secondary School, Lancs; Open Air School, Stratford, Lancs; Tipton Selective Central School, Tipton, Staffs; CORPORATE MEMBERS: Sarum Hill, Leamington Church, Basingstoke, Hants; St. Mark's Primitive Methodist Church, Hants; St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Watford, Herts; Rishton Conservative Club, Lancs; Lytham Sisterhood, Lancs; Liverpool Branch of Association of Assistant Mistresses; Ainsdale Wesleyan Church, Southport, Lancs; National Union of Teachers, Southport, Lancs; Chamber of Trade, Southport, Lancs; South London Ethical Society, Acton Y.W.C.A. Club, London; London Road Congregational Church, St. Leonards, Sussex; St. Mary the Virgin, Mirfield, Yorks; St. Stephen's Young Men's Society, Sheffield, Yorks; Idle Congregational Church, Yorks. DELETIONS: Upper Clapton Brotherhood; Nottingham United Kingdom Commercial Travellers Association; National Union of Book and Shoe Operatives, Plymouth. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Essendon Women's Institute; Silchester and District Women's Institute; Stoke Prior and District Women's Institute; Tetney Women's Institute; Yattendon and Frilsham Women's Institute; DELETIONS: Ham Street and Orleston Women's Institute; Goathland Women's Institute; Rectory Road Mothers' Meeting.

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It was reported that there were now 2,943 Branches, 872 Junior Branches, 3,240 Corporate Members and 642 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 is 857,436 of whom 170,197 have paid a subscription in 1930 as compared with 156,370 at this date last year.

149. BRANCH RESOLUTION. The Committee received with interest a resolution from the National Federation of Christian Workers among Poor Children.

150. CLOSING OF OFFICE - WHITSUNTIDE. It was

RESOLVED: "That the office be closed from 5.30 on Friday June 6th until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10th."

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See Minute 162

See Minute 162

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, MAY 29TH, 1930
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Lord Cecil (in the Chair), C. Delisle Burns,
Miss Courtney, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe,
Mrs. Durdale, H.H. Elvin, Captail Green, J.H. Harris,
R.S. Hudson, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Sir Thomas
Inskip, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Professor Murray, Sir
Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Charles Roberts,
W.J. Salmon, Lady Selborne, Rennie Smith, H.S. Syrett
H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley and L.M. Wynch,
together with the Deputy Secretary.

151. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr. Norman Angell,
Colonel Carnegie, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Sir Arthur
Haworth, Major Hills, Commander Kenworthy, Sir John Power,
Captain W.S. Sanders and Mrs. Wilson-Fox.

152. DEATH OF ARCHBISHOP LORD DAVIDSON. The Committee
unanimously expressed its deep sorrow at the recent death
of Archbishop Lord Davidson and

RESOLVED: "That the sympathy of the Executive Committee
be conveyed to Lady Davidson in her bereavement."

Lord Cecil in paying a tribute to Archbishop Lord
Davidson said that he had always been an earnest and
effective advocate in the cause of peace.

153. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes
142, 145(I) and amendments to Minutes 143 and 146(G),
the Minutes of the meeting held on May 22nd, 1930, were
confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 142 - Report of the League Committee
for the Amendment of the Covenant in order to
bring it into harmony with the Pact of Paris,
it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That publicity be given to the
resolution in the press and that
action in this respect be left
to the discretion of the Publicity
Department."

(b) "That the resolution be circulated
to branches in the next Branch letter."

On Minute 143(127)(118)(110)(c)(33)(b) - Suggested
Reception for Council Meeting, it was

RESOLVED: "That the following sentence be added
to this Minute:-

'The Executive was glad to learn
that Lord Grey would be able to
attend the Reception.'"

On Minute 145(I) - Provisional Agenda for the XIVth
Plenary Congress (International Federation) - Internal
questions, Lord Cecil reported that he had received a
letter from Dr. Garnett on the question of the proposed

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transfer of the Federation Headquarters to Geneva. It was agreed that Dr. Garnett's letter should be handed to Lord Dickinson who was asked to give earnest consideration to the views therein expressed.

On Minute 146(e)(51)(a) - Forced Labour, it was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be amended to read as follows:-

'.....such provisions of the draft convention as those contained in the Preamble of Article 2 and in sub-clause (b).....'"

154. THE SECRETARY. The Committee were glad to know that Dr. Garnett was making good progress after his operation. Lord Cecil reported that Dr. Garnett proposed to return to the office in June. It was then unanimously

RESOLVED: (a) "That Dr. Garnett be informed that the Committee is strongly of opinion that from the point of view of his future health he should not return to the office until after the summer holidays, and that, whenever he returns, it should be not merely with the consent but with the warm approval of his medical advisers."

(b) "That Lord Cecil be asked to write to Dr. Garnett."

155. LONDON NAVAL TREATY. Consideration of this matter was adjourned.

156. THE PALESTINE MANDATE. The Committee considered a draft resolution on this subject drawn up by Professor Murray together with certain amendments to this draft submitted by various members of the Mandates Committee. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That Professor Murray be asked to redraft this resolution as he thought fit in the light of the amendments which had been suggested and that the resolution, as amended, be submitted by the Union's delegation to the XIVth Plenary Congress in substitution for the resolution on this subject already standing in the name of the Palestinian League of Nations Society. (Section V, No. 16 of Part II of the Provisional Two-stripe Agenda)."

157. GENERAL COUNCIL - PRELIMINARY AGENDA. The Committee considered the Preliminary Agenda for the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the General Council. It was

RESOLVED: "That certain members of the Executive Committee be asked to make a point of attending the Council to take charge of the various resolutions."

It was agreed that every item on the agenda should be made the special concern of at least one member of the Executive as the Committee felt that the Chairman should not be placed in a position in which he might find himself obliged to take part in controversial discussions from the Chair.

In regard to the draft Standing Orders it was agreed that it should be suggested to the Council that whether the Standing Orders were adopted at the commencement of the meeting or not, they should at any rate be observed, with the consent of the Council as a temporary measure during the forthcoming meeting. It was also

RESOLVED: "That the resolutions having relation to the draft Standing Orders, submitted by the Liverpool and Merseyside District and the Berkshire Federal Council be opposed."

The Committee learned with pleasure that Mr. Clift of Manchester would move the adoption of the 100,000 Foundation Membership Scheme. In regard to other resolutions on the Preliminary Agenda paper it was

RESOLVED: "That resolution 2 (Branch Conferences - Camberley Branch) be supported; that resolution 3 (Subscriptions - Hereford City Branch) be referred to the Finance Committee; that resolution 4 (Representation of Branches on the General Council - London Regional Federation) be referred to the Branches Committee; that resolution 5 (Expenses of Council Representatives - Lynn District Council) be referred to the Branches Committee with the recommendation that the resolution be opposed; that resolution 6 (Library Finances - Kent Federal Council) be accepted subject always to the proviso that action taken on this resolution should be consistent with the condition of the Union's finances as a whole; that resolution 7 (Place of Next Annual General Meeting - Essex Federal Council) be left to the discretion of the Council; that resolution 8 (Armistice Day Leaflet - Nottinghamshire Federal Council) be referred to the Publicity and Finance Committees for consideration; that resolution 9 (Work in the Churches - Chiswick Branch) be referred to the Branches Committee for consideration; resolution 10 (Prize Essay Competition - Keyworth Branch) the Committee noted that the Education Committee did not recommend the Executive to adopt this resolution; that resolution 11 (Junior Branches - Northamptonshire Federal Council) be referred to the Finance Committee; that resolutions 1(B) (International Bank - Wolverhampton Branch and South Staffordshire District Council) be considered along with section 5 (Economic Co-operation) of the Executive Committee's Statement upon International Policy; that resolution 2(B) (International Language - Berkshire Federal Council) be left to the discretion of the Council."

In regard to the proposal submitted by the Blockley Branch concerning subscriptions for HEAD/AY, which was printed on the agenda of the Special Meeting, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Blockley Branch be asked to withdraw this proposal and that, in the event of their not doing so, the Executive should move at the Council for the adjournment of this proposal."

158. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Library Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). With the exception of Minutes 27 and 29 which stood referred to the Finance Committee, and subject to the following decision on Minute 30, the minutes of the Committee dated May 13th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (26) Grant from Carnegie United Kingdom Trust; (27) Greater Publicity for the Library; (28) Opening of the Library in the Evening; (29) Additional Shelving for the Library; (30) Further Accommodation for the Library; (31) Loan of Books to Non-Members of the Union; (32) Book List.

On Minute 30 - Further Accommodation for the Library, Mr. Headicar, Chairman of the Library Committee addressed the Executive on this subject and pointed out the disadvantages of the present library room. He said that if the library were moved to the present Council room there would be room for at least 3,000 more books and that the light which was essential for a library was better in the Council room than in the existing library. After a considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee expresses general agreement with the proposal to move the library to the Council room subject to the approval of the Office and Finance Committees."

- (b) Publicity Committee (Professor Murray reported). Subject to the following decision on Minute 44(c), the Minutes of the Committee dated May 20th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (41) World Aspects of Unemployment; (42) Report on Publicity Activities; (43) Membership of the Committee; (44) Questions of Policy; (45) Quarterly Returns of Sales; (46) Adult Education and the Peace of the World; (47) Picture Post Cards; (48) Leaflet on the General Act; (49) Wall Charts.

On Minute 44(c) - European Co-operation, it was

RESOLVED: "That this Minute be referred to the Political and Parliamentary Committee for consideration and that the Union's delegation to the forthcoming Plenary Congress of the International Federation be empowered to accept any decision of that Committee."

- (c) Christian Organisations Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 63 and 65 and report on Minute 66, the Minutes of the Committee dated May 21st, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (60) Composition of Committee; (61) Chairman's Visit to Utrecht; (62) Corporate Membership and Church Branches; (63) The League and the Cinema; (64) Sunday Schools; (65) Service in Connection with General Council; (66) Armistice Literature; (67) Proposed Meeting of the Metropolitan Free Church Federation; (68) Denominational Resolutions.

On Minute 63 - The League and the Cinema, it was

RESOLVED: "That this Minute be referred to the Education Committee for their consideration."

On Minute 65 - Service in connection with General Council, it was reported that a service had been arranged in St. Martins-in-the-Fields on Thursday, June 26th, at 6 p.m., and that Dr. Herbert Gray had consented to preach. In view of this arrangement it was

RESOLVED: "That the General Council should adjourn at 5.30 p.m. on this date."

On Minute 66 - Armistice Literature, it was understood that specimen copies of the Service for Armistice Day to be issued by the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, would be supplied to the Union free of cost.

- (d) Education Committee (Dr. Kimmins reported). Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 44, 47A(1)(2) (3)(4) and 49B, the Minutes of the Committee dated May 22nd, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (44) Arising out of the Minutes; (45) List of Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (46) Report on Work in Universities and Colleges; (47) Report of the Young People's Organisations Sub-Committee; (48) Eleventh Annual Meeting of the General Council; (49) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; Fourteenth Plenary Congress; (50) Local Education Authorities, Teachers and Schools; (51) Adult Education; (52) List of Books for Children and Teachers.

On Minute 44(36) - The Training Colleges (b) Bursaries for the Cambridge Senior School, it was

RESOLVED: "That this Minute be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration."

On Minute 47 - Report of the Young People's Organisations Sub-Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That resolutions A(1) and (2) be referred to the Finance and Branches Committees and A(3) and (4) to the Publicity Committee for consideration."

On Minute 49B - The School Leaving Age and Minimum Age Labour Conventions. Considerable discussion took place on this minute after which it was

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee, having considered this matter and in view of the variety of expert opinion on the subject, is not in a position to express any opinion in support or otherwise of the proposal; they therefore instruct the Union's delegation not to commit the Executive one way or another although, of course, any member of the delegation is at liberty to express his own personal view."

On Minute 52 - List of Books for Children and Teachers, on the request of Dr. Kimmins, resolution 52(3) was by leave withdrawn.

- (e) Industrial Advisory Committee (Captain Green reported) subject to the following decision on Minute 65 the minutes of the Committee dated May 26th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (65) Washington Hours Convention.

On Minute 65 - Washington Hours Convention, after considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That this Committee's Report concerning the Hours of Industrial Employment Bill in Relation to the Washington Hours Convention be received with thanks and that the document be kept for information."

159. NOMINATIONS: INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - REPRESENTATIVES OF EXECUTIVE, on the motion of Captain Green it was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. R.B. Hudson and Captain W.S. Sanders, M.P. be invited to represent the Executive Committee on the Industrial Advisory Committee."

160. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on June 19th, but that discretion be left to the Chairman to call a meeting before that date if he considers it desirable."

E.M.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JUNE 19TH, 1930,
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair),
C. Delisle Burns, Colonel Carnegie, Admiral
Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Digdale, Miss Ruth Fry,
Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, Sir Arthur Haworth,
R.S.Hudson, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Selborne,
H.S.Syrett, H.D.Watson, Herbert Worsley and
L.M.Wynch, together with the Deputy Secretary.

61. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr. Norman Angell,
Mr. L.J.Cadbury, Lord Cecil, Miss Courtney, Lord Dickinson,
Captain Green, Major Hills, Commander Kenworthy, Lady Parmoor,
Sir John Power, Mr. Charles Roberts, Mrs. Runciman,
Captain W.S.Sanders and Mrs. Wilson-Fox.
62. MINUTES. Subject to the following reports on Minutes 152
and 154 and decisions on Minute 153(143) and 155, the
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, May 29th, 1930,
were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 152 - Death of Archbishop Lord Davidson,
the Chairman read to the Committee a letter from
Lady Davidson in which she expressed her appreciation
of the sympathy conveyed to her by the Executive
Committee.

On Minute 153(143) - Reception for the Council
Meeting, the Chairman informed the Committee that
the Lord Mayor would be unable to be present at the
reception and that none of the City Aldermen could
attend on that evening. It was therefore

RESOLVED: "That arrangements in this connection
be left in the hands of Mr. Syrett."

The Chairman further expressed the hope that as many
members of the Executive as possible would attend the
Reception; only thirteen members had accepted to date.
Subscriptions for the expenses of the Reception
received from the Executive Committee amounted approx-
imately to £50 and the hope was expressed that
further donations would be forthcoming.

On Minute 154 - The Secretary, the Chairman reported
that Dr. Garnett had returned to London and had paid
a short visit to the office. The Committee would be
glad to learn that the Secretary was well on the way
to recovery. The Secretary wished the Committee to
accept his sincere gratitude for the kindness they had
shown him during his illness.

On Minute 155 - London Naval Treaty, it was agreed that
the Chairman should make some reference to this at
the forthcoming meeting of the General Council.

63. GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered and approved the
Final Agenda for the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the General
Council. It was further

RESOLVED: "That the amendment to clause 3 of the Standing Orders proposed by the Keyworth Branch be supported; that the amendment to clause 11 of the Standing Orders proposed by the Manchester District Council be supported; that the amendments to the Reorganisation Committee's Report submitted by the Edinburgh Branch and by the Liverpool and Merseyside District Council be opposed on the lines indicated in Minute 25 of the Branches Committee of 17.6.30; that in regard to the amendment proposed by the Waterloo, Crosby, Scaforth and Litherland Branch to resolution 6 (Library Finances) it should be explained to the Council that every effort had already been made by the Executive Committee to obtain a renewal of the Carnegie grant for the Library; that the amendment proposed by the Thirsk and District Branch to resolution 9 (Work in the Churches) be opposed; that the Council should not be recommended to accept the amendment to resolution 11 (Junior Branches) proposed by the Essex Federal Council, but that it should be suggested that this amendment should be considered by the Executive Committee in the course of their exploration of the possibilities of the reorganisation of Junior Branches, as indicated by the resolution itself; that resolution 12 (Literature for Junior Branches - Nottinghamshire Federal Council) be left to the discretion of the Council."

On section 9 of the Statement upon International Policy (Social Activities of the League) the Committee were informed of a resolution concerning Drug Traffic which had been passed by the International Federation of League of Nations Societies and it was

RESOLVED: "That this section of the Statement of Policy be not amended in the light of the resolution of the Federation but that the Federation's resolution be circulated to members of the Committee in due course for their consideration."

64.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Joint Meeting of the Political and Parliamentary and European Co-operation Committees (Professor Murray reported). With the exception of Minute 22 and the 'observations' on M. Briand's Memorandum on a European Federal Union, which was adjourned for consideration along with the report of the Geneva meetings of the General Assembly and Executive Committee of the Federal Committee for European Co-operation, the Minutes of the Committee dated May 29th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (21) Chemical Warfare Sub-Committee; (22) A European Federal Union; (23) Sanctions of the League; (24) Constituency Organisation

- (b) Opium Committee (Professor Murray reported). Subject to the following amendment to Minute 2, the Minutes of the Committee dated May 22nd, 1930, were approved and adopted.

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These Minutes included (2) League of Nations Union Policy; (3) Situation in the Far East.

On Minute 2 - League of Nations Union Policy, it was

RESOLVED: "That section 4 of this Minute be deleted."

It was further agreed that the Opium Committee be asked to express an opinion as to the method in which their resolutions in regard to drug traffic should be brought before the various League of Nations Societies.

- (c) Branches Committee (Mr. Worley reported). The Minutes of the Committees dated May 29th and June 17th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (17) Standing Orders for Council Meeting; (18) Caravan and Car; (19) Agenda for General Council Meeting; (20) Special Meeting of the General Council; Proposal of the Blockley Branch to increase from 3s.6d. to 5s.0d. the subscription to secure 'HEADWAY'; (21) References from the Executive; (24) Junior Organisations and Rovers; (25) Report of Reorganisation Committee; (26) 100,000 Foundation Members scheme; (27) Registered Members; (28) War Office Expenditure on the Training of Boys in Schools; (29) Union Policy.

- (d) Welcome Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). The Minutes of the Committee dated June 3rd, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (48) Arising out of Minutes; (49) Secretary's Report; (50) Visit of Representatives of American International Clubs; (51) Inter-Parliamentary Union 26th Conference; (52) Visit of Dr. Sherwood Eddy Group; (53) Welcome Committee Pamphlet.

- (e) Christian Organisations Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). The Minutes of the Committee dated June 11th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (72) The League and the Cinema; (73) St. Albans' Diocesan Conference; (74) Corporate Membership Certificate; (75) Revised Hymn Sheet with Tunes; (76) Sunday School Summer Schools; (77) General Council Meeting; (78) Denominational Resolutions.

- (f) Finance Committee (Mr. Syrett reported). The Minutes of the Committee dated June 12th, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (50) Financial Report; (51) Audited Accounts for 1929; (52) Appeals Committee; (53) General Council Meeting; (54) Education Committee; (55) Donation from Miss Irwin; (56) Signing and endorsing of Cheques; (57) Passing of Cheques for Payment; (58) Library Committee; (59) Proposed Annual Dinner.

The Committee noted with regret that Lord Queenborough would be unable to attend meetings of the Council and present the audited accounts

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owing to the fact that he was recovering from the effects of an operation.

- (g) Office Committee (Mr. Worsley reported). Subject to the following amendment to Minute 15C, the Minutes of the Committee dated June 17th, 193C, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (15) Half-Yearly Revision of Wages and Salaries; (16) Library; (17) The Reverend J.P. Taylor; (18) Miss Bradley; (19) Miss K.E. Harris; (20) Appeals Staff.

On Minute 15C - Half Yearly Revision of Wages and Salaries, it was

RESOLVED: "That the following words be added to Section C of this Minute:-

'Subject to the approval of the Finance Committee for 1931 and succeeding years.'

On Minute 16 the Committee particularly noted with approval the proposals for negotiations with the British Red Cross Society to secure further accommodation for the Union on the fourth floor of No. 14 Grosvenor Crescent in accordance with the terms set out in Minute 16.

165. EUROPEAN CO-OPERATION. The Committee considered Minute 22 of the Joint Meeting of the Political and Parliamentary and European Co-operation Committees dated May 29th, together with general observations on M. Briand's memorandum on a European Federal Union and the report of the Geneva Meetings of the General Assembly and Executive Committee of the Federal Committee for European Co-operation, upon which Mr. R.S. Hudson reported. It was

- RESOLVED: (a) "That Minute 22 of the Joint Meeting of the Political and Parliamentary and European Co-operation Committees together with the General Observations on M. Briand's Memorandum be approved, subject to the addition of a phrase to be drafted by the Chairman to section 4, expressing the hope that H.M. Government will not make their detailed reply to the memorandum until the forthcoming Assembly of the League, and to the addition of a section to be drafted by Mr. Delisle Burns with the approval of the Chairman and Mr. R.S. Hudson on the possibilities of economic co-operation with European States."
- (b) "That the Chairman be requested to send the General Observations on M. Briand's Memorandum, as finally amended, to the Foreign Secretary, with a covering letter."
- (c) "That the Executive Committee receives with interest the report of the Geneva Meetings of the General Assembly and Executive Committee of the Federal Committee for European Co-operation and approves the line taken by the Union's delegates on that occasion."

- (d) "That the proposal temporarily to establish a 'Bureau d'Informations' under the direction of M. Albeniz at Geneva be approved."
- (e) "That the proposal to hold a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Committee for European Co-operation at 15, Grosvenor Crescent on July 18th at 9.30 a.m. be approved."
- (f) "That the proposal to hold a public meeting on the subject of European Co-operation in London on the evening of Thursday, July 17th be not approved in view of the fact that neither Lord Cecil nor Professor Murray could be present and that Lady Astor, on behalf of the League of Nations Union, had already arranged to give a reception to the delegates to the Inter-Parliamentary Union on that date."

166. REPORT ON THE NINTH PLENARY CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES - GENEVA, JUNE, 1930. Sir Walter Napier and Admiral Drury-Lowe presented the above Report which was approved. Several members of the delegation emphasised the fact that clerical assistance was lacking both on the staff of the Federation and of the delegation and further that the assistance of an interpreter was needed. It was agreed that these questions should be investigated before the next meeting of the Congress.

167. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following 17 new Branches, 10 Junior Branches, 1 Junior Group, 19 Corporate Members and 12 Corporate Associates be formally recognised and the Union's seal affixed to the Certificates."

BRANCHES: Balcombe (Sussex); Bow, Devon; Chester Diocesan Training College, Cheshire; Dukinfield, Cheshire; Ewhurst, Surrey; Harlesden Baptist Church, London; Melbourn, Cambs; Pontefract, Yorks; St. Peter's College, Peterborough; Sedlescombe, Sussex; Sidlesham, Sussex; Studley Agricultural College, Warwicks; Walton and Hersham, Surrey; W.D. and H.O. Wills' No. 1 Factory Branch, Bristol; West Mersea, Essex; Willoughby, Notts; Woolhempton, Aldermaston and Brimpton, Berks. DELETIONS: Addingham, Eikley, Yorks; Hallfield Baptist Church, Bradford; Undercliffe Wesleyan Church, Bradford; St. Augustine's Church, Bradford; Dalby and Whinby, Yorks; Foulridge, Lancs; Hensworth, Yorks; Leeds Primitive Methodist Church Branch; Longworth and District, Berks; Lothersdale, Yorks; New Edlington, Yorks; St. Mary's Isles of Scilly; Whitehill and Blackmoor, Hants. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Boys' Secondary School, Caerphilly; West End Junior Branch, Hammersmith; Cybi Girls' Central School, Holyhead; Rhanva College, Hunstanton; City of London School for Girls; Hulme Grammar School, Oldham; Victoria Senior Girls' School, Teddington; St. Mark's Senior Girls' School, South Teddington; Stocksbridge Junior Branch, Hants; Brondesbury and Kilburn High School, Willesden; JUNIOR MEMBERS GROUP: Peckham Guide Company, Worcs; DELETION: Whitechapel Foundation School.

CORPORATE MEMBERS: Carden Palace Church, Aberdeen; Girls' Association Sandgate Church, Ayr; Girls Association, Church of Scotland, Dalkeith Presbytery, Edinburgh; Bonhill Women's Guild of Friendship, Glasgow; All Saints Church, High Wycombe, Bucks; Maryport Co-operative Society, Cumberland; Grange Congregational Church, Sunderland; St. Paul's Girls' Friendly Society, Clacton-on-Sea; Moorcown Congregational Church, Bournemouth; Maidstone Divisional Labour Party, Kent; Maidstone Branch of Tcc H, Kent; St. James's Church, Barrow-in-Furness; Rishton Wesleyan Sunday School (admission); Congregational Church, King Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme; Congregational Church, Tower Road, Hindhead; Kingston-on-Thames, Liberal Association; St. Marks Church, Woodcote, Purley, Surrey; St. Mary's Church, Catlands, Weybridge, Surrey; Morton Bank Wesley Guild, Keighley, Yorks.

DELETIONS: United Free Church of Scotland, Boharm; East Finchley Brotherhood. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Baldersley Women's Institute; Belbroughton Women's Institute; Cookham Dean Women's Institute; Dicker Women's Institute; High Hurstwood Women's Institute; Holt Heath Women's Institute; Mayland Women's Institute; Tipton St. John Women's Institute; Marcham and Frilford Women's Institute; Women's Section, Torquay Labour Party; Sunninghill Women's Own, Women's Social Hour, Chester Road Baptist Church, Erdington;

DELETION: Sayers Common Women's Institute.

It was reported that there were now 2,947 Branches, 882 Junior Branches, 23 Junior Groups, 3,265 Corporate Members and 653 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 is 859,293 of whom 196,898 have paid a subscription in 1930 as compared with 181,374 at this date last year.

168. BRANCH RESOLUTION. The Committee received with interest a resolution from the Florence Road Baptist Church, Brighton.
169. PROPOSED MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN FREE CHURCH FEDERATION. The Committee considered this matter and after discussion
- RESOLVED: "That this question be adjourned until further information has been obtained."
170. PROFESSOR GILBERT MURRAY. Mr. Worsley, seconded by Admiral Drury-Lowe, moved the following resolution on behalf of the Executive Committee as a whole:

"That we take the opportunity of this last Meeting of the present Executive Committee to record our high appreciation of the services rendered to this Committee and to the Union by the Chairman and Lord Cecil during the past year."

This resolution was unanimously adopted by acclamation. Professor Murray then expressed his thanks to the Committee.

James Hill

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JULY 3RD, 1930,
 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major Hills (in the Chair), C. Delisle Burns,
 Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Lord Dickinson,
 Admiral Drury-Lowe, Miss Ruth Fry, Captain L.H.
 Green, J.H. Harris, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier,
 Mrs. Walter Runciman, Herbert Worsley, together
 with the Deputy Secretary.

171. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr. Norman Angell,
 L.J. Caspary, Mrs. Courtney, Lady Gladstone, Mr. Leif
 Jones, Commander Kenworthy and Professor Murray.
172. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on Minute 165
 and decision on 164(b), the Minutes of the meeting held on
 Thursday, June 19th, 1930, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 165 - European Co-operation, the Chairman
 reported that Professor Murray had sent the General
 Observations on M. Briand's memorandum to the Foreign
 Secretary and had received a letter from Mr. Henderson
 thanking him for the document which he considered
 valuable and suggestive and with much of which he was
 in agreement.

On Minute 164(b) - Opium Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That the last paragraph of this minute
 be deleted in view of the fact that the
 action therein suggested would be taken
 in the ordinary course of the office
 routine."

173. THE SECRETARY. The Chairman reported that Professor Murray
 had written on June 20th to Mrs. Garnett, saying that under
 the ordinary office rules Dr. Garnett might have leave for
 six months without any questions, that he felt certain that
 Dr. Garnett ought to take at least that amount of leave,
 and that he did not think there would be the least difficulty
 in getting the Executive to consent to a year. It was also
 reported that Professor Murray had received from Mrs. Garnett
 in reply a certificate from Dr. Garnett's medical adviser,
 stating that his general condition will not permit of his
 resuming his usual work for some considerable time.

- RESOLVED: (1) "That Professor Murray's letter be endorsed."
 (2) "That, as from the date of his operation,
 Dr. Garnett take six months complete rest
 from Union business, and that he attend
 neither the Geneva Institute nor the
 Assembly."
 (3) "That at the end of the above mentioned
 period a further certificate from Dr. Garnett's
 medical adviser be obtained."
 (4) "That Major Hills be asked to convey this
 information to Dr. Garnett."

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174. CO-OPTATIONS. After discussion it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Hall, Mr. Hudson, Sir John Power, Lady Selborne, Mr. Syrett and Mrs. Wilson-Fox be co-opted to serve on the Executive Committee for the year 1930/31."
- (2) "That a sub-Committee consisting of the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Delisle Burns and Mr. Worsley be appointed to recommend not more than thirteen persons for co-optation by the Executive, and in this connection to consider certain names."
- (3) "That the Edinburgh Branch be invited to submit a name for consideration by the Sub-Committee."

It was further agreed that members of the Executive Committee who wished to do so be invited to send in any names they might wish the sub-Committee to consider in this connection.

175. PROPOSED MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN FREE CHURCH FEDERATION. The Chairman read a letter from the Reverend E. J. T. Bagnall, President of the Metropolitan Free Church Federation, proposing that the Union should co-operate with that Federation in the holding of a mass gathering of young people under 30 years of age at Armistice time, to be addressed by Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, Miss Megan Lloyd George and a third speaker who has still to be chosen, the Union bearing part of the financial responsibility. At the request of Professor Murray the proposal had been discussed with Mr. Innes, who gave reasons for thinking the Federation would not be in favour of it. After discussion, in which it was suggested that the National Federation of Free Churches might also be invited to co-operate in the proposed meeting, it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That the proposal be discussed fully with Mr. Bagnall, that he be informed that the Committee considers the proposal a good one if it can be carried through, and that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee."
- (2) "That the Chairman be asked to see Mr. Morton George and to ascertain the official view of the London Regional Federation on this subject."

At this stage of the proceedings Major Hills was obliged to leave the meeting, and Lord Cecil took the Chair.

176. ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. Mr. Worsley reported briefly on the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the General Council, and said that the attendance was better than ever before. The Standing Orders which were adopted helped very much with the working of the meeting, and the plan of arranging for certain members of the Executive to take charge of the various motions on the agenda had worked very well. Reference was made to a speech by Mr. Sims, a delegate from the Beddington Branch, in which he voted against the Statement on International Policy and deprecated the Union dealing with political matters. After discussion it was

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- RESOLVED: (1) "That the thanks and congratulations of the Executive Committee be tendered to the Chairman for the admirable and successful manner in which the meeting of the Council was conducted, which was especially gratifying as demonstrating the advantage of freeing the presiding officer from all duties except that of conducting the meeting."
- (2) "That the practice of making members of the Executive responsible for the various items on the agenda of Council Meetings be continued."
- (3) "That, in future, when presenting any document to the General Council the member in charge should fully explain the origin of the document and the different views expressed in the formation of it."
- (4) "That Mr. Sims be invited to call at this office in order to discuss the points raised by him at the Council Meeting."

Consideration was then given to certain resolutions of the General Council, and it was

- RESOLVED: (a) "That the resolutions on REPRESENTATION OF BRANCHES ON THE GENERAL COUNCIL, EXPENSES OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES, and the PRIZE ESSAY COMPETITION be referred to the Branches Committee for consideration and report."
- (b) "That the suggestion made by Miss Fry that each member of the Executive might be allotted a "constituency" in order to maintain personal touch between that area and the Executive, be considered by the Branches Committee along with the resolution on REPRESENTATION OF BRANCHES ON THE GENERAL COUNCIL."
- (c) "That the resolution concerning Library Finances be referred to the Library and Finance Committees for consideration and report."
- (d) "That a memorandum on the organisation and work of Junior Branches be circulated to the next meeting of the Committee, and that the resolutions on JUNIOR BRANCHES and LITERATURE FOR JUNIOR BRANCHES be considered at the same time."
- (e) "That the resolution concerning the BANK FOR INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENTS be referred to the Economic Committee for consideration and report."

177. REORGANISATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT - APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN. Mr. Harris suggested that, in accordance with the suggestion contained in the report of the Reorganisation Committee, steps should be taken to appoint a Deputy Chairman, and it was

RESOLVED: "That this question be adjourned till the next meeting and that meanwhile Lord Cecil be asked to ascertain Professor Murray's views on the subject."

178. STAFF. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the work done by the staff particularly during the absence of the Secretary."

179. RESOLUTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES. Consideration of the resolutions passed by the XIVth Plenary Congress of the Federation was adjourned till the next meeting when it was hoped Mr. Hudson would be present.

180. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Library Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). The Minutes of the Committee dated June 16th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (35) Library Leaflet; (36) Book List; (37) Attendance of Librarian at Autumn Conference of the Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux; (38) Financial Statement (Carnegie United Kingdom Trust).

(b) Publicity Committee. Subject to the following decision on Minute 57, the Minutes of the Committee, dated June 16th, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (52) Membership of the Committee; (53) Report on Publicity Activities; (54) Questions of Policy; (55) Picture Post Cards; (56) Date of Future Meetings; (57) League of Nations Calendar; (58) Children's Leaflets; (59) Gramophone Records.

On Minute 57 - League of Nations Calendar, it was

RESOLVED: "To ask the Publicity Committee to reconsider the decision recorded in this Minute in view of the fact that the Secretary has been given six months leave of absence."

(c) Overseas Committee. Consideration of the Minutes of the Committee dated June 25th was adjourned till the next meeting when it was hoped Mr. Hudson would be present.

181. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following 1 new District, 3 Branches, 10 Junior Branches, 1 Junior Group, 13 Corporate Members, and 7 Corporate Associates be formally recognised and the Union's seal affixed to the Certificates."

DISTRICT: Federation of Surrey Branches of the League of Nations Union. BRANCHES: Dersford, Leics; Nayland, Suffolk; Ripley, Surrey. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Spring Bank Central School, Darwen, Lancs; Greenford Junior Branch, Middlesex;

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The Girls Grammar School, Hitchin, Herts; Royal Liberty School, Romford, Essex. JUNIOR MEMBERS GROUP: National Children's Homes, Congleton, Cheshire. DELETION: High Bentham Council School, Lancaster. CORPORATE MEMBERS: No. 2 Branch of the National Union of Railwaymen, Aberdeen; Wellwynd Church of Scotland, Airdrie; The Martyrs Church Young Men and Women's Guild, Glasgow; The Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association, Hamilton and District Branch; Portobello Guild Bible Class; National League of Young Liberals, Ilkeston, Derby; Dresden Congregational Church, Longton, Staffs; Brunswick Wesleyan Church, Newcastle, Staffs; Maldens and Coombe Labour Party, Surrey; St. Paul's Presbyterian Church of England, Reigate; London Road Congregational Church, Brighton; Bearwood Adult School, Warwicks; Lower Hopton Working Men's Club, Miffield, Yorks. DELETION: Liverpool Branch of Association of Assistant Mistresses. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Hawkinge, Acryse and Paddlesworth Women's Institute; Little Marlow and Bourne End Women's Institute; Shipbourne Women's Institute; Snettisham and Ingoldisthorpe Women's Institute; Trusthorpe Women's Institute; Bournville Women's Guild; Victoria Docks Presbyterian Church Women's Meeting.

It was reported that there were now 59 Districts, 2,250 Branches, 892 Junior Branches, 23 Junior Groups, 3,277 Corporate Members and 660 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 is 861,089 of whom 208,283 have paid a subscription in 1930 as compared with 191,209 at this date last year.

James Bell

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JULY 10TH,
1930 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major Hills (in the Chair), C. Delisle Burns,
Colonel Carnegie, Miss Courtney, Lord Dickinson,
Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Major Walter
Elliot, Captain Green, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris,
Sir Charles Hobhouse, Sir Thomas Inskip, Dr. C.W.
Kimmins, Sir Walter Napsier, H.S. Snyrett, Mrs.
Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley and L.M. Wynch,
together with the Deputy Secretary.

182. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr. Norman Angell,
L.J. Cadbury, Miss My Lady Galsome, Sir Arthur Haworth, Commander
Kenworthy, Professor Murray, Lady Parmoor and Mrs. Runciman.

183. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on Minute 173
and 176 (1) and report on Minute 174 (1), the Minutes of
the meeting held on Thursday, July 3rd, 1930, were con-
firmed as circulated.

On Minute 173 - The Secretary, Lord Cecil reported
that he had seen Dr. and Mrs. Garnett, and that
Dr. Garnett was very anxious to spend three days at the
meeting of the Geneva Institute and afterwards to take
a holiday with his family at Zermatt, and that he and
Mrs. Garnett purposed going to Geneva for a week at the
end of September. In view of this the Chairman stated
that he had not written to Dr. Garnett as the Committee
had requested him to do. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That Dr. Garnett be asked to furnish as soon
as possible the opinion of his medical
attendant on the desirability or otherwise
of his going to Geneva; and that, if the
Chairman and Lord Cecil are satisfied with
this report, the objection raised by the
Committee to Dr. Garnett's visits to Geneva
be withdrawn."

On Minute 174 (1) - Co-optations, it was reported
that acceptances had been received from all the persons
named in this minute with the exception of Sir John
Power who had not yet sent in any reply.

On Minute 176 (1) - Eleventh Annual Meeting of the
General Council, the Chairman promised to convey this
resolution to Professor Murray.

184. PROPOSED MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN FREE CHURCH FEDERATION.
The Chairman reported an interview he had had with Mr.
Morton George and explained that although the Branches in
the London area are opposed to the holding of a large
meeting on or about Armistice Day for various reasons,
Mr. Morton George felt sure that the London Regional Federa-
tion would approve of the proposal and suggested that the
Union should take some part in the meeting. The Chairman
further reported on an interview which had taken place
between Dame Adelaide Livingstone, the Rev. E.N. Porter Goff
and the Rev. B.J.F. Bagnall, and stated that there was no
possibility of the basis of the proposed meeting being
broadened. The Metropolitan Free Church Federation would
be willing to guarantee up to £30 towards the cost of the

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meeting, thus leaving the Union's guarantee, if the meeting were held in the Central Hall, at £50. The Chairman of the meeting would have to be either the Reverend E.J.T. Bagnall, as President of the Metropolitan Free Church Federation, or his nominee. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That, while thanking the Metropolitan Free Church Federation for its invitation, the Committee regrets that it will be impracticable for the Union to co-operate in the proposed meeting, having regard to the numerous Branch meetings already arranged for that time and to other difficulties."

(2) "That the London Regional Federation be informed of this decision."

185. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN. The Committee discussed further the appointment of a Deputy Chairman (see minute 177) and

RESOLVED: "To ask Lord Cecil, Professor Murray and Major Hills to consider the matter and report to a later meeting."

186. CO-OPTIONS. The Committee considered the report of the Co-optations Sub-Committee (see Minute 174(2) and after discussion

RESOLVED: "That the following eleven persons be co-opted to serve on the Executive Committee for the year 1930/1931 subject to their being members of the Union willing regularly to attend the Committee's meetings:-

H. Graham White, M.P.
Miss E.M. Guinness
Rennie Smith, M.P.
L.M. Wynch
H.H. Elvin
H.D. Watson
John Sherborne
W.J. Salmon
Montague Burton
Ben Turner, M.P.
Lt-Gen. Sir Hugh Jeudwine, K.C.B.

and that one of the two remaining vacancies be filled, if possible, by a representative from Edinburgh."

187. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES. The Committee considered the resolutions of the XIVth Plenary Congress of the International Federation, and

RESOLVED: "That these resolutions be forwarded to H.M. Government for their information."

188. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Overseas Committee (Mr. Wynch reported). Subject to the following decisions on Minute 33(b) and (c), 34, and 35, the minutes of the Committee dated June 25th, 1930 were approved and adopted.

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These Minutes included (32) Co-optation; (33) Report of the XIVth Plenary Congress; (34) Danzig Meeting; (35) German-Belgian Proposal on Publicity of Federation Committees; (36) Overseas Report; (37) European Co-operation; (38) Representative of the Overseas Committee at the General Council of the Union.

On Minute 33(b) and (c), Report of the XIVth Plenary Congress, it was

RESOLVED: "That these be received but that no action be taken."

On Minute 34 - Danzig Meeting, it was reported that Mr. Hudson would be unable to represent the Union on the Special Committee on European Federal Union. The Committee expressed its earnest hope that Lord Dickenson would find it possible to attend this Committee.

On Minute 35 - German-Belgian Proposal on Publicity of Federation Committees, it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of paragraph (1) of this minute be adjourned till the next meeting when it is hoped Mr. Hudson will be present."

- (b) Education Committee (Dr. Kimmins reported). Subject to the following decision on Minute 55(2)(b), the minutes of the Committee dated July 3rd, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (55) Arising out of the Minutes; (56) Resignation of Mr. L. G. Arkhill; (57) Representation of the London Teachers' Association; (58) List of Meetings, Teachers and Schools; (59) Report on Universities and Colleges; (60) The League and the Cinema; (61) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (62) Correspondence with Local Education Authorities; (63) Manual for Public Schoolmasters; (64) Teachers and World Peace; (65) The Study and Teaching of International Relations; (66) Manual for Youth Sections; (67) International Knowledge Badge; (68) Military Training in the Schools; (69) The Children's League of Nations; (70) Children's Museum; (71) Visits of School Children from Abroad; (72) Wireless Discussion Groups; (73) Whitsuntide School at Cober Hill; (74) Arrangements for the Conference of Education Associations.

On Minute 55(2)(b) - Report of the Young People's Organisations Sub-Committee, it was

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

It was further

RESOLVED: "That the Committee expresses gratification at the nature of this report from the Education Committee and of the work which that Committee is doing."

- (c) Welcome Committee. Admiral Drury-Lowe reported orally on Minute 59 of the Welcome Committee's meeting of July 8th, and stated that a letter had been received from Mr. Inagaki to the effect that Prince Tokugawa, the President of the Japanese League of Nations Association is visiting London in the near future and suggesting that the Union might like to arrange a reception or meeting

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for him, and that Lady Power had most kindly consented to give a reception in his honour on some suitable date. It was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved and that the cordial thanks of the Committee be extended to Lady Power."

189. INTERNATIONAL WINE OFFICE AND THE LEAGUE. The Committee re-considered minute 350 of the Women's Advisory Council of July 10th, 1929 and minute 145 (of July 18th, 1929) and 170 (of October 10th, 1929) of the Executive Committee on this subject and

RESOLVED: "That further consideration of this question be adjourned pending a report by the Secretary-General of the League of Nations on the subject and that the matter be included on the agenda of the last meeting of the Committee before the vacation."

190. ORGANISATION AND WORK OF JUNIOR BRANCHES. The Committee received a memorandum on the organisation and work of Junior Branches (see minute 176(d) and

RESOLVED: "That the resolutions passed by the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the General Council concerning JUNIOR BRANCHES and LITERATURE FOR JUNIOR BRANCHES be referred to the Education Committee and, possibly the Branches Committee, for consideration and report."

191. MOROCCO AND TANGIER. The Committee received a memorandum by Sir Charles Hobhouse on Morocco and Tangier, and

RESOLVED: (1) "That the cordial thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Sir Charles Hobhouse for his memorandum."

(2) "That a copy of the memorandum be sent to the Chamber of Commerce at Tangier."

192. EUROPEAN FINANCE. It was reported that a member of the staff of the weekly paper entitled "European Finance" had called at this office and suggested that the paper might help the Union by adopting some policy that would not be inimical to our interests and, at the same time, that the Union should help the paper by bringing it to the attention of its members. Mr. Hartley Withers had been consulted in this matter and recommended that the Union should not adopt these suggestions. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That no action be taken."

193. INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - REPRESENTATIVES OF EXECUTIVE.

RESOLVED: "That since Captain Sanders is no longer a member of the Executive Committee, Mr. Ben Turner be invited to represent the Executive on the Industrial Advisory Committee." (See minute 159 of May 29th, 1930.)

194. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following 9 new Branches, 8 Junior Branches, 12 Corporate Members be formally recognised and the Union's seal affixed to the Certificates."

BRANCHES: Ballymena, Ireland; Bridgnorth, Salop; Burton Joyce, Notts; Harrow Weald, Middx; Henllys, Monmouth; Milford and Witley, Surrey; Penisarwaen Baptist, Carnarvons; Stanmore, Middx; Stathern, Leics. DELETIONS: Saltaire Wesleyan Church, Bradford; Cragg Vale; Pamberton, Wigan; Pocklington; Stanmore and Harrow Weald; Woodhouse Moor Wesleyan Church, Leeds. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Council School for Boys, Buckley, Flintshire; St. Trinnean's School for Girls, Edinburgh; Upper Marylebone Street School, London; Oldham Grammar School, Lancs; Boys' Council School, Fwlhelm, Carnarvonshire; The Portland Boys' School, South Norwood; Stockton Lodge School, Stockton Heath, Warrington, Lancs; Council School, Ynyshir, Glamorganshire. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Aberdeen Union of Post Office Workers; Dykehead and Shotts Co-operative Society, Ltd., Scotland; High Street Presbyterian Church, Holywood, Belfast; West Ward Labour Association, Reading; Dukinfield Young Liberals, Cheshire; Stockport Industrial and Equitable Co-operative Society, Cheshire; Stockport Women's Liberal Association; Cheshire; Sunderland Society of Friends, Durham; Maldon Baptist Church, Essex; St. John's Baptist Church, Moorown, Farnmouth, Hants; Bury Primitive Methodist Church, Leics; Chiswick Popesgrove and Molesey Telephone Exchange, Chislewick, Middlesex.

It was reported that there were now 2,953 Branches, 900 Junior Branches and 3,289 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 is 861,685 of whom 213,987 have paid a subscription in 1930 as compared with 199,292 at this date last year.

Frank Hills.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JULY 17TH,
1930 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major Hills (in the Chair), C. Delisle Burns,
Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Miss Courtney,
Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Major Walter
Elliot, Miss Ruth Fry, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall,
J.H. Harris, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Commander
Kenworthy, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Sir Walter Napier,
Mrs. Runciman, Lady Selborne, John Sherborne,
H.S. Syrett, Ben Turner, H.D. Watson, Herbert
Worsley and L.M. Wynch, together with the Deputy
Secretary.

195. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr. Norman Angell,
L.J. Osborn, H.H. Elvin, Viscountess Gladstone, Professor
Murray, Lady Parmoor and W.J. Salmon.

196. MINUTES. Subject to the inclusion of Lady Selborne's name
in the list of those present, and to the following deci-
sions on minute 186 and 191, and report on minutes 183,
180(c) and 193, the minutes of the meeting held on
Thursday, July 10th, 1930 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 183(173) - The Secretary, the Chairman
reported that a message had been received from Dr.
Garnett saying that he had decided not to attend the
Geneva Institute but that he would take a holiday in
Switzerland in August; and that, if the Chairman and
Lord Cecil were satisfied with the medical report
which he would obtain, he would attend the Assembly
for one week in September, accompanied by his wife.

On Minute 186 - Co-optations, it was reported that the
following had accepted the Committee's invitation to
become co-opted members:-

H. Graham White, M.P.
Miss B.M. Guinness
L.M. Wynch
H.H. Elvin
H.D. Watson
John Sherborne
W.J. Salmon
Ben Turner, M.P.

Lt.-Gen. Sir Hugh Jevon was wished to discuss the
matter further with Mr. Wynch before sending a
definite reply to the Executive's invitation.

It was further reported that a letter had been
received from the Edinburgh Branch, pointing out the
difficulty they have in submitting any nomination for
the Executive so long as that Committee holds weekly
meetings. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Branches Committee be asked
to investigate and report upon the
action taken by other similar societies
to meet the difficulties connected
with regional representation; and,

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at the same time, to consider the suggestion that a special meeting of the Executive be held once a month at which members living at some distance from London would be expected to be present.

- (2) "That the Edinburgh Branch be informed that the whole question is being reconsidered, and that if the Committee finds any way of meeting their objections they will be so informed."

On Minute 188(c) - Welcome Committee, the Chairman reported that, although Lady Power had offered to give a dinner on July 10th in honour of Prince Tokugawa, she had found that only a very few of the people she had invited were able to accept her invitation, and she was therefore reluctantly compelled to withdraw her offer. Lady Power had promised to write herself to Prince Tokugawa and explain the situation.

On Minute 191 - Morocco and Tangier, on the motion of Miss Ruth Fry it was

RESOLVED: "That a copy of this memorandum be sent to the Foreign Office for information."

On Minute 193 - Industrial Advisory Committee, it was reported that Mr. Ben Turner had accepted the invitation to represent the Executive on the Industrial Advisory Committee.

197. GERMAN-BELGIAN PROPOSAL ON PUBLICITY OF FEDERATION COMMITTEES. In the absence of Mr. Hudson it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of minute 35(1) of the Overseas Committee of 25.6.30. be adjourned till the next meeting when it is hoped Mr. Hudson will be present."

198. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN. It was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That the Rt.Hon.J.W.Hills be re-appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the year 1930/31."

199. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN. Lord Cecil reported that he had received a letter from Professor Murray on this subject, and suggested that the matter should be adjourned until his return. It was pointed out, however, that Professor Murray would not be returning until August 2nd and, after discussion, it was

RESOLVED: "That Major Hills and Lord Cecil be asked further to consider this question and to submit a report to the Committee before the vacation."

200. NAVAL PROGRAMME. A communication from Commander Kenworthy was considered, drawing attention to the programme of warship building recently announced by the Government. He drew attention to the fact that the figures in the Naval Treaty were maximum figures and that there was no obligation to build up to that limit, that no other country had

yet announced a post-Treaty shipbuilding programme, and that it was most unfortunate that the British Government should have announced its programme at a time when Italy was proposing a naval building holiday. He reminded the Committee that the present programme is actually heavier than the shipbuilding carried out by the Conservative Government in the years 1926, 1927 and 1928, and that since that time the Kellogg Pact, the Optional Clause and the Naval Treaty have been signed. He suggested that the Government should be urged to postpone this new building programme in view of next year's World Disarmament Conference and of Italy's proposal for a naval holiday. Lord Cecil suggested that before the Committee expressed a definite opinion on the subject it might be desirable to ask the First Lord of the Admiralty to receive a small deputation from the Committee and to explain what his difficulties are. Lord Cecil was most anxious that no statement should be made in this country on any subject connected with shipbuilding until the Naval Treaty had been ratified by the U.S. Senate. After considerable discussion it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That the question be referred to the Political and Parliamentary Committee, and that Commander Kenworthy and Major Walter Elliot be invited to attend the Committee when this question is being discussed."
- (2) "That the Political and Parliamentary Committee be authorised to get into touch with the First Lord of the Admiralty and represent to him the nature of the discussion in the Executive Committee as to the Naval Programme, and to ask him whether he can help to remove the anxiety that was expressed in several quarters."

201. THE FAILURE OF THE SAAR NEGOTIATIONS. Dr. Delisle Burns drew the attention of the Committee to the failure of the Saar negotiations, and suggested that, from the point of view of the general prestige of the League, some action should be taken. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That a communication be sent to the French and German Societies, asking whether they have any objection to the Union expressing an opinion of regret that the Saar negotiations have failed, and whether anything can be done to re-start those negotiations."

202. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Welcome Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported).
The Minutes of the Committee dated July 8th, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (56) Secretary's Report; (57) Visit of Representatives of American International Clubs and Ten American Women Doctors; (58) Inter-Parliamentary Union 26th Conference; (59) Visit of Prince Tokugawa, President of Japanese League of Nations Association; (60) Suggested Visit of Members of Dutch League of Nations Society; (61) Dinner to Delegates to Imperial Conference; (62) Suggested New Member.

- (b) Branches Committee (Mr. Worsley reported). Subject to the following report on Minute 32(3) the minutes of the Committee dated July 10th, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (32) Representation of Branches on the General Council and Expenses of Council Representatives; (33) Prize Essay Competition; (34) Regions Committee.

On Minute 32(2) - Representation of Branches on the General Council and Expenses of Council Representatives, Mr. Worsley emphasised the necessity for adequate space being made available in HEADWAY for this and for the Foundation Membership Scheme.

- (c) Minorities Committee (Sir Walter Napier reported). The Minutes of the Committee dated July 10th, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (21) Statelessness; (22) Resolutions of the XIVth Plenary Congress; (23) Bulletin International du Droit des Minorites; (24) The Danzig Meetings of the Federation; (25) Petition to the Prime Minister.

203. BRANCH RESOLUTION. The Committee received with interest a resolution from the Baptist Tabernacle, Swindon.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
19, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JULY 24TH,
1930 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Lord Cecil (in the Chair until 11.45) Lord
Dickinson (in the Chair from 11.45 onwards),
L.J.Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Miss Courtney,
Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Miss Ruth Fry,
Captain Green, Miss Guinness, J.E.Harris,
Sir Charles Hobhouse, Sir Hugh Jeurwine,
Commander Kenworthy, Dr. C.W.Kimmins, Mr.Leif
Jones, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, Lady
Selborne, John Sherborne, H.S.Syrett, Ben Turner,
H.D.Watson, H.Graham White, Herbert Worsley,
Mrs. Wilson-Fox and L.M.Wynch, together with the
Deputy Secretary.

204. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr. Norman Angell,
H.H.Elvin, Viscountess Gladstone, Sir Arthur Haworth,
Lady Hall, Professor Murray, Lady Parmoor, Mr. Rennie Smith,
and Mrs. Runciman.

205. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minute 196(183)
and decisions on minutes 196(186) and 196(188c), the
minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, July 17th were
confirmed as circulated.

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On Minute 196(183) - The Secretary, the Chairman
reported that Major Hills had been in correspondence
with the Secretary and suggested that the matter
should be adjourned till the next meeting when
Major Hills would make a report to the Committee.

On minute 196(186) - Co-optations, the Chairman
read a letter which Professor Murray had received
from Mr. Montague Burton, regretting that as he
was seldom in town he was unable to accept the
Executive's invitation to serve on the Committee.
Mr. Montague Burton stated that his non-acceptance
was "not due to any lack of appreciation of the
honour or the privilege of serving the Union".
It was

RESOLVED: "That a letter be sent to Mr.Montague
Burton, expressing the regret of the
Committee at his inability to accept
its invitation, appreciating the kind
manner in which he has conveyed his
decision, and congratulating him on the
excellent organisation of the Union's
Branch at his Leeds factory."

The Chairman welcomed Lt.-Gen.Sir Hugh Jeurwine and
Mr.H.Graham White who were attending the Committee
for the first time.

On Minute 196(188c) - Welcome Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words "twelve out of the
forty-eight" be substituted for the
words "a very few of the" in the
fourth line of this minute."

206. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN. It was
RESOLVED: "That this question be adjourned to the
next meeting of the Committee."
207. GERMAN-BELGIAN PROPOSAL ON PUBLICITY OF FEDERATION
COMMITTEES. The Committee considered minute 35(1)
of the Overseas Committee of 25.6.30. and
RESOLVED: "That this minute be not approved, but
that the matter be left to the discretion
of the Union's delegates to the Danzig
meeting of the Representative Council
of the Federation."
208. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FEDERAL COMMITTEE FOR
EUROPEAN CO-OPERATION. Lord Dickinson presented a report
(S.C.3925) on the meeting of the Executive Committee of
the Federal Committee for European Co-operation held on
July 16th and it was
RESOLVED: "That the report be accepted."
209. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.
- (a) Political and Parliamentary Committee (Lord Cecil
reported) subject to the following decisions on
Minutes 26 and 33, the Minutes of the Committee dated
July 17th and July 22nd were approved and adopted.
- These Minutes included (26) Action upon the New
Statement of Policy; (27) Mutual Guarantees;
(28) European Federal Union; (29) British Naval
Shipbuilding Programme; (30) Arrangements in
Constituencies; (31) The Dutch Government and
Gas Warfare; (32) Tanks for the U.S.S.R.
- On minute 26 - Action upon the New Statement of
Policy, it was
- RESOLVED: "That the words 'and to Lord Parmoor,
Lord Salisbury and Lord Beauchamp' be
added to this resolution."
- On Minute 33 - British Naval Shipbuilding Programme.
Lord Cecil stated that an informal interview had
taken place between himself, Vice-Admiral Drury-
Lowe, Major Walter Elliot and the First Lord of the
Admiralty on July 17th, and read to the Committee a
confidential report of the interview. It was
- RESOLVED: "That the resolutions in this minute be
approved subject to the substitution of
the words 'as soon as' for the word 'if'
in the twenty-first line of resolution
(a); and to the insertion of the words
'to Lord Parmoor and the Leaders of the
Opposition in both Houses' after the
word 'Government' in resolution (b)."
- (b) Library Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported).
Subject to the following decision on Minute 40, the
Minutes of the Committee dated July 15th, 1930,
were approved and adopted.

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These Minutes included (40) Library Leaflet; (41) Book-List; (42) Library Finances; (43) Attendance of the Librarian at the Autumn Conference of the Library Association.

On Minute 40 - Library Leaflet, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be adopted subject to the approval of the Chairman of the Publicity Committee."

- (c) Christian Organisations Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 85 and 86, the Minutes of the Committee dated July 16th, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (82) The League and the Cinema; (83) Lincoln Diocesan Conference; (84) Appeal for 100,000 Foundation Members; (85) Corporate Members Certificate; (86) Corporate Members' Literature; (87) New Corporate Members; (88) Co-operation with Missionary Societies; (89) Co-operation with Christian Social Council and World Alliance; (90) Resolution from Streatham Branch.

On Minute 85 - Corporate Members Certificate, it was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Macdonald Gill be invited to submit the preliminary drawing at a cost of £1 1s. 0d. but that before any further action is taken the matter be referred to the Publicity and Finance Committees for consideration and report."

On Minute 86 - Corporate Members' Literature, it was

RESOLVED: "That the third sentence in this Minute be amended to read as follows:-

'....It was therefore suggested that Corporate Member Churches might be asked if they would prefer to have copies of the inset (up to say 150 copies) twice a year, instead of the usual literature to which they were entitled.'

- (d) Finance Committee (Mr. Syrett reported: he stressed the third paragraph of Minute 61, and explained that the figure referred to in Minute 67(e) was a maximum.) The Minutes of the Committee dated July 17th, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (61) Financial Report; (62) Mr. Morton George; (63) Half-Yearly Revision of Wages and Salaries; (64) Appeals Committee; (65) Assistance for Colonel Fisher; (66) Accommodation for Appeals Department; (67) 100,000 Foundation Membership Scheme; (68) Library; (69) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

See Minute 215

- (e) Industrial Advisory Committee (Captain Green reported). Subject to the following decisions on Minute 71(a), 72(c)(1) and 76, and report on Minute 72(b) the Minutes of the Committee dated July 17th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (68) World Aspects of Un-employment; (69) Forced Labour; (70) Washington Hours Convention - Hours of Industrial Employment Bill; (71) Membership of Committee; (72) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (73) League of Nations Union General Council; (74) White Lead Convention; (75) International Labour Conference 1930; (76) Industrial Applications; (77) Annual Conference; (78) Trade Union Notes; (79) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (80) Industrial Associateship; (81) London Regional Federation Conference.

On minute 71(a) - Membership of Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That this question be adjourned till after the vacation."

On Minute 72(c)(1) - Hours of Work in Coal Mines, Lady Selborne drew the attention of the Committee to a paragraph in the July HEADWAY which she thought was likely to give the impression that a Draft Convention on Hours of Work in the Coal Mining Industry had actually been adopted by the I.L. Conference, and it was

RESOLVED: "That Captain Green be asked to see the Editor of HEADWAY in order that this statement may be corrected in a future issue."

On Minute 76 - Industrial Applications, it was

RESOLVED: "That the following be added to the list of accepted Industrial Associates in paragraph (a)

The Brightside and Carbrook Co-operative Society, Ltd.
Wishaw Co-operative Society, Ltd."

On Minute 72(b) - Organisation of Congress Meetings, it was reported that the inadequate organisation of Congress meetings, particularly in regard to secretarial and interpretation assistance, had already been brought to the notice of the Executive (see Minute 100) and that these questions would be investigated before the next meeting of the Congress.

210. LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION DIARIES. Mr. Harris suggested that it would be a good thing if the Union diaries could be published earlier in the year. It was pointed out, however, that the diaries contain information on the work of the League's Assemblies, without which they would be of very little use, and that they could not therefore be prepared for publication until after the meeting of the Assembly. Miss Fry suggested that it would be an advantage if the diaries could be made with a page-marker, preferably in the form of a loose paper flap.

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211. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following 2 new Branches, 4 Junior Branches, 13 Corporate Members and eight Corporate Associates be formally recognised and the Union's seal affixed to the Certificates."

BRANCHES: Stockbridge, Hants; Endcliffe Park Congregational Church, Sheffield; DELETIONS: Chislehurst; Low Row, York; Oley, Yorks. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Drake and Tonson's School, Keighley, Yorks; Secondary School, Maesycwanner, Mon; Rivington Road School, St. Helens, Lancs; St. Martin-in-the Fields Schools, London. DELETIONS: Sherborne Road Girls' Schools, Balsall Heath, Birmingham; Oldham Grammar School, Lancs; CORPORATE MEMBERS: Stonehaven Townswomen's Guild, Stonehaven, Scotland; All Saints and St. James' Church, Clayton-le-Moors, Lancs; Barnes Square Wesleyan Church, Clayton-le-Moors, Lancs; Mansford St. Unitarian Church, Bethnal Green; Burton Joyce Wesleyan Methodist Church, Burton Joyce, Notts; Arnold Wesleyan Methodist Church, Nottingham; Humberhill Hall Baptist Mission, Nottingham; Radford Wesleyan Methodist Church, Nottingham; St. Mary's Church, Nottingham; Tennyson Street Wesleyan Methodist Church, Nottingham; Women's Co-operative Guild, Elland, Yorks; Ripon Free Church Council, Yorks; St. Simon Zelotes Church, Chelsea. DELETIONS: Birmingham University Women's Club; King's Heath Early Morning School; Erdington Presbyterian Church of England; Holyhead Women's Co-operative Guild, Birmingham; Tennant Street Women's Section of the Ladywood Divisional Labour Party; Brunswick Wesleyan Church, Newcastle, Northumberland; Welcombe Wesleyan Church, Bude; St. John's Wesleyan Church, Whitley Bay. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Eppingham Women's Institute; Broomfield Women's Institute; Cavendish and Pentlow Women's Institute; Concord Women's Institute; Hayling Island Women's Institute; Freshute Women's Institute; Platt Women's Institute; Barnet Adult School. DELETION: 1st Mere Company of Girl Guides.

It was reported that there were now 2,952 Branches, 902 Junior Branches, 3,294 Corporate Members and 667 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 is 863,302 of whom 227,448 have paid a subscription in 1930 as compared with 208,290 at this date last year.

12. CLOSING OF OFFICE - AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY. It was

RESOLVED: "That the office be closed from 5.30 on Friday, August 1st until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 5th."

13. BRANCH RESOLUTION. The Committee received with interest a resolution from the Yeaton Branch.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JULY 31ST, 1930.
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major J.W.Hills (in the Chair), Lord Cecil,
Miss Courtney, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe,
Major Walter Elliot, H.H.Elvin, Miss Ruth Fry,
Captain Green, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris,
Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Sir Walter Napier, H.D.Watson,
H.Graham White, Herbert Worsley and L.L.Wynch,
together with the Deputy Secretary.

214. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr. Norman Ansell,
L.J.Cadbury, Lady Gladstone, Commander Kenworthy, Sir
Hugh Jodwine, Professor Murray, Lady Parmoor, Mr. Rennie
Smith, Lady Selborne and Mr. H.S.Syrett.

215. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minutes 205
(196)(183), 209(a) and 209(e)(72(c)(1)), the minutes of
the meeting held on Thursday, July 24th were confirmed as
circulated.

On Minute 205(196)(183) - The Secretary, Major Hills
reported that he had written to Dr. Garnett and had
received a reply from him, accepting the view of the
Committee that he should not go to Geneva and thanking
the Committee for the kindness they have shown him.

On Minute 209(a)(26 and 33) Political and Parliamen-
tary Committee, Lord Cecil reported that he had re-
ceived an acknowledgment of the Statement upon
International Policy and the resolution relating to
Naval Shipbuilding from the Prime Minister.

On Minute 209(e) 72(c)(1) - Hours of Work in Coal
Mines, Captain Green reported that he had seen the
EDITOR of HEADWAY on this matter and that the state-
ment in the July HEADWAY would be corrected in a
future issue.

International Federation of League of Nations
Societies. It was reported that the Foreign Office
had asked for eight printed copies of the resolu-
tions passed at the recent Plenary Congress of the
International Federation of League of Nations
Societies for use by the delegates to the Assembly.

216. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN. After it had been reported
that Mr. R.S.Hudson had expressed his willingness to act as
Deputy Chairman if invited to do so by the Executive, it
was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That, subject to the approval of Professor
Murray, Mr. R.S.Hudson be appointed Deputy
Chairman."

217. REPRESENTATION OF EXECUTIVE ON INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
On the motion of Captain Green it was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. J.Sherborne and Mr. H.Graham White
be invited to serve on the Industrial Advisory
Committee."

It was reported that Mr. Sherborne was willing to serve
on the Committee. Mr. Graham White stated that he rather
hesitated to add to the number of Committees of which he
is a member, but that he would accept the invitation of
the Industrial Advisory Committee and do his best to
attend its monthly meetings.

218. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Women's Advisory Council. (Mrs Bigland reported). Subject to the following decisions on minutes 389, 390 and 391 and on minute 295 (Child Welfare), of the Standing Sub-Committee, the minutes of the Committee dated 23rd July 1930 and of the Standing Sub-Committee dated 25th July, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (386) Membership of Council; (387) Election of Chairman; (388) Report of Standing Sub-Committee; (389) Mui Tsai; (390) Child Welfare; (391) Nationality of Married Women Pass the Bill Committee; (392) Applications for Corporate Associateship.

On Minute 389 - Mui Tsai, it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the first resolution be forwarded in the name of the Executive Committee to the Prime Minister, the Colonial Office, the India Office and the Admiralty."

- (b) "That the second resolution (on Slavery) be forwarded in the name of the Executive Committee to the Prime Minister, the Colonial Office, the India Office and the Admiralty, and that it be also forwarded to the International Federation of League of Nations Societies with the request that it be placed on the agenda of the Plenary Congress."

On Minute 390, and 295 of the Standing Sub-Committee - Child Welfare, it was

RESOLVED: "That paragraph (a) of this resolution be adopted and forwarded to H.M. Government, and that paragraph (b) be received."

On Minute 391 - Nationality of Married Women Pass the Bill Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That though the Committee is generally in favour of the objects of the Bill, the name of the League of Nations Union be not added to the list of Societies which have declared themselves in favour of it."

- (b) Welcome Committee (Dinner Sub-Committee). (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). Subject to the following report on minute 3 and decision on Minute 4, the minutes of the Committee dated 23rd July, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (1) Report; (2) Hostesses; (3) Date and Place; (4) Speakers; (5) Overseas Speakers; (6) Price of Tickets; (7) People to be invited; (8) Guarantee; (9) Press.

On Minute 3 - Date and Place, it was reported that, in view of the fact that Parliament would not be re-assembling until October 28th, the date of the dinner had been altered to October 30th.

On Minute 4 - Speakers, it was

RESOLVED: "That the selection of speakers be left in the hands of Professor Murray, Major Hills, Mr. R.S.Hudson and Lady Farmoor."

- (c) Publicity Committee. (Lady Hall reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 67, the minutes of the Committee dated 25th July, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (61) 'Ten Years' Life of the League of Nations'; (62) British Naval Programme; (63) Report on Publicity Activities; (64) League of Nations Calendar; (65) Posters; (66) Leaflet for Collectors; (67) Quotations for Speakers; (68) Manual for Youth Groups.

On Minute 67 - Quotations for Speakers, it was understood that only up-to-date quotations would be used in this connection.

- (d) Office Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated 22nd July, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (22) Half Yearly Revision of Wages and Salaries; (23) Miss Norrie; (24) Mrs. Robinson; (25) Mr. Archer; (26) Staff Speakers; (27) Overseas Department; (28) Salaries Account; (29) I.L.C. Conference; (30) Dame Adelaide Livingstone.

219. INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OFFICE AND THE LEAGUE. A very full discussion took place on this subject and varied opinions were expressed. Finally it was

RESOLVED: "That Lord Cecil be asked to ascertain from the Foreign Office what is the legal position in regard to this matter and what, as a matter of practice, they consider the League Council ought to do; and that it be left to Lord Cecil and Professor Murray to decide, in the light of this information, what, if any, action is to be taken."

220. COMMUNICATION FROM THE N.C.P.W. A communication dated July 18th from the National Council for the Prevention of War, with reference to the situation in India, was read and it was

RESOLVED: "That no action be taken."

221. DEPUTATION TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY. Lord Dickinson reported that, in accordance with the decision of the Minorities Committee dated July 10th (approved by the Executive in minute 202) a letter had been sent to Mr. Arthur Henderson, asking him to receive a deputation from the Union on the subject of Statelessness and of Minorities Procedure. Mr. Henderson was unable to receive a deputation, but had asked that a statement should be sent to him dealing with the points the deputation wished to raise. It was

RESOLVED: "That Sir Walter Napier, in consultation with Professor Murray and Lord Dickinson, be authorised to draw up this statement and to forward it to the Foreign Secretary."

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222. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES, ETC. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of 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 Branches, Corporate Members and Corporate Associates."

Additions

3 Branches
 7 Corporate Members
 1 Corporate Associate

Deletions

1 Branch
 1 Corporate Member
 1 Junior Branch

BRANCHES: Downley, Bucks; Twickenham, Middlesex; Middleton Cheney, Northants. DELETION: Aysgarth, Yorks.
 JUNIOR BRANCH DELETION: The Abbey School, Shrewsbury
 CORPORATE MEMBERS: Altrincham Rangers Company, Altrincham, Cheshire; St. Mary-the-Virgin, Thundersley, Essex;
 St. John's Presbyterian Church, Devonshire Road, Forest Hill; The Parish Church, Newcastle-under-Lyme; Old Bank Primitive Methodist Church, Mirfield, Yorks; Y.M.C.A. Brotherhood, Bristol; Wesleyan Church, Rednesford.
 DELETION: Torquay Christian Alliance, Women and Girls.
 CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Dundee Women's Liberal Association.

It was reported that there were now 2,954 Branches, 3,300 Corporate Members, 668 Corporate Associates and 901 Junior Branches, and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned is 883,962 of whom 231,073 have paid a subscription in 1930 as compared with 212,540 at this date last year.

223. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, October 9th, but that the Chairman be empowered to call a meeting before that date if occasion arises."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 1930 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Norman Angell, C. Delisle Burns, Colonel Carnegie, A. Duff Cooper, Admiral Druy-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Miss Ruth Fry, Captain Green, Miss Guinness, J.H.Harris, Sir Hugo Jaudwine, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Dr. C.W.Kimmins, John Sherborne, H.S.Syrett, H. Graham White, Mrs. Wilson Fox, Herbert Worsley and L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

224. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from L.J.Cadbury, H.H.Elvin, Lady Gladstone, Lady Hall, Sir Arthur Heworth, Commander Kenworthy, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Lady Selborne and H.D.Watson.

225. MINUTES. Subject to the inclusion of Colonel Carnegie's name in the list of those present, the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, July 31st, 1930, were confirmed as circulated.

226. VACANCIES ON COMMITTEE. The Chairman reported that there were now three vacancies on the Committee and it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That Sir John Fischer Williams and Prof. Alfred Zimmern be invited to become members of the Committee."

(2) "That Sir Arthur Salter be asked whether, in the event of his coming to this country on his retirement from the Secretariat, he would be willing to join the Committee."

227. DECEMBER MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the next meeting of the General Council be held on Thursday and Friday, December 11th and 12th in King George's Hall at the Y.M.C.A. Headquarters, Tottenham Court Road."

(2) "That no arrangements be made to hold the additional session referred to in minute 33 of the Branches Committee of July 10th at this meeting of the Council."

228. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Captain Green reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 92, the minutes of the Committee dated 18th September, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (84) Washington Hours Convention; (85) Membership of the Committee; (86) Raising of School Leaving Age; (87) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (88) General Council - Representation of Trade and Industry; (89) International Labour Conference - Draft Convention on Hours of Work of Salaried Employees; (90) Trades Union Congress; (91) Mr.

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Gillinder's Report; (92) Conference on "The Policy of High Wages".

On Minute 92 - Conference on "The Policy of High Wages", the Chairman suggested that an additional phrase should be included in the title of the conference in order to show that the subject was being treated in an international spirit. Captain Green promised to consult the Committee on this matter.

- (b) Education. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 77(a)(63), 81 and 83, the minutes of the Committee dated October 2nd, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (77) Arising out of the Minutes; (78) Co-options to the Committee; (79) List of Meetings; (80) Report on Universities and Colleges; (81) Military Training in Schools; (82) Communications from the Executive Committee; (83) The Harkness Trust; (84) Summer Schools, 1930; (85) Observance of Armistice Day in the Schools; (86) Publications; (87) North of England Education Conference.

On Minute 77(a) 63 - Manual for Public Schoolmasters, it was

RESOLVED: "That, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, a sum not exceeding fifty guineas be guaranteed by the Union for the cost of production of this Manual."

On Minute 81 - Military Training in Schools, it was

RESOLVED: "To enquire whether a report on the subject of military training in schools can be made available for members of this Committee."

On Minute 83 - The Harkness Trust, it was

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

'The Harkness Trust. Dr. Garnett stated that he had been in communication with the Secretary of the Harkness Trust, who had suggested that, as many appeals were being considered by the Trustees at their first meeting, it was desirable that any appeal the League of Nations Union might wish to make for assistance in its educational, as distinct from its quasi-political activities, should be sent in as soon as possible.'

- (2) "That the Chairman, in consultation with Lord Cecil and Dr. Kimmins, be requested to prepare a suitable appeal and to forward it to the Harkness Trustees."

See Minute 241.

(c) Economic Committee. (Mr. Hartley Withers reported.) With the exception of minutes 7 and 8, which were approved and adopted, consideration of the minutes of the Committee dated October 2nd, 1930 was adjourned until the next meeting.

These Minutes included (8) Report of the Gold Delegation of the League's Financial Committee; (9) Economic Nationalism; (10) Agrarian States; (11) Bank for International Settlements; (12) Proposed New Member of Committee.

On Minute 8 - Report of the Gold Delegation of the League's Financial Committee, it was suggested that an article on this subject should be included in the November HEADWAY.

229. GUILDHALL DINNER. The Chairman reminded the Committee that it was originally intended to hold two dinners, one at the Savoy for delegates to the Imperial Conference (to be arranged by the Welcome Committee) and one to be held in the Guildhall for the purpose of obtaining funds for the Union. Since the last meeting of the Committee, however, a promise had been secured from the Prince of Wales to attend a League of Nations Union Dinner. In these circumstances it had been decided to arrange for one dinner only to be held on October 30th in the Guildhall when the Prince of Wales would be present. It was

RESOLVED: "To congratulate Colonel Fisher upon the service he has rendered to the Union in securing the promise of the Prince of Wales to attend the Dinner on October 30th, and to ask the Appeals Committee, with the assistance of Lady Farmoor, Mrs. Alys Russell and Mrs. Ralph Glynn, to make the necessary arrangements."

The Committee hoped that, although the Prince of Wales could make no appeal for members in the course of his speech, some reference to the 100,000 Foundation Membership Campaign would be made at the Dinner. The Chairman promised to discuss this with Lord Grey. Mr. Norman Angell suggested that particulars of the 100,000 Foundation Membership Campaign should be circulated to the press along with information concerning the Dinner. Mr. Syrett reported, and the Committee agreed, that the cost of the dinner would be counted as part of the working expenses of the Appeals Department.

230. COMMUNICATION FROM LONDON REGIONAL FEDERATION. A communication was read from Mr. Norton George, Chairman of the London Regional Federation, congratulating the Executive Committee on the "excellent arrangements made for the reception of General Council delegates at the Guildhall on June 27th."

231. THE ELEVENTH ASSEMBLY. Consideration of this item was adjourned till the next meeting when it was hoped Lord Cecil would be present and make a report.

232. THE AIRSHIP DISASTER. It was

RESOLVED: "That no action be taken."

233. FEDERAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN CO-OPERATION. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following instructions be given to the delegates of the British Committee for European Co-operation attending the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Committee for European Co-operation to be held at Danzig on October 13th, 1930:-

"That in view of the fact that the XIth Assembly of the League of Nations has set up a special Committee to consider M. Briand's proposals for a Federal Union of European States, and that the idea of establishing a separate (i.e. an extra-League) organisation for Europe has been definitely abandoned, the Union's delegates should announce that for the future the Union would prefer to shape its policy relating to purely European matters in consultation with the special Committee which the International Federation of League of Nations Societies has recently decided to establish in order to consider European matters, rather than through the Federal Committee for European Co-operation."

234. FAILURE OF THE SAAR NEGOTIATIONS. Communications were reported from the French and German League of Nations Societies concerning the failure of the Saar negotiations, and it was

RESOLVED: "That a statement on this subject be prepared, with the help of Dr. Delisle Burns, for the use of Union speakers."

235. N.C.P.W. CONFERENCE ON "THE STRATEGY OF PEACE". The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to a Conference on "The Strategy of Peace" which was being held by the N.C.P.W. on October 18th. He hoped that as many members of the Committee as possible would attend this Conference.236. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee noted with interest resolutions from Esperantist Members of the League of Nations Union, Lurgan Methodist Church Christian Endeavour Society, Fifth Annual Council of the B.U.L.N.S., and the Leeds and Wakefield District Council.

It was agreed that the Leeds and Wakefield Branch should be reminded of the resolution passed by the General Council in December, 1927 on the subject of military displays, and that its action be taken with regard to the public display of guns, tanks, etc.

The Committee also considered the following resolution from the Liverpool and Merseyside District Council:-

"The Executive Committee of the Liverpool and Merseyside District Council of the League of Nations Union resolves that the following Resolution shall be proposed by their Representatives at the next meeting of the Union's General Council:-

"The General Council requests its Executive Committee to insert the following paragraph in the Union's Statement of Policy which was approved at the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the General Council:-

Every endeavour should be made by the League of Nations to make operative that portion of Article 22 of the Covenant which calls for the prohibition of the Liquor Traffic in those territories which are known as 'D' Mandates."

and it was

RESOLVED: "That a memorandum on this subject be prepared for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee."

237. MANUFACTURE OF POISON GAS. In reply to an enquiry from Mr. Sherborne, Mr. Graham White stated that although several Members had intended to ask questions on this subject in the House (see minute 31 of the Political and Parliamentary Committee of July 17th) they had not had an opportunity of doing so before the vacation, and it was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Graham White be asked to consult other members of the Committee who are Members of Parliament with a view to questions on this subject being asked in the House during the coming session."

238. STAFF. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be authorised, in consultation with Mr. Worsley and the Secretary, to appoint an assistant to Mr. Freshwater in succession to Miss Monroe, and to fill any consequent vacancies."

239. 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.

9 Branches
1 District
9 Junior Branches
1 Junior Members Group
19 Corporate Members
8 Corporate Associates.

Deletions.

5 Branches
6 Junior Branches
3 Corporate Members
3 Corporate Associates.

BRANCHES: Alfriston, Sussex; Chiddingfold, Surrey; Clipston, Northants; Dartmouth, Devon; Fishguard Tabernacle, Pembroke-shire; Gretton, Northants; Henllan, Cardiganshire; New Barsewick, Yorks; Over Wyresdale, Lancs. DELETIONS: Bellingham, North-umberland; Berrow, Somerset; Kimbolton, Hunts; Preston, Lancs; (St. Joseph's Branch), Lancs; Preston, Kent; DISTRICT COUNCIL: Surrey Federation. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Abertridwr, Cwmaber Girls'

School, Glam; The Old Palace Girls' School, Bow; East Street Girls' Council School, Littlehampton, Sussex; Hungerford Road L.C.C. Girls' School; Denbigh Road Girls' School, Luton; Girls' County School, Penarth, Glam; Wilton House School, Reading; Glanmor Girls' Secondary School, Swansea; King's Hill Council Girls' School, Wednesbury, Staffs. DELETIONS: Aston Lane Girls' School, Aston, Birmingham; Co-operative Junior Guild, Cardiff; Central School, Colchester; Endsleigh House School, Colchester; Abbey House School, Shrewsbury; St. Matthew's Girls' School, Surbiton. JUNIOR MEMBERS GROUP: Walthamstow, 26th South Essex Company of the Boys' Brigade, Essex. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Aberdeen Meeting of the Society of Friends; Dunnotar Church, Stonehaven, Scotland; Edinburgh Women Citizens' Association; St. Nicholas Church, Newbury, Berks; The Abbey School for Girls, Reading; High Wycombe Union Baptist Church; Breaston United Methodist Church; Derbys; Compton Parish Church, Winchester; Bexley Heath Congregational Church, Metro.Kent; Robinson Street Independent Methodist Church, Burnley, Lancs; Lytham Women's Liberal Association, Lancs; Alexandra Park Women's Local Government Association, Maxwell Hill; North-East Bethnal Green Junior Liberal Association; The Elizabeth Whitelaw Reid Club, London; Bellingham Presbyterian Church, Northumberland; Stourbridge Primitive Methodist Church, Wores; Burnmantofts Congregational Church, Leeds; St. Paul's Church, Shipley, Yorks; Christ Church, Windhill, Shipley, Yorks. DELETIONS: Dundee Women's Liberal Association; Monzie, Gilmerton and District Women's Rural Institute; Wilton House School, Reading. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Shap Women's Institute; Clapham Women's Institute; Emery Down Women's Institute; Clapham Women's Institute; Winkfield Women's Institute; Christ Church Group, London; Mothers' Union, Holy Trinity Church, Preston; Y.W.C.A., International Centre. DELETIONS: Ruskington Women's Institute; Shoreham Women's Institute; Woodhorn and Newbiggin Women's Institute.

It was reported that there were now 2,958 Branches, 904 Junior Branches, 25 Junior Members Groups, 3,316 Corporate Members and 673 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 is 868,684 of whom 267,313 have paid a subscription in 1930 as compared with 253,020 at this date last year.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR GARDENS, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, 1930, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), L.J.Cadbury, Lord Cecil, Miss K.D.Courtauld, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Miss Ruth Fry, Miss Guinness, J.H.Harris, Sir Hugh Jourd'heine, Lady Parmoor, Mrs. Runciman, W.J.Salmon, John Sherborne, Herbert Worsley, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

240. APOLOGUES FOR ABSENCE were received from Colonel Carnegie, Lord D.ckinson, Lady Gladstone, Captain Green, Lady Hall, Sir Arthur Haworth, Commander Kenworthy, Major Hills, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Selborne, H.S.Syrett, Mr. Ben Turner, H.D.Hatson, H.Graham White and Mrs. Wilson Fox.

241. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minute 226 (1) and (2) and decision on minute 229, the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, October 9th, 1930, were confirmed as circulated.

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On Minute 226(1) and (2) - Vacancies on Committee, the Chairman reported that he had written to Sir John Fischer Williams and Professor Zimmern. Sir John Fischer Williams had stated that, as he was at present living in the country, he was doubtful whether he could accept the Committee's invitation. No reply had been received from Professor Zimmern. The Chairman had not written to Sir Arthur Salter but he had had a talk with him on this subject when last he was in this country.

On Minute 229 - Guildhall Dinner, Mr. Worsley reported that the Appeals Committee, at its meeting on October 15th, had unanimously agreed that it would be unwise to refer to the 100,000 Foundation Membership Campaign at the Guildhall Dinner in view of the assurance given to the Prince of Wales that no appeal would be made, and it was

RESOLVED: "That no reference to the Foundation Membership Campaign be made at the dinner."

Lady Parmoor informed the Committee that the Prime Minister was intensely sorry not to be able to be present at the dinner, owing to the fact that an important debate would be proceeding in the House at that time, but that he would probably send a message to the gathering.

242. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on minutes 9 and 11, the (adjourned) minutes of the Committee dated October 2nd, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (9) Economic Nationalism; (10) Agrarian States; (11) Bank for International Settlements; (12) Proposed New Member of Committee.

On Minute 9 - Economic Nationalism, the Chairman explained why he had drafted the statement of policy contained in this minute. After considerable discussion it was

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RESOLVED: "That consideration of this minute be adjourned till the next meeting and that, meanwhile, the Chairman be asked to send the first three paragraphs, together with a covering note, to those members of the Committee who are members of Parliament and to express the hope that they would inform the Committee of their views on this subject."

On Minute 11 - Bank for International Settlements, it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That the first two paragraphs of the Committee's suggestions be marked (a) and (b)."
- (2) "That the Chairman, Mr. Hartley Withers and Dr. Delisle Burns be asked to have an informal talk with Mr. Graham and to ascertain from him (a) whether he thinks any of the Committee's suggestions are practicable, and (b) whether practicable or not he would regard them as useful from the point of view of the general economic situation in Europe."
- (3) "That Sir Arthur Salter be also consulted on this subject."

243. THE ELEVENTH ASSEMBLY. Lord Cecil reported orally on the work of the Eleventh Assembly, with special reference to M. Briand's scheme for European Co-operation, the Convention of Financial Assistance, the amendment of the Covenant, slavery, minorities, economics and disarmament. Lord Cecil was, on the whole, well satisfied with the work of the Assembly except in the matter of slavery, where the failure to secure the appointment of a permanent Committee on Slavery was a bad business. After discussion it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That Lord Cecil be asked to allow the substance of his statement to be printed as an article in the November HEADWAY."
- (2) "That the International Law Committee be asked to prepare a memorandum on the proposed amendments to the Covenant in the light of the decision taken by the Eleventh Assembly on this subject."

244. RESOLUTIONS FROM THE LIVERPOOL AND MERSEYSIDE DISTRICT COUNCIL. The Committee considered the following resolution from the Liverpool and Merseyside District Council:-

"Having regard to the lack of definite progress made by the League of Nations Assembly during its meetings just terminated, and to the absence of any important project, such as Disarmament, upon which public opinion can be focussed at present, this meeting of the Executive Committee of the Liverpool and Merseyside District Council of the League of Nations Union strongly urges the Union's Executive Committee to call a special meeting of the General Council to discuss the whole position, and to formulate plans for maintaining public enthusiasm for the work of the League, especially in view of the scheme for enrolling 100,000 Foundation Members about to be launched."

After considerable discussion it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That the suggestion contained in the above resolution be not acted upon, but that Branches be urged to concentrate on the main basic principles of the League and do their utmost to increase the Union's membership."
- (2) "That the Political and Parliamentary Committee be asked to consider the desirability of suggesting to Branches some points arising out of the work of the 11th Assembly which they would do well to emphasise in their activities during the next twelve months."

The Committee also considered a further resolution from the Liverpool and Merseyside District Council on the subject of Liquor Traffic in Mandated areas (see minute 236 of 9th October), together with a memorandum on this subject (S.G.3627), and it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That the resolution of the Liverpool and Merseyside District be referred to the Mandates Committee for consideration and report."
- (2) "That a copy of the memorandum be sent to the Liverpool and Merseyside District, together with a covering letter stating that the subject of their resolution is still under consideration and inviting them to place their resolution on the agenda for the General Council Meeting if they so desire."

245. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Welcome Committee. (Lady Parnoor reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 67, the minutes of the Committee date 7th October, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (65) Secretary's Report; (66) Dinner to Delegates to Imperial Conference; (67) Suggested Reception to Delegates attending Conference on the Policy of High Wages; (68) Centenary Meeting British Association for the Advancement of Science; (69) Letter from Miss Holman.

On Minute 67 - Suggested Reception to Delegates attending Conference on the Policy of High Wages, it was

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

"To organise such a Reception and direct the Secretary to ask Lord Burnham to give it."

- (b) Branches Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 42(B), the minutes of the Committee dated October 9th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (37) Prize Essay Competition; (38) Organisation and Work of Junior Branches; (39) Composition of Committee; (40) Frequency of Executive

MEETINGS AND REGIONAL REPRESENTATION ON THAT COMMITTEE; (41) REGIONS COMMITTEES; (42) REPRESENTATION OF BRANCHES AT COUNCIL MEETINGS; (43) CONSTITUTION OF GENERAL COUNCIL; (44) DIVISION OF MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS.

On Minute 42(b) - Representation of Branches at Council Meetings, it was

RESOLVED: "That a notice be inserted in the November HEADWAY Supplement and in the next letter to Branches to the effect that a limited amount of hospitality will, if possible, be provided for delegates attending the December meeting of the Council, and that applications for such hospitality should reach this office not later than November 14th."

246. AIRSHIP DISASTER. The following letter of sympathy from Dr. Kirchoff, the Secretary of the German League of Nations Society, was read to the Committee:-

The German League of Nations Society wishes to express its most heartfelt sympathy to the League of Nations Union for the great loss which the English nation has sustained in the dreadful catastrophe which has overtaken the world's largest airship.

As the airship is destined to be a valuable instrument in bringing the nations into closer touch with each other, we venture to express the hope that the tragic fate that has overtaken the English nation and its airship, a fate which unhappily is so frequently allied to all pioneer work, will in no way prove a hindrance to the further development of communication between the nations by airship.

and it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That a letter of thanks be sent to Dr. Kirchoff."

(2) "That Dr. Kirchoff's letter, together with some reference to the sympathy shown by France on the occasion of the airship disaster, be printed in the November HEADWAY."

The Committee also noted with interest a resolution on this subject from the St. Albans Branch.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23RD, 1930 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Norman Angell, C. Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Miss Courtney, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, H.H. Elvin, Miss Ruth Fry, Viscountess Gladstone, Miss Guinness, Major Hills, Sir Thomas Inskip, Sir Hugh Jeurwine, Dr. Kimmins, Lady Parmoor, John Sherborne, H.S. Syrett, H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley and L.M. Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

247. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Major Walter Elliot, Captain Green, Lady Hall, Sir Arthur Haworth, Commander Kenworthy, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, Sir Walter Napier, Mrs. Walter Runciman, W.J. Salmon, Lady Selborne, H. Graham White and Mrs. Wilson-Pox.
248. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minute 241(226) and decision on minute 241(229), the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, October 16th, 1930 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 241(226) - Vacancies on Committee, the Chairman reported that Sir John Fischer Williams had declined the Committee's invitation, but that Professor Zimmern was willing to serve on the Committee. The Chairman had had a further talk with Sir Arthur Salter who had promised to consider carefully an invitation to serve on the Committee if one were sent to him on his retirement from the League Secretariat at the end of December.

On Minute 241(229) - Guildhall Dinner, it was

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

'Lady Parmoor informed the Committee that the Prime Minister was extremely sorry not to be able to be present at the dinner, owing to the fact that an important debate would be proceeding in the House at that time, but that he would send a message to the gathering.'

249. ECONOMIC NATIONALISM. The Committee resumed consideration of minute 9 of the Economic Committee dated October 2nd, 1930. The Chairman reported that he had written to those members of the Committee who are Members of the House of Commons, calling their attention to the draft statement of policy, and that both Mr. Ben Turner and Mr. Graham White had approved the document. A very full discussion then took place on the desirability or otherwise of such a statement being issued by the Union, and varied opinions were expressed. Finally it was

RESOLVED. "That a sub-Committee, consisting of the Chairman and all members of the Committee who are Members of the House of Commons, and such other members of the Committee as the Chairman may nominate, be appointed with power to co-opt; and that the following constitute its terms of reference:-

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To consider whether any, and if so what, statement about the economic policy of the League should be issued, having regard to the varied economic opinions held within the Union."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That minute 9 of the Economic Committee, dated October 2nd, be referred to this Committee."

250. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Library Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 45, and to the approval of the Finance Committee on minute 47, the minutes of the Committee dated October 14th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (45) Loan of Boxes of Books to Groups of Non-Members; (46) A.S.L.I.B. Conference; (47) Library Book-Fund for 1931; (48) Book-List; (49) Training of Library Assistants.

On Minute 45 - Loan of Boxes of Books to Groups of Non-Members, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred back to the Library Committee for further consideration."

- (b) Christian Organisations Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). Subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on minutes 96, 98, 100 and 102, the minutes of the Committee dated October 15th, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (94) Appeal for 100,000 Foundation Members; (95) Corporate Members' Literature; (96) Corporate Membership Certificate; (97) Corporate Membership; (98) Lambeth Conference Resolutions; (99) Sunday School Summer Schools; (100) Booklet for Sunday School Workers; (101) Intercession Cards; (102) Co-operation with Christian Social Council; and World Alliance; (103) Broadcast Talks; (104) British Legion; (105) Denominational Resolutions; (106) General Council Meetings.

- (c) Finance Committee (Mr. Syrett reported). With the exception of minute 77 which was received, and subject to the following report on minute 72, the minutes of the Committee dated October 15th, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (71) Matters Arising out of the Minutes; (72) Appeals Committee; (73) Financial Report; (74) Derbyshire Federal Council; (75) Manual for Public Schoolmasters; (76) Passing of Cheques for Payment; (77) Budget for 1931.

On Minute 72 - Appeals Committee, it was reported that it was now likely that the Prince of Wales would make an appeal on behalf of the Union during the course of his speech at the Guildhall Dinner.

(d) Minorities Committee (Mrs. Dugdale reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 27, the minutes of the Committee dated October 16th were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (27) Statelessness; (28) Mr. Lucien Wolf; (29) The Minority Problem at the Xth Assembly.

On Minute 27 - Statelessness, it was

RESOLVED: "That the last nine lines of this minute be amended to read as follows:-

'and to enquire of H.M. Government why, despite the frequent assurances received of their interest in the problem of statelessness, no steps of any kind were taken by the British Delegates to the 11th Assembly to bring a solution of this problem near and to express its hope that H.M. Government will find it possible to proceed on the lines suggested in the above resolution.'"

(e) Political and Parliamentary Committee (Lord Cecil reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 36, the minutes of the Committee dated October 17th were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (35) Relations with Parliament; (36) Sanctions and Mutual Guarantees; (37) Traffic in Arms; (38) Preparatory Disarmament Commission; (39) Liquidation of the Iraq Mandate; (40) Chemical Warfare.

On Minute 36 - Sanctions and Mutual Guarantees, it was

RESOLVED: "That general approval be given to the draft programme referred to in paragraph (a)."

251. BRANCH RESOLUTION. The Committee noted with interest a resolution from the Fleetwood Branch concerning the appointment of a permanent representative to meetings of the Assembly but decided to take no action.

252. 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.

1 Branch, 7 Junior Branches, 1 Junior Members' Group, 8 Corporate Members, 7 Corporate Associates.

Deletions.

2 Corporate Associates.

BRANCH: West Orchard Congregational Church, Coventry, Warwicks.
 JUNIOR BRANCHES: Elsecar Girls' School, Barnsley, Yorks; Bexley Heath Boys' Central School, Kent; Orsman Christian Mission, Hoxton; Newquay Junior Branch, Cornwall; Blue Coat School, Reading; Sandwich Junior Branch, Kent; Lord Digby's School, Sherborne. JUNIOR MEMBERS' GROUP: First Luton Company of Gun Guards, Chatham, Kent. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Y.M.C.A. Central Club, Glasgow; Newbury Primitive Methodist Church, Berks; Kirk Hallam Parochial Church Council, Devons; No.1 Branch Plymouth Co-operative Women's Guild, Devon; Alburgh Wesley Guild, Liverpool; Lodge Lane P.S.A., Liverpool; The Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Old Kent Road, London; The Wesleyan Church, Heath Town, Wolverhampton, Staffs. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Crondall and Ewshott Women's Institute; East and West Hundred Women's Institute; Great Cornard Women's Institute Limsfield Chart Women's Institute; Pembridge Women's Institute; Acocks Green Congregational Sisterhood; East Sheen Co-operative Women's Guild. DELETIONS: Perranuthance Women's Institute; Women's Section, Stroud Branch British Legion.

It was reported that there were now 2,959 Branches, 911 Junior Branches, 26 Junior Members Groups, 3,324 Corporate Members and 678 Corporate Associates. Since the last report 1,284 new members had been enrolled making the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned, 869,824 of whom 276,221 have paid a subscription in 1930 as compared with 261,740 at this date last year.

253. CORRESPONDENCE WITH SIR ARTHUR HAZLERIGG. The Chairman read to the Committee correspondence which he had had with Sir Arthur Hazlerigg. Sir Thomas Inskip offered to have a talk with Sir Arthur Hazlerigg on the subject of his letters, and it was

RESOLVED: "That Sir Thomas Inskip's offer be accepted with thanks."

J.M.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, 1930 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), C. Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Miss K.D. Courtney, Lord Dickinson, H.H. Elvin, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Captain Green, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Sir Hugh Jeurwine, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, Lady Selborne, H.S. Syrett, Alderman Ben Turner, H.D. Watson, H. Graham White, Herbert Worsley, L.H. Wynch, and Professor Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

254. APLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral Drury-Lowe, Major Walter Elliot, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major Hills, Commander Kenworthy, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Farmoor, W.J. Salmon, John Sherborne and Mrs. Wilson Fox.

255. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minute 248(241) and decision on minute 249, the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, October 23rd were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 248(241) - Guildhall Dinner, it was reported that the Prime Minister had sent an encouraging message to be read at the Guildhall Dinner.

On Minute 249 - Economic Nationalism, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words "to the Union" be inserted after the word "issued" in the terms of reference.

The Chairman reported that he proposed to invite all members of the Committee who are ex-Members of the House of Commons, together with Mr. Delisle Burns, to serve on this sub-Committee.

256. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Publicity Committee (Lady Hall reported). Subject to the following decision on minutes 70, 72, the minutes of the Committee dated October 20th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (70) Special Edition of HEADWAY for Foundation Members; (71) Report on Publicity Activities; (72) Publicity for the Guildhall Dinner; (73) Publicity for Preparatory Disarmament Commission; (74) Hostile Comments upon the Assembly; (75) Small Posters; (76) Future Use of Portable Exhibit; (77) Children's Leaflets; (78) Church Corporate Members Certificate; (79) "Fifty Facts and Figures"; (80) "The Quarterly News."

On Minute 70 - Special Edition of HEADWAY for Foundation Members, it was

RESOLVED: "That in December the edition of HEADWAY printed on better paper be regarded as the ordinary edition, and that the edition printed on cheaper paper be marked "2d. post edition".

See Minute 262.

See Minute 262.

On Minute 72 - Publicity for the Guildhall Dinner, on the motion of Mr. Worsley it was

RESOLVED: "That paragraph (a) be deleted from this minute."

- (b) Women's Advisory Council. The minutes of the meeting held on October 22nd, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (395) Slavery; (396) Child Welfare; (397) Standing Sub-Committee's Report; (398) Reports of Representatives; (399) Corporate Associate Applications; (400) The Eleventh Assembly; (401) Date of Annual Meeting.

- (c) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Captain Green reported). Subject to the following decisions on minutes 99 and 103, the minutes of the Committee dated October 23rd, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (95) Washington Hours Convention; (96) Membership of the Committee; (97) Mr. Arthur Hayday; (98) Raising of the School Leaving Age; (99) International Federation of League of Nations Societies - Commission on I.L.O., Economic and Social Questions; (100) Conference on "Wages and Employment."; (101) Industrial Affiliations; (102) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (103) London Regional Federation "At Home".

On Minute 99 - International Federation of League of Nations Societies - Commission on I.L.O., Economic and Social Questions, it was

RESOLVED: "That the word "Federation be substituted for the word "Council" at the end of this minute."

On Minute 103 - London Regional Federation "At Home", it was

RESOLVED: "That a suitable covering letter be sent with this resolution to the London Regional Federation."

- (d) Finance Committee (Rt.Hon.Leif Jones reported). Subject to the following report and decision on minute 80, the minutes of the Committee dated October 24th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (79) Appeals Committee; (80) Budget for 1931; (81) Report on Minute 71; (82) Special Activities Department; (83) Passing of Cheques for Payment; (84) Christian Organisations Committee; (85) Library Committee; (86) Office Committee.

On Minute 80 - Budget for 1931, it was explained that the Budget for 1931 was practically the same as for 1930 with such additions as had been definitely decided on in the meantime by the Executive and Finance Committees. Provision had not, however, been made either to continue in 1931 payment of the fee referred to in minute 146f(46) of the Executive meeting of May 22nd, or a subscription to the Federal Committee for European Co-operation. If

money is to be spent on either head during 1931 it will have to come out of the allowance for Contingencies. Lord Dickinson stated that though he was not able to say how much the Union might be asked to contribute in 1931 to the Committee for European Co-operation, it would be more than the £16 paid this year. Captain Green urged that Committees should be given opportunity to put forward suggestions to be taken into consideration when the Finance Committee frames the Budget. Finally it was

the
RESOLVED: (1) "That Budget proposals for 1931 be approved."

(2) "That before the annual Budget is framed Committees be given notice in time to make suggestions about the amounts to be allocated to their corresponding departments."

(e) Office Committee (Mr. Worsley reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 38, the minutes of the Committee dated October 21st, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (3) Composition of Committee; (34) Speakers; (35) Overseas Department; (36) Draft Budget for 1931; (37) Library; (38) Condition of Employment of Clerical Employees; (39) Mr. Robinson; (40) Board Room; (41) The East Anglian Federation; (42) Travel Bureau; (43) Assistant to the Deputy Secretary; (44) Mr. Bagnall; (45) Guildhall Dinner.

On Minute 38 - Condition of Employment of Clerical Employees, it was

RESOLVED: "That each member of the staff be completely free to join a Trade Union or not as he or she desires."

257. DEPUTY SECRETARY. Captain Green moved the following resolution of which he had given notice:-

"That the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union places on record its appreciation of the devoted service rendered by Major Freshwater, particularly during the long absence this year of the Secretary owing to ill health, and that this Committee asks Major Freshwater to accept an honorarium of fifty guineas as some tangible expression of appreciation."

After a statement by the Secretary it was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That Captain Green's resolution be adopted."

258. PORTRAIT OF LORD CECIL. The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the arrangements which are now being made by the London Regional Federation for the purpose of presenting Lord Cecil with his portrait, and to the letter which appeared in a recent issue of the TIMES on this subject. A copy of this letter was being sent to every Foundation Member and to every Branch Secretary of the Union. It was

See Minute 262.

RESOLVED: "That the hearty congratulations of the Committee be conveyed to the London Regional Federation."

259. OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS - RESOLUTION FROM LONDON REGIONAL FEDERATION. The Committee considered the following resolution from the London Regional Federation:-

"That in view of the new situation created by the widespread acceptance of the Treaty for the Renunciation of War known as the Kellogg Pact, this Council considers that the time has arrived for the Union to reconsider its attitude in regard to the continuance of the Officers' Training Corps, and expresses the hope that the Executive of the Union will submit a resolution in favour of the abolition of the O.T.C. grant to the next General Council."

The Chairman read to the Committee a letter he had received from Miss Courtney on this subject, in which she said that although she was in general agreement with the substance of the resolution she felt that to pass such a resolution would be a great mistake in view of the division of opinion which exists in the Union. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to write to the Secretary of the London Regional Federation, reminding him of the resolution concerning O.T.C's approved by the Committee on 13th December 1928, and informing him that the Committee has recently asked for a further report on this subject."

260. GERMAN MINE DISASTER. It was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That the following message of sympathy be conveyed to the Secretary of the German League of Nations Society:-

"The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union desires to express its profound sympathy with the German League of Nations Society, and through that Society with the whole of the German people, over the terrible disasters which have overtaken the miners at Aldorf and in the Saar territory. We in England, who are still living within the shadow of another disaster, understand only too well the feelings of horror and of grief which must exist in your country, particularly amongst those whose fathers, sons, brothers and friends perished in the mines, and in the spirit which binds all men together and which must ultimately triumph over disasters that befall us, we send you this message of sympathy and friendship."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 1930 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Lord Dickinson (in the Chair), Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Major Walter Elliot, Miss Ruth Fry, Captain Green, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, Sir Thomas Inskip, Dr.C.W.Kimmins, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Sir Walter Napier, Sir John Power, W.J.Salmon, Lady Selborne, John Sherborne, Alderman Ben Turner, H.D.Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.R.Wynch, Professor Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

261. APLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Colonel Carnegie, Miss Courtney, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major Hills, Sir Hugh Jevdwine, Lord Lytton, Professor Murray, Lady Parmoor, Mrs. Walter Runciman and Mr. Syrett.
262. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on minutes 256(a) (72), 256(d) 80(2) and 259, the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, October 30th, 1930 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 256(a) 72 - Publicity for the Guildhall Dinner, it was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be amended to read as follows:-

'That paragraph (a) be not approved.'"

On Minute 256(d) 80(2) - Budget for 1931, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'future annual Budgets are' be substituted for the words 'the annual Budget is' in the first line of this minute."

On Minute 259 - Officers Training Corps, it was

RESOLVED: "That the following sentence be inserted before the words 'After considerable discussion' in this minute:-

'Miss Courtney further stated that even if the Union did not oppose O.T.C.'s. it ought not to take any line that appeared to support them'

and that the words 'from the Education Committee' be inserted at the end of the resolution."

263. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Regions Committee (Mr. Worsley reported). Subject to the transfer of Mr. Wynch's name from the list of those present to the list of those from whom apologies had been received, the minutes of the Committee dated October 16th, 1930 were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (1) Welcome; (2) The League of Nations Union and Parliament; (3) 100,000 Foundation Members Scheme; (4) Prize Essay Competition; (5) Budget for 1931.]

Mr. Worsley expressed the opinion that meetings of the Regions Committee serve a very useful purpose since they provide an opportunity for Union workers from all parts of the country to meet members of the Executive Committee and discuss with them their individual difficulties.

- (b) Overseas Committee (Mr. Wynch reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 40 and report on minute 44, the minutes of the Committee dated October 29th, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (40) Committee's Postponement of Meeting; (41) Minutes; (42) Report of the Danzig Meetings; (43) Overseas Budget for 1931; (44) London Federation's International Friendship Committee; (45) Meeting of the Association de la Paix par la Proit, Boulogne, November 1st; (46) Overseas Report.

On Minute 40 - Committee's Postponement of Meeting.
It was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be adopted in the following amended form:-

'The Secretary reported that Admiral Drury-Lowe, in apologising for his absence from the present meeting, had asked that for the future when postponement is necessary, the longest notice possible should be given and that the reason for postponement should always be stated. The Committee took note of Admiral Drury-Lowe's observations."

On Minute 44 - London Federation's International Friendship Committee. Admiral Drury-Lowe expressed his willingness to serve as a representative of the Overseas Committee on the London Federation's International Friendship Committee.

264. GUILDHALL DINNER. Sir John Power reported fully on the Dinner held in the Guildhall on October 30th, and said that he had heard expressions of approval from many quarters concerning the arrangements. He told the Committee of the generous promise made at the Dinner by Sir Louis Baron to give the Union a donation of £5,000. But apart from the financial benefit which he hoped would follow, Sir John felt that the Guildhall Dinner had done a great deal to raise the prestige of the Union. At the close of his report, Sir John reminded the Committee that it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain large donations from individuals, and emphasised the importance of bringing to a successful conclusion the 100,000 Foundation Membership Campaign which, he said, would broaden the whole basis of the Union and make it a really democratic institution. It was

RESOLVED: "That the hearty congratulations and thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Sir John Power and the members of the Appeals Committee, as well as to Colonel Fisher, Dame Adelaide Livingstone, Mr. Hawkey and their assistants on the excellent organisation of the Guildhall Dinner."

See Minute 269

In reply to an enquiry from Mr. Leif Jones it was stated that, so far as was known at present, accounts of the Guildhall Dinner had appeared in seventy-five newspapers, including fairly adequate accounts in nine London dailies and leading articles in twenty-four of the large provincial dailies. The Foundation Membership appeal had appeared in six daily papers and twenty local papers. Good publicity was given to the Dinner in the foreign press.

265. **POSTAL BALLOT.** The Committee were reminded of the statement made by the Chairman to the General Council at its meeting in June, 1930 that "a proposal in regard to the Postal Ballot will be brought before the Council at its meeting in December, 1930, before any action is taken in regard to the election of a Committee for 1931/2." After considerable discussion, it was

- RESOLVED:** (1) "That the Executive Committee recommends that a Postal Ballot be held next year as in 1927, 1928 and 1929 for the purpose of nominating thirty members of the Executive Committee for appointment by the General Council for the year 1931/2."
- (2) "That the attention of the Council be invited to the fact that only thirty per cent. of the Branches and Members qualified to vote in the Postal Ballot exercised their right in 1930."
- (3) "That the Council urge all Branches to complete their Ballot papers in 1931 and, wherever possible, to arrange for the Ballot papers and particulars of candidates to be considered at a meeting of the Branch."

266. **BRANCH RESOLUTIONS.** The Committee considered the following resolution which had been submitted by the Cambridge University Branch for inclusion in the agenda for the December Council Meeting:-

"That this meeting of the General Council requests the Executive Committee to consider the inclusion in the next statement of Union policy of a comprehensive programme of international action in the colonial field.

It specially commends to its attention the following suggestions:-

- (a) the establishment of a Permanent Commission for Colonial Policy analogous to the Mandates Commission, which would be responsible for watching over the execution of all general conventions dealing with colonial policy and for reporting to a public meeting of the Council of the League any failure to give full effect to their provisions;
- (b) the establishment of an International Colonial Conference, meeting at regular intervals, entrusted with the periodical revision of the existing treaties and the negotiation of new agreements intended to secure complete equality of economic opportunity in all colonial territory, the better protection of native interests and the general improvement of standards of administration.

(c) the foundation of an international Institute of Colonial Administration for the co-ordination of research work and the training of administrators with a view to levelling up standards of administration and preparing the way for the employment in the colonial services of nationals of states which do not themselves possess colonies." 65

It was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be referred to the Mandates Committee for consideration and report, and that, when the report is received, it be referred to the Political and Parliamentary Committee."

The Committee also considered the following resolution from the Leeds and Wakefield District Council:-

"Palestine.

The Committee of the Leeds Branches of the League of Nations Union condemns the recent White Paper on British Policy in Palestine, as departing from the Balfour Declaration and interpreting ungenerously the terms of the Mandate, and calls for the full support of the policy of the Jewish National Home side by side with the protection and advancement of the indigenous population."

It was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be referred to the Mandates Committee for consideration and report."

The Committee further considered the following resolution which, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, the Regate and Reshill Branch proposed to place on the agenda for the December Council Meeting:-

"In view of the long-continued ill-treatment of the Polish Ukrainians and the recent brutalities committed by the Polish soldiery on a defenceless people, under the name of "Pacification"; and seeing that the rights of the Ukrainians have been guaranteed by international treaty; this Council respectfully urges the League Council to make searching inquiry into the matter, both for the sake of the League's honour and prestige, and for the sake of this unfortunate people."

It was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be included in the agenda for the December meeting of the General Council; and that meanwhile, it be referred to the Minorities Committee for consideration and report."

267. MANUFACTURE OF POISON GAS. Mr. Sherborne drew the attention of the Committee to a paragraph which had appeared in the press regarding experiments with poison gas which had recently been made on horses. Mr. Ben Turner stated that, in accordance with the request of the Executive (see minute 237 of October 9th) he and other Members of Parliament intended to ask questions in the House on the subject of the manufacture of poison gas.

G. M.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 1930 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Colonel Carnegie, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, Major J.W.Hills, Sir Hugh Jeudwine, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Dr. C.W.Kimmins, Sir John Power, Lady Selborne, John Sherborne, Rennie Smith, Alderman Ben Turner, H.D.Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch, Professor Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

268. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from L.J.Cadbury, Miss K.D.Courtney, Miss Ruth Fry, Captain Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, Mrs. Walter Runciman, H.S. Syrett and H.Graham White.

269. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on minute 266, the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, November 6th, 1930 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 266 - Branch Resolutions, the Committee agreed that, in view of the large and important issues raised by the Cambridge University Branch in their resolution on Colonial Policy, they should be asked to allow consideration of their resolution to be postponed until the summer meeting of the General Council; and that, meanwhile, a representative of the Branch should be invited to discuss the resolution with members of the Mandates Committee.

270. SIR WALTER NAPIER. The Committee learned with deep regret that Sir Walter Napier had been obliged to undergo an operation on the previous day. It was

RESOLVED: "That a message of sympathy be sent to Lady Napier."

271. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Economic Nationalism Sub-Committee. Major Hills stated that a very useful discussion had taken place at the meeting of the Sub-Committee on Economic Nationalism on November 4th, 1930. He hoped that it would be possible to present an agreed report to the Executive at an early date.

(b) Political and Parliamentary Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 43 and 45, the minutes of the Committee dated November 6th, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (42) Progress of arrangements in Constituencies; (43) The Union's Branches and International Policy; (44) Conference on the Meaning of International Security; (45) Liquidation of the Iraq Mandate; (46) Paddington By-Election.

On Minute 43 - The Union's Branches and International Policy, it was

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

See Minute 283.

See Minute 283.

- (a) That, while recognising the duty of Branches to study and expound all points, etc. included in the Union's Statement upon International Policy, they should be advised to concentrate during the present season firstly upon:

Reduction and Limitation of Armaments.
The study of International Economic Problems,

and secondly upon

Slavery and Forced Labour, and Minorities.

On Minute 45 - Liquidation of the Iraq Mandate, it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That Sir John Fischer Williams be invited to draw up a memorandum on questions of law involved in the liquidation of a League Mandate."
(2) "That, when the memorandum is available, this minute be referred to the International Law Committee, as well as to the Minorities Committee, for consideration and report."

- (c) Welcome Committee. Admiral Drury-Lowe, in the absence of Lady Farnoor, reported as a matter of urgency on Minute 75 (Round Table Conference) of the Welcome Committee, dated November 11th, 1930. He stated that Mrs. Wedgwood Benn and Sir Muhammad Shafi had been consulted, and they had both considered that a reception by the League of Nations Union would be welcomed by the delegates to the Round Table Conference. Lady Farnoor had further suggested that Professor Gilbert Murray might represent the Union at such a reception, and that the Maharajah of Bikaner, the Chief Delegate of India to the Twelfth Assembly of the League of Nations, might be asked to speak. Various hostesses were suggested, including Lady Salisbury and Lady Londonderry. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Welcome Committee's proposal that a reception be given by one of the Union's hostesses in honour of the delegates attending the Round Table Conference be approved, and that the details be left in the hands of the Welcome Committee."

It was understood that no expense would be incurred by the Union in this connection, beyond the cost of printing and postage.

272. FUTURE OF LIBERIA. Mr. Harris drew the attention of the Committee to the situation in Liberia. He said that he had been in conversation with Dr. Christie, the Chairman of the Commission of Inquiry into Slavery in Liberia, who was greatly alarmed by the present situation and hoped something would be done to remedy it at the next meeting of the Council in January. After discussion it was

h sub-Committee (see Minute 283).

- RESOLVED: (1) "That a statement on this subject be prepared, with the help of Mr. J.H.Harris."
 (2) "That when the statement is available, a sub-Committee of the Political Committee, of which Mr. Christie should be invited to become a member, be appointed to consider it."

273. 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.

7 Branches, 7 Junior Branches, 13 Corporate Members, 4 Corporate Associates.

Deletions.

1 Branch, 4 Corporate Members.

BRANCHES: Arlesey, Beds; Barking, Essex; Birmingham - Peace Crusade Branch - Worcs; Harlesden and District, London; Jewish Literary and Social Group, London; Kintbury and Inkper Berks; Little Bromwich, Worcs. DELETION: Old Radnor, Hereford. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Uplands Central Girls' School, Bexleyheath, Kent; Bideford Junior Branch, Devon; Chippenham Junior Branch, Wilts; Girls' Grammar School, Maidstone, Kent; Scunthorpe Modern School, Lincs; Sherborne School for Girls, Dorset; The High School for Girls, Sutton Coldfield, Warwick. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Anniesland Wesleyan Methodist Church, Glasgow; Reading School, Berks; Dunham Massey Institute, Altrincham, Cheshire; Senior Christian Endeavour Society of Kedleston Primitive Methodist Church, Derby; Sandecotes School, Parkstone, Dorset; Hatfield Roman Catholic Church, Herts; Newton-le-Willows Women's Co-operative Guild, Earls-town, Lancs; Monton Unitarian Church, Eccles, Lancs; North Bow Congregational Church Mothers' Meetings and Bible Class, London; Oxford University Officers' Training Corps, Oxford; Greenford Wesleyan Church, Middlesex; Eden Street Wesleyan Church, Kingston, Surrey; Christchurch Road Baptist Church, Wokingham. DELETIONS: Winton Sisterhood, Bournemouth; Charmouth and Catherston Voters and Debating Association; Heaton Women's Co-operative Guild; Leith Provident Women's Guild. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Hammerwood and Holtys Women's Institute; Rainsbury Women's Institute; Badsey Women's Institute Crowthorne Women's Institute.

It was reported that there were now 2,965 Branches, 918 Junior Branches, 3,393 Corporate Members, 652 Corporate Associates. Since the last report 2,498 new members had been enrolled, making the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned, 872,063, of whom 394,182 have paid a subscription in 1930 as compared with 2,8,013 at this time last year.

The Committee were interested to learn that the new Corporate Members included the Oxford University Officers' Training Corps.

It was also reported that the membership of the Children's League of Nations, at the end of its first year, was 20,166.

274. COMMUNICATION FROM DEPUTY SECRETARY. A letter, expressing his thanks to the Committee for their recent decision, was read to the Committee from the Deputy Secretary.

275. PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR THE GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee received the preliminary agenda for the forthcoming meeting of the General Council to be held in King George's Hall, W.C.1. After discussion it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That consideration of resolutions 2, 3(b), and 4, submitted in the name of the Edinburgh Branch, be deferred until the next meeting."
 (2) "That an amendment to resolution 3(a) (Annual Report) be moved on behalf of the Executive Committee."
 (3) "That resolution 7 (Federation of League of Nations Societies) be opposed, but that Branches be invited to suggest the names of persons they would like to see included in the Union's delegation."
 (4) "That an amendment to resolution 9 (Disarmament) be moved on behalf of the Executive Committee."
 (5) "That the Cambridge University Branch be asked to allow consideration of resolution 11 (Colonial Policy) to be deferred until the summer meeting of the Council (see minute 269 above)."
 (6) "That the Reigate and Redhill Branch be invited to withdraw resolution 12 (Poland) in view of the recent statement by the Foreign Secretary on this subject, and in view of the fact that the Minorities Committee already has this matter under consideration."

276. COMMUNICATION FROM THE N.C.P.W. A communication from the N.C.P.W. was read, stating that it was proposed to set up a small Commission to follow up the work of the recent Conference on the Strategy of Peace, and inviting the Union to appoint two representatives to serve on this Commission. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary be asked to obtain from the N.C.P.W. further information concerning the constitution and purpose of this Commission, and to report to the Committee at its next meeting."

277. BRANCH RESOLUTION. The Committee received a resolution from the Montague Burton Branch concerning the display of arms by military and naval forces at Armistice Day ceremonies, and it was

RESOLVED: "That no action be taken."

278. WORLD ORDER OR DOWNFALL. The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to a series of six broadcast addresses which are being given by Arnold Toynbee on Monday evenings, and the text of which is contained in a B.B.C. Talks Pamphlet entitled "World Order or Downfall".

See Minute 283.

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279. NORTHOLIFFE PRESS. The Chairman reported that the photographer of the Northcliffe Press had asked to be allowed to take a photograph of the Executive Committee. The Committee agreed that the photograph should not be taken until such time as Lord Cecil could be present.
280. GERMAN MINE DISASTER. A letter was read from the German League of Nations Society expressing their appreciation of the Union's message of sympathy on the occasion of the recent mine disasters.
281. LANDSLIDES IN FRANCE. It was unanimously
RESOLVED: "That a message of sympathy be conveyed to the Secretary of the French League of Nations Societies over the disaster which has overtaken the people of Lyons."

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 1930 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), L.J.Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Miss K.D.Courtney, Lord Dickinson, Mrs. Dugdale, Captain Green, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, R.S.Hudson, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Dr. C.W.Kimmins, Lady Farnmoor, Lady Selborne, John Sherborne, Rennie Smith, H.S.Syrett, Alderman Ben Turner, H.D.Watson, H.Graham White, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch, Professor Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

282. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Dr. Delisle Burns, Admiral Drury-Lowe, H.H.Elvin, Miss Ruth Fry, Sir Hugh Jeurwine, Commander Kenworthy, Lord Lytton and Mrs. Walter Runciman.
283. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minutes 270 and 281 and decisions on minutes 271(b)(45) and 272(2), the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, November 13th, 1930 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 270 - Sir Walter Napier, a letter was read from Lady Napier thanking the Committee for their message of sympathy.

On Minute 271(b)(45) - Liquidation of the Iraq Mandate, the Chairman stated that, since the last meeting of the Committee, he had learned that a very full memorandum had already been prepared by the Intelligence section. He had therefore consulted Lord Dickinson before inviting Sir John Fischer Williams to draw up another memorandum. Lord Dickinson, however, did not feel that the present memorandum quite met the case, and the Chairman promised to write to Sir John Fischer Williams.

On Minute 272(2) - Future of Liberia, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'sub-Committee' be inserted after the word 'which' in the third line of this resolution."

On Minute 281 - Landslides in France, it was reported that a letter had been received from the French League of Nations Society thanking the Committee for their message of sympathy.

284. PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR THE GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered resolutions 2, 3(b) and 4 printed in the Preliminary Agenda, and the resolution concerning the constitution of the General Council contained in an addendum to the Preliminary Agenda, which had been submitted in the name of the Edinburgh Branch. The Committee also had before them an alternative scheme based on the Edinburgh proposals prepared at the request of the Committee (see minute 245(b) of October 16th). It was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That the Edinburgh proposals for the reconstitution of the General Council be referred to the Branches Committee for consideration and report; and that the General Council, at its meeting in December, be invited to ask the Executive Committee, in consultation with the Regions Committee, to prepare definite proposals for consideration by the Council at its meeting in June next."
- (2) "That resolution 2 (Composition of Executive Committee) be opposed."
- (3) "That resolution 3(a) (Annual Report) be opposed."

On resolution 4 (Whitley Council) the Secretary stated that there had been created some years ago what was, in effect, a Whitley Council suited to the particular needs of the Union. The Edinburgh proposal was at present being discussed among members of the staff, but no definite conclusion had yet been reached. He thought, however, that the staff would probably prefer the existing arrangement to a Whitley Council.

It was further

- RESOLVED: (4) "That the following resolution be submitted to the forthcoming meeting of the General Council as a matter of urgency, subject to the provisions of the Standing Orders:-

"That the resolution concerning Industrial Associates, adopted by the General Council at Harrogate in 1926, be amended by the insertion of the words underlined so as to read as follows:-

That any industrial organisation (whether an association of employers, a Trade Union or a Co-operative Society) or business concern engaged in industry or commerce, may be accepted as an Industrial Associate of the Union on signifying in writing its general agreement with the objects of the Union and on promising to pay a minimum annual subscription of £1, which will entitle it to receive such publications as are sent to Foundation Members."

285. PREPARATORY COMMISSION - COMMUNICATION FROM LIVERPOOL AND MERSEYSIDE DISTRICT COUNCIL. The Committee considered a communication from the Liverpool and Merseyside District Council, requesting the Committee to pass a resolution "expressing grave concern at the attitude of the British delegation at Geneva, pressing the Government to reconsider its instructions to delegates, and inviting Branches to summon special meetings to pass similar resolutions". The Committee also considered statements which had appeared in the MANCHESTER GUARDIAN and certain other papers, criticising the attitude of Lord Cecil and other members of the British delegation to the Preparatory Commission. A report on the present situation in the Commission which had just been received from Lord Cecil, was read to the Committee. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the suggestion of the Liverpool and Merseyside District Council be not acted upon; but that the Chairman, in consultation with Miss Courtney and Mr. Worsley, be asked to draft a resolution expressing in general terms confidence in Lord Cecil and the British delegation, and determination in spite of all difficulties, to carry through a scheme for general disarmament."

Note. The following resolution was drafted accordingly:-

"The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union enters a strong protest against the premature criticisms, based largely on imperfect information, which have been directed against the proceedings of the Preparatory Disarmament Commission. The Executive Committee is satisfied on the evidence now available that the agreements already reached represent real progress, particularly in regard to the limitation of conscript armies and the restriction of military budgets, and is confident that the Draft Treaty produced by the Commission will justify the holding of the World Disarmament Conference at an early date, with good prospect of success.

The Executive Committee further expresses its unabated confidence in the zeal and energy of Lord Cecil as leader of the British Delegation in the Commission."/

- (2) "That this resolution be circulated to Branches and to the Press, together with a statement on the present situation."
- (3) "That a statement be made, if possible by Lord Cecil, to the December meeting of the Council on the work of the Preparatory Commission."

286. COMMUNICATION FROM N.C.P.W. The Secretary read to the Committee a note on the interview he had had with Mr. Bailey, the Secretary of the N.C.P.W. concerning the purpose and constitution of the Commission which it was proposed to set up and on which the Executive had been invited to appoint two representatives. It was

RESOLVED: "That Dr. Garnett and Colonel Carnegie be invited to represent the Union on the N.C.P.W. Commission, on the understanding that the proceedings of the Commission are treated as private."

287. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Economic Nationalism Sub-Committee. It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of the minutes of the Committee dated November 4th be adjourned till the next meeting when it was hoped that Major Hills, Sir Thomas Inskip or Major Elliot would be present."

See Minute 292.

- (b) Education Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported). Subject to the following decision on Minutes 94 and 95, the minutes of the Committee dated November 10th, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (90) Arising out of the Minutes; (91) List of Meetings; (92) Report on Universities and Colleges; (93) Future Date of Meetings; (94) Armistice Day, 1930; (95) Fidac Medals; British Legion Awards for 1930; (96) Summer Schools; (97) Educational Conferences; (98) Literature for Children and Teachers; (99) School Leaving Age; (100) Esperanto; (101) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (102) Proposal to Federate to the New Education Fellowship; (103) Communication from the Wycombe Branch.

On Minute 94 - Armistice Day, 1930, and minute 95 - Fidac Medals; British Legion Awards for 1930, it was

RESOLVED: "That the attention of the Editor of HEADWAY be called to these minutes."

- (c) Mandates Committee. (Professor Murray reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 15, the minutes of the Committee dated November 11th, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (15) Liquor Traffic in Mandated Areas; (16) Palestine; (17) Iraq Minorities; (18) Armenian Refugee Girls in Beirut.

On Minute 15 - Liquor Traffic in Mandated Areas, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'for applying the prohibition of the liquor traffic' in the last line of paragraph (1) be deleted."

- (d) Welcome Committee (Lady Parmoor reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 72(b)(67) and report on minute 75, the minutes of the Committee dated November 11th, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (72) Arising out of Minutes; (73) Secretary's Report; (74) Reception to Delegates attending Conference on the Policy of High Wages; (75) Round Table Conference; (76) Hospitality to Delegates to December Council Meeting; (77) Hospitality to Students.

On Minute 72(b)(67) it was reported that Lord Burnham was unable to give this reception, but that he had offered to contribute £10 towards the cost of the reception. It was

RESOLVED: "That arrangements for this reception be left in the hands of the Welcome Committee."

On Minute 75 - Round Table Conference, the Committee were glad to learn that, in addition to the reception which was being given in honour of the delegates to the Round Table Conference, it was hoped to arrange residential hospitality at Christmas time for some of the delegates.

See Minute 292.

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288. BRANCH RESOLUTION. The Committee received with interest a resolution from the Newquay Branch.

289. DEATH OF MRS. ANNE CORNER. The Committee were grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Corner, and it was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That a letter be sent to Mr. Corner, expressing the very deep sympathy of the Committee in his bereavement."

S.M.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH,
1930 AT 11 a.m. B

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Norman Angell,
L.J.Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Miss R.D.Courtney,
Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale,
H.H.Elvin, Miss Ruth Fry, Captain Green, Miss Guin-
ness, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, Major Hills, R.S.Hudson,
Sir Hugh Jeurwine, Dr. C.W.Kimmins, Lady Selborne,
Rennie Smith, H.D.Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert
Worsley, L.M.Wynch, Professor Zimmermann, together
with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

290. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Dr. Delisle Burns,
Major Walter Elliot, Commander Kenworthy, Mrs. Walter Runciman,
John Sherborne, H.S.Syrett and H.Graham White.

291. ALDERMAN BEN TURNER. The Committee learned with regret that
Alderman Ben Turner had been obliged to undergo an operation,
and it was

RESOLVED: "That a message of sympathy be conveyed to Mr. Turner."

292. MINUTES. Subject to the inclusion of Major Hills' name in the
list of those who apologised for absence, and to the following
decision on minutes 285(2) and 287(c)(15), the minutes of the
meeting held on November 20th were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 285(2) - Preparatory Commission, it was

RESOLVED: "That, pending a statement from Lord Cecil
on his return from Geneva, no communication
be sent to Branches on this subject."

On Minute 287(c)(15) - Liquor Traffic in Mandated Areas,
it was

RESOLVED: "That Lord Lugard be consulted on this matter."

293. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Economic Policy (Major Hills reported). The Committee
considered the minutes of the Sub-Committee on Economic
Policy. Mr. Norman Angell suggested that the statement
of policy should not deal with the question of tariffs,
but should concern itself solely with the need generally
of co-operation between the nations in economic matters.
After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That Professor Murray, Major Hills and Mr.
Norman Angell be asked to redraft the state-
ment of policy on the lines suggested by
Mr. Norman Angell."

(b) Publicity Committee (Lady Hall reported). Subject to
the following decisions on minutes 84 and 87, the minutes
of the Committee dated November 17th, 1930 were approved
and adopted.

These Minutes included (82) The Late Mrs. Corner;
(83) Report on Publicity Activities; (84) Questions
of Policy; (85) International Disarmament; (86) Campaign
for Foundation Members; (87) Pamphlet on Refugees; (88)
Industrial Diseases; (89) Children's Leaflets.

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On Minute 84 - Questions of Policy, it was

RESOLVED: "That, with the help of Mr. J.H.Harris, a pamphlet containing the main facts of the present situation concerning slavery and forced labour be prepared."

On Minute 87 - Pamphlet on Refugees, it was

RESOLVED: "That a draft of this pamphlet be submitted to Mr. J.H.Harris for his comments."

- (c) Christian Organisations Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). Subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on Minute 113 and to the following decisions on minutes 112(1), 114 and 119(1), the minutes of the Committee dated November 19th, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (110) Corporate Membership Certificate; (111) Corporate Membership; (112) Posters for Churches; (113) Intercession Cards for 1931; (114) Future Armistice Arrangements; (115) Booklet for Sunday School Workers; (116) Children's Special Service Mission; (117) Co-operation with Christian Social Council and World Alliance; (118) Composition of Committee for 1931; (119) Proposal from Fellowship Branch; (120) Church Assembly Resolution.

On Minute 112(1) - Posters for Churches, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred back for further consideration."

On Minute 114 - Future Armistice Arrangements, the Committee hoped that Armistice Day services organised by the Union would be held in as many other Cathedrals as possible. The Committee also desired the Christian Organisations Committee to consider the possibility of increasing the number of Armistice services held in the open air.

On Minute 119(1) - Proposal from Fellowship Branch, several members of the Committee suggested that the General Council should be consulted on this proposal, but after discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That no action be taken."

- (d) Minorities Committee. (Lord Dickinson reported). Subject to the following decisions on minutes 33, 34, 35 and 36, the minutes of the Committee dated November 19th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (31) Health of Sir Walter Napier; (32) The Danzig Meetings; (33) Correspondence with H.M.Government on the Subject, Statelessness; (34) The Situation of the Ukrainian Minority in E.Galicia; (35) Minorities in Iraq; (36) Composition of Committee.

On Minute 33 - Correspondence with H.M.Government on the Subject of Statelessness, Mr. Rennie Smith promised to speak to Mr. Noel Baker and, if necessary, to ask a question on this subject in the House.

See Minute 297.

On Minute 34 - The Situation of the Ukrainian Minority in E.Galicia, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Foreign Office be consulted privately on this resolution and that, thereafter, consideration be given to the desirability or otherwise of communicating with the Polish League of Nations Society."

On Minute 35, - Minorities in Iraq, it was

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

'That Sir Henry Dobbs or some other competent person who has had recent experience as a British official in Iraq be invited to assist in drafting a model Minorities Treaty for Iraq."

On Minute 36 - Composition of Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That the proposed exception be not made to the present practice of not reckoning members of the staff as members of the Union's Committees."

- (e) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Captain Green reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 110, the minutes of the Committee dated November 20th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (106) Raising of the School Leaving Age; (107) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (108) London Regional Federation Labour Organisations Committee; (109) Conference on "Wages and Employment"; (110) Intelligence Officer at Geneva; (111) Composition of Committee for 1931; (112) Chairman; (113) Industrial Affiliations; (114) Mr. Gillinder's Report.

On Minute 110 - Intelligence Officer at Geneva, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report, and that a meeting of the Finance Committee be called for this purpose on December 16th."

- (f) Branches Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported). Subject to the reconsideration of Resolutions 1 and 2 of minute 49 in the light of the discussions proposed in resolution 3 of that minute, the minutes of the Committee dated November 20th, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (47) Representation of Branches at Meetings of the General Council; (48) Expenses of Council Representatives; (49) Constitution of the General Council.

- (g) Finance Committee (The Secretary reported). Subject to the following report on minute 93 and decision on minute 96, the minutes of the Committee dated November 20th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

See Minute 297.

These minutes included (89) Christian Organisations Committee; (90) Appeals Committee; (91) Financial Report; (92) General Council Meeting; (93) Composition of Committee for 1931; (94) Passing of Cheques for Payment; (95) Sussex.

On Minute 93 - Composition of Committee for 1931, Mr. Worsley stated that he was not yet certain that he would be able to serve on the Committee during 1931. He was at the moment considering the matter and would let the Committee know his decision early in the New Year.

On Minute 96 - Date of Next Meeting, it was

RESOLVED: "That in view of the decision recorded in minute 293(e) above, the next meeting of the Finance Committee be held on Tuesday, December 16th instead of on Thursday, January 22nd."

294. GENERAL COUNCIL. It was

RESOLVED: "That since the Chairman of the Executive Committee will not be able to preside at the meeting of the General Council on Thursday, December 11th, in place of one or other of the Presidents, the Vice-Chairman or, failing him the Deputy Chairman of the Executive be moved into the Chair."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That the items on the agenda of the General Council be divided among members of the Executive Committee as follows:-

Adoption of Minutes. The Chairman.
Report on Action taken on the General Council's
Decisions of June:

Minute 364 - 100,000 Foundation		
	Members,	Sir John Power.
" 370 - Bank for International Settlements,		Mr. Hartley Withers.
" 373 and 374 - Representation of Branches on the General Council,		Mr. Sherborne.
" 379 - Prize Essay Competition,		Mr. Sherborne.
" 380 - Junior Branches,		Dr. Kimmins.
" 381 - Literature for Junior Branches,		Dr. Kimmins.

Budget for 1931.	Proposed by	Lord Queenborough.
	Seconded by	Sir John Mann.

Resolutions:

1. Postal Ballot,		Lady Selborne.
2. Composition of Executive Committee,		Sir John Mann
3. Annual Report,		Sir John Power.
4. Whitley Council,		Mr. Worsley.
5. Place of Annual Meeting in 1932,		Mr. Hudson.
6. Branch Work,		Miss Courtney.
7. Federation of League of Nations Societies,		Captain Green.

8. Films and Lantern Slides,
9. Disarmament,

10. Liquor Traffic in Mandated
Territories,

Dr. Kimmins.
Lord Cecil (or
Prof. Murray),
Lord Lugard, or
Mr. J. H. Harris,

Industrial Associates

Captain Green

295. 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.

5 Branches, 7 Junior Branches, 6 Corporate Members.

Deletions.

4 Branches, 2 Junior Branches, 3 Corporate Members.

BRANCHES: Avonmouth, Glos; Box, Wilts; Heneglwys, Anglesey; Nettlebed, Oxon; Cyne, Aberdeenshire; DELETIONS: Aboyns, Aberdeenshire; Bushmills, Co. Antrim; Irlams-o'-th-Height, Lancs; West Willesden, London. JUNIOR BRANCHES: The Brompton Girls' Senior School, East Ham; West End School, Elgin, Morayshire; Girdlers Collegiate School, Heme Bay, Kent; Plaistow Secondary School, London; County School, Portmadoc, Caerns; Alexandra Park School, Stockport, Cheshire; Elizabeth Street L.C.C. Girls' School, Woolwich, London. DELETIONS: Leytonstone Junior Branch, Essex; Birchlands School, Sheffield. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Hillhead Baptist Church, Glasgow; Crown Church (Church of Scotland), Inverness; Clewer Parish Church, Windsor, Berks; Maidstone Brotherhood for Men and Women, Kent; New Malden Wesleyan Church, Metro Surrey; New Meading Women's League, Kidderminster. DELETIONS: Society of the Fellowship of the Way; Ebenezer United Methodist Church, Shrewsbury; Whittington Moor Young Peoples' Guild, Chesterfield.

It was reported that there were now 2,966 Branches, 923 Junior Branches and 3,336 Corporate Members. Since the last report 2,189 new members had been enrolled, making the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned 873,961, of whom 307,534 have paid a subscription in 1930 as compared with 292,208 at this time last year.

S.M.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 1930 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), L.J.Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Miss Courtney, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, H.H.Elvin, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, Major J.W.Hills, Sir Thomas Inskip, Sir Hugh Jendwine, Dr. C.W.Kimmins, Lady Selborne, John Sherborne, Rennie Smith, H.S.Syrett, H.D.Watson, H.Graham White, Herbert Worsley and L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

296. APCLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr. Norman Angell, Dr. Dellsie Burns, Major Walter Elliot, Captain Green, Commander Kenworthy, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Mrs. Wilson-Fox and Professor Zimmern.

297. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on minutes 293(a) and 294, and report on minute 293(d), the minutes of the meeting held on November 27th were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 293(a) - Economic Policy, the Committee had before them a revised statement of policy drawn up by Major Hills and Mr. Norman Angell, and it was

RESOLVED: "That this statement of economic policy be referred to the Political Committee for consideration and report."

On Minute 293(d)(33) - Correspondence with H.M.Government on the subject of Statelessness, Mr. Rennie Smith reported that he had spoken to Professor Baker on this subject. Professor Baker had promised that, so soon as the meeting of the Preparatory Disarmament Commission was over, the whole question of Statelessness should be reconsidered. He had pointed out, however, that the large majority of stateless people are concentrated in Hungary and Czecho-Slovakia, and that both these States have refused to take any action in the matter.

On Minute 294 - General Council, Mr. J.H.Harris stated that he would not be able to take charge of the resolution concerning Licour Traffic in Mandated Territories in the event of Lord Lugard being unable to accept the Committee's invitation. It was

RESOLVED: "That if Lord Lugard is unable to take charge of resolution VI.2 on page 12 of the Final Agenda, it be left to the Chairman to invite some other member of the General Council to state the facts of the case."

298. FINAL AGENDA FOR THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee received the Final Agenda for the General Council Meeting on December 11th and 12th, and it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the first amendment, proposed by the Northamptonshire Federal Council, to resolution VI. 1, be opposed."

(2) "That it be left to Lord Cecil to deal with the second amendment proposed by the Northamptonshire Federal Council, and the amendment of the Cambridge University Branch, to resolution VI.1."

The Chairman stressed the importance of as many as possible of the members of the Executive being present at the Council Meeting and taking part in the discussions. He hoped that all members would make an effort to attend.

299. BANK FOR INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENTS. It was reported that it had not been possible for the Chairman, Mr. Hartley Withers and Dr. Delisle Burns to discuss this question with Mr. Graham in accordance with the Committee's recommendations of October 16th, and it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That a statement be made to the General Council to the effect that this subject has been studied by an expert sub-Committee who have submitted certain suggestions, but that no conclusion has yet been reached."

- (2) "That this statement include an outline of the suggestions contained in the Economic Committee's minutes of October 2nd, and that a copy of these suggestions be supplied to members of the Council after the statement has been made and discussed."

300. SITUATION IN LIBERIA. The Committee considered a report on the present situation in Liberia (S.G.3691) and it was

RESOLVED: "That H.M. Government be requested to urge the Council of the League of Nations to do all in their power to secure the publication of the Report of the International Commission of Enquiry on the subject of slavery and forced labour in Liberia."

301. PREPARATORY DISARMMENT COMMISSION. The Committee had before them an interim statement on the work of the Preparatory Commission which had been drafted in the light of information received from Geneva. It was

RESOLVED: "That Lady Parmoor and Miss Courtney be asked to go through the interim statement and to suggest any alterations they consider necessary."

It was reported that Lord Cecil would probably be returning to London on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. Several members of the Committee expressed the hope that, in these circumstances, Lord Cecil would be able to meet the members of the Executive Committee before the meeting of the General Council. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be requested to consult Lord Cecil and to find out (1) whether he would prefer to meet the members of the Executive Committee before or after the meeting of the General Council and (2) at what stage in the proceedings of the General Council he would like to make his statement concerning the work of the Preparatory Commission."

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Library Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 53, the minutes of the Committee dated November 16th, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (52) Gifts of Books to the Library; (54) Loan of Books to Groups of Non-Members; (55) Library Book Fund for 1931; (56) Book List; (57) Composition of the Committee for 1931.

On Minute 55 - Library Book Fund for 1931, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the words 'Executive Committee' be substituted for the word 'Council' in this minute."

(2) "That the Committee regrets it is unable at the present time to increase the amount allocated to the Library Book Fund for 1931; but that the Library Committee be invited to bring their resolution before the Committee again in six months' time when it is hoped that it may be favourably considered."

(b) Overseas Committee (Mr. Wynch reported). Subject to the following report on minute 50, the minutes of the Committee dated November 26th, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (49) Copenhagen Meeting of the International Federation's Sub-Committee on European Union; (50) Brussels Meeting of the Federation; (51) Paris Section of the League of Nations Union; (52) Composition of the Committee; (53) Overseas Report; (54) Union Douaniere Europeenne.

On Minute 50 - Brussels Meeting of the Federation, it was reported that the date of the Brussels meeting had been fixed for February 15th to 16th.

(c) Office Committee (Mr. Worsley reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 49, the minutes of the Committee dated November 25th, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (47) Mr. Bullock; (48) Staff; (49) Procedure regarding half-yearly revision of Wages and Salaries; (50) Travel Bureau; (51) Christmas Holidays.

On Minute 49 - Procedure Regarding Half-Yearly Revision of Wages and Salaries, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the words 'salaries and wages' be substituted for the word 'salary' in the third line of paragraph (a)."

(2) "That the words 'and wages' be inserted after the word 'salaries' in the fourth line of paragraph (b)."

303. RECEPTION FOR DELEGATES TO THE ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE. Lady Parnoor reported that, owing to the many engagements which had been made for the delegates to the Round Table Conference, it had been decided to postpone the Union's reception until the middle of January. The Maharajah of Bikaner was unable to speak at the reception, but Mr. Sastri has promised to do so.

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304. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the Southamton and Bassett Branches, the Nafferton Branch and the Leeds and Wakefield District Council.
305. L.N.U. REPRESENTATIVES ON ROTARY JOINT COMMITTEE. It was
RESOLVED: "That Admiral Drury-Lowe, Sir John Power and Mr. Worsley be asked to represent the Union at the Joint Meeting of R.I.B.I. and the Union which it was proposed to hold on Monday, December 15th."
306. VACANCIES ON COMMITTEE. The Chairman reported that there were at present two vacancies on the Committee, and it was
RESOLVED: "That this item be included on the agenda of the next meeting of the Committee, and that, in this connection, Lady Layton's name be considered."
307. MEMORANDA BY SIR ALEXANDER GORDON, SIR ARTHUR HORT, AND CAPTAIN PELHAM BURN. The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to two memoranda concerning the organisation of the Union prepared by Sir Alexander Gordon, Sir Arthur Hort and Captain Pelham Burn. He stated that the authors of the memoranda had asked for the names and addresses of all the Union's Branch Secretaries in order that copies of the memoranda might be circulated to them. After discussion it was
RESOLVED: "That this request be not granted, but that a small Committee, consisting of the Chairman, Major Hills and Sir Thomas Inskip, be asked to meet Sir Theodore Morrison, Sir Alexander Gordon, Sir Arthur Hort and Captain Pelham Burn."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 1930 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), L.J. Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Miss K.D. Courtney, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Digdale, Major Walter Elliot, H.H. Elvin, Captain Green, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, R.S. Hudson, the Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, Sir John Power, H.S. Syrett, H.D. Watson, H. Graham White and Mr. Worsley, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

308. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Dr. Delisle Burns, Miss Ruth Fry, Major Walter Elliot, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major Hills, Sir Hugh Jodwine, Commander Kenworthy, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, John Sherborne, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, and Professor A.E. Zimmern.
309. MEETINGS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Sir Charles Hobhouse, stating that, as he is now living in the country, he finds it impossible to attend weekly meetings of the Committee. After full discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That, for an experimental period of three months from 15th January, 1931, meetings of the Executive Committee be held on the first, third and fifth Thursdays instead of once a week as at present; but that the Chairman be empowered to call a special meeting of the Committee if such a course appears desirable at any time."

- (2) "That the Chairman be requested, at each meeting of the Committee, to remind members of the following decision recorded in minute 100 of the Committee's meeting of June 6th, 1929:-

'That in dealing with reports of sub-committees, the Committee shall consider any point of special importance brought before it by the Reporter, and any point specifically raised by any member of the Committee but shall not go through the Minutes of any sub-Committee paragraph by paragraph. Reporters shall be requested not to raise points that are not of real importance.

- (3) "That, if necessary, meetings of sub-Committees be rearranged so that no undue delay shall occur in securing the Executive's confirmation of sub-Committees' minutes.

310. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minute 305 and decision on minute 307, the minutes of the Committee held on Thursday, December 4th, 1930, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 305 - L.N.U. Representatives on Rotary Joint Committee, it was reported that it had not been possible to hold this meeting on December 15th, but that it would probably take place during February.

See Minute 2.

On Minute 307 - Memoranda by Sir Alexander Gordon, Sir Arthur Hort and Captain Pelham Burn, the Chairman reported that he had received a letter from the authors of the memoranda, stating that they did not wish to meet the suggested small Committee and asking again for the names and addresses of the Union's Branch Secretaries. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That it be left to the Chairman, in consultation with Lord Cecil, to draft a reply to Sir Alexander Gordon, Sir Arthur Hort and Captain Pelham Burn, regretting that the Committee does not see its way to comply with their request."

311. VACANCIES ON COMMITTEE. On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Worsley, it was

RESOLVED: "That Lady Layton be invited to rejoin the Committee."

312. DISARMAMENT. Lord Cecil gave the Committee a brief oral account of the meeting of the Preparatory Commission, and dealt particularly with the attitude adopted by the various delegations at Geneva towards the problem of disarmament. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That Lord Cecil's statement to the meeting of the General Council on December 12th be printed immediately."

(2) "That, if possible, arrangements be made for Lord Cecil to broadcast a statement on the work of the Preparatory Commission."

The Chairman reported a communication from Mr. Rennie Smith, suggesting that the Union should organise a national campaign concentrating on the limitation and reduction of armaments in relation to the World Disarmament Conference, and it was

RESOLVED: "That this suggestion be referred to the Political Committee for consideration and report."

The Committee also considered the following amendment proposed by the Cambridge University Branch to the resolution on Disarmament submitted by the Liverpool and Merseyside District and subsequently withdrawn at the meeting of the General Council:-

'Believing that the prospects of achieving such a result would be considerably improved if the British Government were to change its attitude to the Draft Convention for Strengthening the Means of Preventing War, it urges it to withdraw its objections to alternative A of the text of that Convention prepared by the Committee on Arbitration and Security.'

It was

RESOLVED: "That this amendment be referred to the Political Committee for consideration and report."

313. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES. 107

- (a) Welcomes Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). Subject to the following report on minute 82, the minutes of the Committee dated December 2nd, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (80) Arising out of Minutes; (81) Secretary's Report; (82) Reception to Delegates attending the Round Table Conference; (83) Entertainment of Delegates attending Round Table conference; (84) Christmas Hospitality to Delegates attending Round Table Conference; (85) Composition of Committee for 1931; (86) Requests for Exchanges.

On Minute 82 - Reception to Delegates Attending Round Table Conference, it was reported that since it had been found impossible to hold a reception during December, and since so many other functions had already been arranged in honour of the delegates, the Standing Sub-Committee had recommended that no reception should be organised by the Union. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Standing Sub-Committee's recommendation be approved."

- (b) Political and Parliamentary Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported). Subject to the following decision on minutes 50, 51 and 53, the minutes of the Committee dated December 4th, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (48) Progress of Arrangements in Constituencies; (49) Preparatory Disarmament Commission; (50) Liquidation of the Iraq Mandate; (51) International Security Conference; (52) Statement upon Economic Policy; (53) Personnel of the Committee.

On Minute 50 - Liquidation of the Iraq Mandate, it was suggested that Air Vice-Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popnam should be invited to serve on this sub-Committee.

On Minute 51 - International Security Conference, it was

RESOLVED: "That an invitation to attend the opening session of the Conference be extended to all the Foreign Ambassadors in London."

On Minute 53 - Personnel of the Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."

- (c) Education Committee. (The High Master of St. Paul's reported). Subject to the following decisions on minutes 114, 115 and 124, and subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on minute 121(d), the minutes of the Committee dated December 8th, 1930 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (106) Arising out of the Minutes; (107) Composition of the Committee for 1931; (108) List of Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (109) Reports on Universities and Colleges; (110) The Children's League of Nations; Report on Progress; (111) Report of Young People's Organisations Sub-Committee; (112) Manual for Youth Sections;

(113) Military Training in Schools; (114) National Organisations of Young People; (115) Rover Crews; (116) International Knowledge Badge; (117) Junior Branches; (118) Junior Branches in Junior Schools; (119) The Use of Wireless; (120) Report of the Films' Sub-Committee; (121) Exhibitions of the Union's Films; (122) International Teaching Film; (123) Proposed Talking Films; (124) The League and the Cinema; (125) Appointment of Representative to the Cinema Sectional Committee of the National Council of Women of Great Britain; (126) Resolution of the Wembley Branch for the Meeting of the General Council; (127) Commission on Educational and Cultural Films; (128) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (129) Report of the Joint Committee on the School Leaving Age; (130) Esperanto; (131) Publications; (132) Education Conferences; (133) Conference on the Teaching of the Aims and Achievements of the League in Scotland; (134) New Education Fellowship.

On Minute 114 - National Organisation of Young People and Minute 115 - Rover Crews, it was

RESOLVED: "That these minutes be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."

On Minute 124 - The League and the Cinema, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution contained in minute 63 of the Christian Organisations Committee be approved in the following amended form for submission to the XVth Plenary Congress of the International Federation:-

'That this Committee

VIEWING with grave apprehension the possible effects of the indiscriminate showing of western-made films to backward peoples;

BELIEVING that the moral effects of such exhibitions are deleterious;

REALISING that in the interests of the governing and governed races alike some steps should be taken to mitigate this evil;

CONSIDERING that the problem is of an international character and that in the first instance the most suitable organ of the League of Nations to be apprised of this matter is the Mandates Committee

REQUESTS the League of Nations to take this matter into consideration, either through the medium of the permanent Mandates Committee or through any other channel that may seem more suitable."

- (d) International Law Committee. (The Secretary reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 13, the minutes of the Committee dated December 15th, 1930 were approved and adopted. 187

These minutes included (13) Amendments to the Covenant; (14) Composition of Committee for 1931.

On Minute 13 - Amendments to the Covenant, it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That a copy of the memorandum on Amendments to the Covenant (S.G.3745) be sent to H.M. Government."
 (2) "That the Political Committee be asked to consider and report on the political issues involved in the last paragraph of the memorandum."

- (e) Publicity Committee. (Lady Hall reported). The minutes of the Committee dated December 15th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (91) The Late Mrs. Cornar; (92) Report on Publicity Activities; (93) International Disarmament; (94) Liquidation of the Iraq Mandate; (95) Special Edition of HEADWAY; (96) Personnel of the Committee; (97) Attendance at Committees; (98) General Council.

- (f) Finance Committee. (Sir John Power reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 102, the minutes of the Committee dated December 16th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (99) Budget for 1931; (100) Financial Report; (101) Half Yearly Revision of Salaries and Wages; (102) Appeals Committee; (103) December Salary Cheques; (104) Portable Exhibit; (105) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

On Minute 102 - Appeals Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That the last sentence in this minute be approved in the following amended form:-

'Mr. Hawkey's appointment, which had originally been for a period of one year, had been extended indefinitely, to be terminated by three months' notice being given on either side at any time.'

- (g) Office Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 54(a), the minutes of the Committee dated December 16th, 1930, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (54) Half-Yearly Revision of Salaries and Wages; (55) Miss Hinton Smith; (56) Whitley Council; (57) Subsistence Allowance for Speakers; (58) Mr. Wilson Harris; (59) 100,000 Foundation Membership Scheme; (60) Composition of Committee.

On Minute 54(a) - Half-Yearly Revision of Salaries and Wages, it was

RESOLVED: "That this decision be communicated to all members of the Staff."

314. 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.

19 Branches, 18 Junior Branches, 14 Corporate Members, 14 Corporate Associates.

Deletions.

3 Branches, 1 Junior Branch, 17 Corporate Members, 4 Corporate Associates.

BRANCHES: Aberdeen Union of Post Office Workers; North Wales Training College, Bangor; Stranmillis Training College, Belfast; Birches Head and Northwood, Staffs; Halliwell Lane Wesleyan Church and Halliwell Road Free Church, Bolton; Brixworth, Northants; Brookside, Sussex; St. Paul's College, Cheltenham; Cranfield, Bucks; Eakring, Notts; Ferring, Sussex; Greenlaw, Scotland; Kimble, Bucks; Lovick, Northants; Macduff, Scotland; Pailerspury, Northants; Stewkley, Beds; Darlington Street Chapel, Wolverhampton. DELETIONS: Barnsby, Lincs; Slough, Bucks; Mexborough, Yorks. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Boldmere Girls' School, Wyde Green, Birmingham; Winton and Moordown Council School for Girls, Bournemouth; St. Catherine's School, Bude, Cornwall; St. Osyth Road School, Clacton-on-Sea; Edmonton Girls' Junior Branch, Middlesex; Council Girls' School, Faversham; High School for Girls, East Dereham, Norfolk; St. Andrews Sunday School, Ilford; The Grammar School, Leonminster; Gorrings Park Central Boys' School, Mitcham, Surrey; Lyonsdown School, New Barnet, Herts; Wyncroft School, Oxford; Leighton Park School, Reading; The Hawthorns School, Redhill, Surrey; Southwark Park Central School for Girls, Southwark, London; Stonehouse Junior Branch, Glos; Trent Bridge Central School for Boys, Nottingham; Badminton Junior School, Westbury-on-Trym, Glos. DELETION: Raynham Road Girls' School, Edmonton. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Aberdeen Typographical Society; Railway Clerks' Association, Aberdeen; "Esdaille" Ministers' Daughters College, Edinburgh; Paisley Y.M.C.A.; South Church, Stonehaven, Scotland; Harmonic Institution, Rishton, Lancs; Rishton Free Gardeners' Club, Lancs; St. Christopher's College, Blackheath, London; Christ Church, Chelsea, London; Hounslow Telephone Exchange, London; Tarnham Wesleyan Church, Surrey; St. Peter's Church, Baldsloy, St. Leonards, Sussex; Harshill Ward Labour Party, Leeds; St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church of England, Sheffield. DELETIONS: Gilcombe Park Baptist Church, Aberdeen; Beaton Hill Wesleyan Guild; St. Paul's College, Cheltenham; New Baptist Church, Devizes; Hawick, Y.M.C.A.; Nuneaton Primitive Methodist Church; St. Oswald's Church, Philadelphia; Reading Branch, National B.W.T.A.; Smethwick Baptist Church; Stepney Meeting; Palmerston Place Church Women's Guild, Edinburgh; Teaching Staff of Flora Stevenson School, Edinburgh; Teaching Staff

of George Watson's Boys College (Group I), Edinburgh; Teaching Staff of George Watson's Boys College (Group II), Edinburgh; St. Andrew's Place Church Study Circle, Edinburgh; Staff of Edinburgh Tramways; British Women's Temperance, Stirling. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Allesley Women's Institute; Avenbury Women's Institute; Burstow Women's Institute; Church Lenon Women's Institute; Hadzor and Oddingley Women's Institute; Highclere Women's Institute; Hunsdon Women's Institute; Milton Women's Institute; Whitchurch and Ganarew Women's Institute; Whittlesey Women's Institute; Woodford Green Women's Institute; Bedford B.W.T.A.U.; Sudbury Sisterhood; Watford Y.W.C.A. DELETIONS: Newick Women's Institute; Lordship Lane Women's Co-operative Guild; Women's Section, Exeter Labour Party; Bookham Women's Own.

It was reported that there were now 2,982 Branches, 940 Junior Branches, 3,333 Corporate Members and 692 Corporate Associates. Since the last report 4,506 new members had been enrolled, making the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned 879,950, of whom 342,118 have paid a subscription in 1930 as compared with 332,599 at this time last year.

315. MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL. It was reported that the minutes of the December meeting of the General Council were being printed and would be circulated to the Committee in due course.

316. SPEECH BY M. TITULESCO. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Publicity Committee be asked to consider and report upon the desirability or otherwise of printing as a Union pamphlet the speech delivered by M. Titulesco at the Luncheon organised by the London Regional Federation on December 11th."

The Committee hoped that, in any case, a report of the speech would be given in HEADWAY.

317. RE-APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES. It was

RESOLVED: "That those Committees which have not already been reconstituted for 1931 be re-appointed to serve during that year."

318. STAFF PARTY. The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that the Annual Staff Party would be held on Saturday, January 17th at St. Ermin's Hotel, Westminster. He hoped that as many members of the Committee as possible would attend the Party.

319. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, January 15th, 1931."

g.m.

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

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), L.J. Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Miss K.D. Courtney, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, the Viscountess Gladstone, Captain Green, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, Dr. Kimmins, Mrs. Rindeman, H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, and L.M. Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

1. APLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Dr. Delisle Burns, Mrs. Dugdale, Major Walter Elliot, Miss Ruth Fry, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Hugh Jeudwine, Commander Kenworthy, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, W.J. Salmon, Lady Selborne, John Sherborne, H.S. Syrett and Professor A.E. Zimmern.
2. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on minute 310 (307) the minutes of the Committee held on Thursday, December 18th, 1930 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 310(307) - Memorandum by Sir Alexander Gordon, Sir Arthur Hort and Captain Pelham Burn, the Chairman reported that, in accordance with the decision of the Committee, he had, in consultation with Lord Cecil, written to the authors of the memorandum regretting that it would be contrary to the Union's practice to give them the names and addresses of Branch Secretaries, and suggesting that, if they did not wish to meet the small sub-Committee, they might like to have their proposals discussed by the Regions Committee (of which Sir Arthur Hort is a member). Sir Arthur Hort and his friends did not, however, wish to do this, and had decided instead to circulate their memorandum to a few selected Branches and to all members of the Executive Committee. A statement that "This memorandum is being sent out with the knowledge of the League of Nations Union executive" appeared at the head of Part II of the memorandum when circulated. Several members of the Executive expressed the opinion that this statement was misleading, since the Committee were only informed that the memorandum had been issued "with the knowledge of the Executive" after it had in fact been sent out.

The Chairman read to the Committee a letter from Mr. Sherborne, and after discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That a statement of the facts be sent to Regional Representatives and to County Secretaries; and that a copy be also sent to any Branch asking for information on the subject."

(2) "That reference to the memorandum be made in the next monthly letter to Branches."

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Christian Organisations Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 127, the minutes of the Committee dated December 17th, 1930 were approved and adopted.

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These minutes included (124) Intercession Cards for 1931; (125) Proposal from Fellowship Branch; (126) Church Assembly Resolution; (127) Religions and Ethics Committee's Memorandum; (128) Lambeth Conference Resolutions; (129) Free Church Posters; (130) Denominational Resolutions; (131) Appeal for 100,000 Foundation Members; (132) Future Armistice Arrangements; (133) Co-operation with Salvation Army; (134) Co-operation with Christian Social Council and World Alliance; (135) Applications for Corporate Membership; (136) Interview with Mr. L.H.S. Goldschmidt

On Minute 127 - Religions and Ethics Committee's Memorandum, it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this minute be adjourned until such time as the report of the Sub-Committee has been considered by the Religions and Ethics Committee and the new and shorter paper referred to in paragraph (3) has been prepared."

(b) Sub-Committee Appointed by Executive to consider Religions and Ethics Committee's Memorandum. The Committee received the report of the Sub-Committee, together with the memorandum (S.G.3160) on the work of the Religions and Ethics Committee, and decided to consider them along with minute 127 of the Christian Organisations Committee referred to in minute 3(a) above.

(c) Political and Parliamentary Committee. Lord Cecil submitted, as matters of urgency, the following resolutions adopted by the Committee at its meeting on January 14th:-

- (1) "That Miss Courtney be asked to undertake the duty of co-ordinating as far as possible the efforts of the various bodies engaged in a campaign for promoting the success of the World Disarmament Conference."
- (2) "The Executive Committee of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies, meeting at Brussels in February, 1931,
 - (i) Calls upon all the affiliated societies to do all in their power during the coming year to awaken public opinion in their respective countries to the urgent need of concentrated national effort so as to ensure that the first Disarmament Conference shall result in immediate and substantial reduction of the armies, navies and airforces of the world;
 - (ii) instructs the Federation's secretariat to issue to societies monthly during the coming year a bulletin showing the progress that each society is making in its advocacy of disarmament;
 - (iii) decides to set aside a whole day of the XVth Plenary Congress at Budapest to the discussion of disarmament."

It was

RESOLVED: "That these resolutions be approved and adopted and that resolution No.2 be forwarded immediately to the Secretary of the International Federation."

See Minute 14.

- (d) Industrial Advisory Committee (Captain Green reported). Subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on minute 131, the minutes of the Committee dated December 18th, 1930 were approved and adopted. 149

These minutes included (117) Mr. Ben Turner; (118) International Federation of Leagues of Nations Societies; (119) London Regional Federation Labour Organisations Committee; (120) Intelligence Officer at Geneva; (121) Lord Burnham; (122) Raising of the School Leaving Age; (123) Reporter to the Executive; (124) Royal Sanitary Institute - Invitation to attend the 42nd Congress and Exhibition of the Royal Sanitary Institute, Glasgow, July 4th - 11th, 1931; (125) General Council - Industrial Associates; (126) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (127) Industrial Affiliation; (128) Geneva Party, 1931; (129) Canadian League of Nations Society; (130) Publications; (131) Conference on "Wages and Employment".

4. WASHINGTON HOURS CONVENTION. It was
RESOLVED: "That Captain Green be asked, in consultation with the Secretariat, to arrange for questions to be asked in Parliament on the subject of the ratification by H.M. Government of the Washington Hours Convention."
5. FUTURE OF LIBERIA. Mr. Harris drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that the Report of the International Commission of Enquiry on the subject of slavery and forced labour in Liberia had now been published, and it was
RESOLVED: "That, (in accordance with minute 272 of 13.11.30) the Chairman be asked to nominate the small sub-Committee of the Political Committee, and to include Mr. J.H. Harris as well as Dr. Christie on this sub-Committee."
6. DATE OF TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL. It was
RESOLVED: "That the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the General Council be held in Blackpool on June 24th, 25th and 26th next."
7. BRITISH LEGION. Admiral Drury-Lowe drew the attention of the Committee to the unsatisfactory relations that existed between the British Legion and the Union in many parts of the country. The Committee were reminded that an arrangement was made some years ago whereby a representative of the Legion was co-opted on to the Executive, but that this arrangement had not proved satisfactory. After discussion it was
RESOLVED: "That the Secretary be requested to consult Admiral Drury-Lowe, Sir Hugh Jevons and Sir Frederick Maurice (the Hon. Treasurer of the British Legion) on the subject and report to the Committee at its next meeting."
8. EUROPEAN CO-OPERATION -- REPORT ON COPENHAGEN MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION'S SUB-COMMITTEE. The Committee considered a report (S.G.3773) by Mr. Wynch on the meeting of the Federation's Sub-Committee for the study of the problem of European Co-operation, together with the draft resolution adopted by the Committee. The Chairman stated that this draft resolution had been communicated by the Secretary General of the Federation to the Secretariat of the League of Nations, but that it had been made clear that the resolution was only a draft and did not bind either the Federation or any of its affiliated Societies. After discussion

it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That a telegram be sent to Mr. Philip Noel Baker at Geneva, emphasising the fact that this resolution has not yet been approved by the International Federation or by the League of Nations Union."
 (2) "That Mr. Wynch's report be referred to the Overseas Committee for consideration."

9. 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.

6 Branches, 10 Junior Branches, 13 Corporate Members, 1 Corporate Associate.

Deletions.

2 Branches, 1 Junior Members Group, 7 Corporate Members, 2 Corporate Associates.

BRANCHES: Barnton, Cheshire; Frenchay, Gloucestershire; St. Columba's Church, Walthamstow; Stainforth, Yorks; Trawsfynydd, Merionethshire; Welwyn, Herts. DELETIONS: Honiton, Devon; Wingate, Durham. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Warwick Road Church Junior Branch, Coventry; Tavistock Senior Boys' School, Croydon; Merchant Taylors' Girls' School, Great Crosby, Lancs; Hermitage School, Helensburgh, Dumbartonshire; Jerusalem Girls' College, Jerusalem, Palestine; Boys' Grammar School, Keighley, Yorks; Kilmarnock Junior Branch, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire; Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Mansfield, Notts; Peppard Junior Branch, Peppard, Oxfordshire; Jews' Free Girls' School, Spitfields, JUNIOR BRANCHES GROUP DELETION: Hostel for the Blind, Hampstead. CORPORATE MEMBERS: St. Peter's Church, Belfast; Bedford Teachers' Association; Wallasey Presbyterian Church, Cheshire; United Kingdom Commercial Travellers' Association, Plymouth; Shildon Wesleyan Church, Durham; Shildon Primitive Methodist Church, Durham; British Legion, Rishton, Lancs; Grand United Order of Oddfellows, Keighley Green, Burnley, Lancs; Leyton Teachers' Association (N.U.T.) Leyton, London; Kingston Particular Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Kingston, Surrey; North Riding Branch of the Association of Assistant Mistresses, Yorks; Rehoboth Primitive Methodist Church, West Bowling, Bradford; St. John and St. Barnabas' Church, Holbeck, Leeds. DELETIONS: Aberglen Wesleyan Church; Prospect United Methodist Church, Leeds; Langley Wesleyan Church, Macclesfield; Abbeyle Congregational Church, Sheffield; British Legion, Tiptree; St. Michael's Church, Torquay; Truro Diocesan Training College. CORPORATE ASSOCIATE: New Hutton Women's Institute. DELETIONS: Earls Barton Women's Institute; St. Annes (Lewes) Women's Institute.

It was reported that there were now 2,986 Branches, 950 Junior Branches, 25 Junior Members Groups, 3,339 Corporate Members and 691 Corporate Associates. It was further reported that the membership figures for 1930 were not yet available, but would be communicated to the Committee at its next meeting.

10. BRANCH RESOLUTION. The Committee received with interest a resolution from the Herwich Branch on the subject of the relations at present existing between the Minority peoples of Eastern Galicia and Poland.

The Committee were informed that, in acknowledging the resolution recently passed by the Executive on this subject, Mr. Arthur Henderson's secretary had written-"I am to request you to convey to your Executive Committee an expression of his /Mr. Henderson's/ thanks for this communication, and to add that the question is receiving his earnest attention."

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The Committee were reminded that the next meeting of the Committee would be held at 11 a.m. on January 29th.

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2.2.31.MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 29TH,
1931 AT 11 a.m. (9)
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PRESENT: Lord Cecil (in the Chair), L.J.Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, H.H.Elvin, Lady Gladstone, Miss Guinness, J.H.Harris, R.S.Hudson, Sir Hugh Jodwain, Dr. Kimmins, Lady Layton, Mrs. Runciman, W.J.Salmon, John Sherborne, H.D.Watson, Herbert Worsley, H. Graham White, L.M.Wynch and Professor Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Dr. Delisle Burns, Major Walter Elliot, Miss Ruth Fry, Captain Green, Lady Hall, Sir Arthur Haworth, the Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Professor Murray, Lady Parmoor, Lady Selborne and H.S.Syrett.
13. CHAIRMAN. In the absence of Professor Murray Lord Cecil was voted into the Chair.
14. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minute 5, the minutes of the Committee held on Thursday, January 15th, 1931, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 5 - Future of Liberia, it was reported that invitations to serve on the sub-Committee had been sent to Major Walter Elliot, Mr. Graham White, Mr. Renzie Smith, Mr. J.H.Harris and Dr. Christie.

15. VICE-CHAIRMAN. Lord Cecil read a letter from the Chairman and reported that Major Hills had written to Professor Murray on 15th December stating that, for various reasons, he wished to resign the Vice-Chairmanship of the Union and that, although Professor Murray had asked him to reconsider his decision, he had written again on December 18th stating that his resignation must be regarded as definitive. After considerable discussion, on the motion of Mr. Harris, seconded by Mrs. Runciman, it was

RESOLVED: "That a small deputation consisting of Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Dugdale and Lord Dickinson, be asked to see Major Hills and to discuss with him the possibility of his continuing to act as Vice-Chairman of the Union."

16. COMMUNICATION FROM THE FOREIGN SECRETARY. Lord Cecil reported that Professor Murray had, on behalf of the Union, sent a telegram of congratulation to Mr. Arthur Henderson on the unanimous declaration of the European Committee that they were "resolutely determined to use the machinery of the League to prevent any resort to violence", and that the following reply had been received from the Foreign Secretary:-

It was very good of you to think of telegraphing your congratulations on my speech. Will you please convey my thanks to the Union and tell them how much I appreciate congratulations from a body on whose support we must largely rely if the hopes and intentions of our declaration are to be realised.

See Minute 22.

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17. VACANCIES ON COMMITTEE. The Secretary reported that, in accordance with the request of the Committee (minute 7 of 15.1.31.) he had consulted Sir Frederick Maurice, Admiral Drury-Lowe and Sir Hugh Jevons, and that, with their approval, he had had a talk with Colonel Crosfield. Colonel Crosfield, who is an ex-Chairman and permanent member of the Executive Committee of the British Legion, and ex-Chairman and permanent member of the Executive of P.O.D., had expressed his willingness to serve on the Executive of the Union if invited to do so. After discussion it was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That Colonel Crosfield be co-opted as a member of the Committee."

18. MINUTES OF DECEMBER MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee received the minutes of the General Council's meeting of December 11th and 12th, 1930, and it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of the resolutions adopted by the General Council be adjourned until the next meeting."

19. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Education Committee (Dr. Kimmins reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 12, the minutes of the Committee dated January 12th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Arising out of the Minutes; (3) List of Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (4) Report on Work in the Universities and Colleges; (5) Appointment of Sub-Committees for 1931; (6) Esperanto; (7) Enquiries by H.M. Inspectors into League of Nations Teaching in the schools; (8) Further Correspondence with the Buckinghamshire Education Committee; (9) Education Conferences; (10) Adult Education Classes; (11) Summer Schools, 1931; (12) Hand Map of the World to illustrate Membership and Activities of the League of Nations.

On Minute 12 - Hand Map of the World to Illustrate Membership and Activities of the League of Nations, the Secretary stated that he had arranged for the new Map of the world to be published on a larger scale than was contemplated at the time of the Education Committee's meeting, and he asked for authority if necessary to increase the retail prices up to 3s.6d. for a paper edition and 7s.6d. for an edition mounted on linen, varnished and rolled. Dr. Kimmins agreed and the Committee approved.

- (b) Library Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 4, the minutes of the committee dated 13th January, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Gifts of Books to the Library; (4) Library Book Fund for 1931; (5) Composition of Committee for 1931; (6) Election of Chairman for 1931; (7) Time of Committee Meeting; (8) Report on the Work of the Library during 1930; (9) Book Lists; (10) A.S.L.I.B. Conference.

On Minute 4 - Library Book Fund for 1931, it was

RESOLVED: "That an appeal for assistance towards the Library Book Fund be also made to the Hussey Trust."

- (c) Political and Parliamentary Committee (Lord Cecil Reported). Subject to the following decision on minutes 4(c) and 5, the minutes of the Committee dated January 14th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Personnel of the Committee; (3) International Disarmament; (4) Progress of Arrangements in Constituencies; (5) Means of Preventing War; (6) Liquidation of the Iraq Mandate; (7) Statement on Economic Policy; (8) Amendments to the Covenant.

On Minute 4(c) - Progress of Arrangements in Constituencies (Liverpool), Mr. Graham White promised to discuss this matter with Mr. MacDonald.

On Minute 5 - Means of Preventing War, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred back to the Political and Parliamentary Committee with a request for a memorandum on the Draft Convention for Strengthening the Means of Preventing War and the present situation in regard to it."

The Committee also considered the following minute of the special meeting of the Political and Parliamentary Committee held on January 28th, 1931:-

9. INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT. The Committee resolved:-

X "That the lines upon which the Union's activity should proceed in order to secure the success of the World Disarmament Conference should be as set forth in the following statement:-

1. To emphasise the vital importance of the general reduction and limitation of armaments.
2. To urge that this country should throw its whole weight into an effort to secure the greatest practicable measure of such reduction and limitation.
3. To urge that this reduction and limitation is possible without diminishing ^{national safety} security for involving new commitments, on the basis that States will carry out their existing obligations under the Covenant mutually to support one another against those who start hostilities after refusing to accept a peaceful settlement.
4. To explain the unique opportunity which the Disarmament Conference gives for carrying out this policy. X

See Minute 22

It was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That this minute be approved subject to the addition of the word "Campaign" in the title of the minute, and subject to the substitution of the words "national safety" for the word "security" in paragraph 3."
- (2) "That this minute be forwarded immediately to Miss Courtney for her observations and that, pending her reply, no action be taken on it."

Lord Cecil stated that he was leaving for Geneva on Saturday with the object of getting into touch with the international organisations which have their headquarters at Geneva, and expressed a desire that Mr. Eppstein should accompany him. Leave for this purpose was accordingly granted to Mr. Eppstein.

- (d) Publicity Committee. Consideration of the minutes of the Committee dated January 19th, 1931, was adjourned until the next meeting.
- (e) Christian Organisations Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 5, the minutes of the Committee dated January 21st, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (3) Religions and Ethics Committee's Memorandum; (4) Co-operation with Salvation Army; (5) World Disarmament Conference; (6) Future Armistice Arrangements; (7) Free Church Posters; (8) Appeal for 100,000 Foundation Members; (9) Letter from International Missionary Council; (10) Methodist Circuits; (11) Corporate Membership.

On Minute 5 - World Disarmament Conference, it was

RESOLVED: "That paragraph (4) of this minute be approved in the following amended form:-

- (4) "That the Sunday nearest to Armistice Day, 1931 be observed as a day of prayer for the success of the Disarmament Conference."

- (f) School Leaving Age Sub-Committee. (Mr. Elvin reported). The Committee considered the amended report of the sub-Committee on School Leaving Age. Dr. Kimmins reminded the Committee that the Education Committee had still to consider the amended report of this sub-Committee. Lord Cecil explained that the sub-Committee's report had been prepared in time for Brussels, but that no action could be taken upon it by the Federation until the meeting of the Plenary Congress at Budapest in May; and that, meanwhile the Union's Education Committee would have ample time to make recommendations to the Executive, who would have time to consider them and to come to a final decision on the subject before the Budapest meeting. Dr. Kimmins moved the following resolution:-

"That the Executive Committee has considered the recommendations referred to it by the XIVth Plenary Congress and, although it has not yet received a report from the Education Committee on the subject, it expresses its provisional approval of the recommendations contained in the following schedule. The Committee emphasises that its approval is given only as regards general principles and not as regards details."

The Secretary suggested, and Dr. Kimmins accepted, the addition of the following sentence from page 2 of the sub-Committee's report to Dr. Kimmins' resolution:-

"In particular, the Committee does not express an opinion as to the relative importance of the following recommendations nor the order in which they should be carried into effect."

After discussion it was, instead of these proposals

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Executive Committee is of opinion that the XVth Plenary Congress should consider the proposals contained in the schedule of the sub-Committee's amended report".

(2) "That, in moving this resolution at Brussels, the Union's delegates should make it clear that the Executive Committee has neither approved nor disapproved of the proposals."

(g) Economic Committee (Sir George Paish reported). Subject to the following decision on minutes 2 and 4, the minutes of the Committee dated January 23rd, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) The World Economic Situation; (3) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; Proposed Unemployment Conference; (4) Russian Timber Camps.

On Minute 2 - The World Economic Situation, it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this minute be adjourned; and that, meanwhile, Lord Cecil be asked to ascertain the views of the League's Economic Committee on this subject and that certain other authorities be also consulted."

On Minute 4 - Russian Timber Camps, Mr. Sherborne said he thought the statements appearing in the public press were somewhat overdrawn, and that the evidence to show that the Russian people were living under slave conditions was of a very fragile nature. After discussion it was

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

(h) Office Committee. The minutes of the Committee dated January 22nd, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (2) Subsistence Allowances; (3) Dame Adelaide Livingstons; (4) Dates of Meetings of Headquarters Committees.

20. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following addition 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.

9 Branches, 9 Junior Branches, 15 Corporate Members, 10 Corporate Associates.

Deletions.

7 Corporate Members, 4 Corporate Associates.

BRANCHES: Alford, Scotland; Badby, Northants; Bothwell, Scotland; Cove, Hants; Dinas Powis, Glam; Portsmouth Central, Hants; Portsmouth South, Hants; Rotham, Scotland; Torrington, Devon. **JUNIOR BRANCHES:** Colmore Road Senior School, Birmingham; King's Road Boys' School, Chelmsford; Council School, Cwmdare; Downham Market Junior Branch, Norfolk; East Acton Junior Branch, Middlesex; Girls' Council School, Hirwaun, Glam; St. John's Congregational Church Junior Branch, Ipswich; Tetherdown Sunday School Junior Branch, Muswell Hill; The High School, Wisbech, Cambs. **CORPORATE MEMBERS:** Cheadle Congregational Church, Cheshire; Dukinfield Hall Congregational Church, Cheshire; Dukinfield United Methodist Church, Cheshire; Gatley Parish Church, Cheshire; Keswick Industrial Co-operative Society, Ltd., Cumberland; Charlesworth Independent Chapel, Glossop, Derby; Looe Baptist Church, Devon; Annfield Plain Primitive Church, Christian Endeavour Society, Durham; Ashton-under-Lyne Women Citizens' Association, Lancs; St. Andrew's Church, Eccles, Lancs; Haslingden Primitive Methodist Church, Lancs; British Legion, Ramsbottom, Lancs; St. John's Church, Hanley, Staffs; Chasam Girls' Friendly Society, Surrey; Woodside Parish Church, Horroth, Yorks. **DELETIONS:** St. Andrew's Church, Whitehall Park, Highbury, London; Jewish Cabinet Makers' Dividing Benefit Society, London; Primitive Methodist Circuit, Nantwich; St. Anne's-on-Sea, The Drive Wesleyan Church; Women's Conservative Association, Sittingbourne. **CORPORATE ASSOCIATES:** Duffield Women's Institute; Hinton St. George Women's Institute; Lee Women's Institute; Long Marston Women's Institute; New Hutton Women's Institute; Sanderstead Women's Institute; Tilford Women's Institute; West Hill Women's Institute; Mothers' Meeting, Hadleigh Congregational Church; 1st Horsham Ranger Company. **DELETIONS:** Leverstock Green Women's Institute; Spechall and Wissett Women's Institute; Warboro' and Shillingford Women's Institute; Southall Women's Co-operative Guild.

It was reported that there were now 2,995 Branches, 659 Junior Branches, 3,347 Corporate Members and 697 Corporate Associates. It was further reported that 394,357 subscriptions (319,684 renewals and 74,673 new) were paid in 1930 as compared with 378,059 (of which 294,341 were renewals and 83,622 new) in 1929, and that the total membership at December 31st, 1930 was 889,500.

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

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Colonel Crosfield, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, J. M. Harris, Lady Layton, John Sherborne, H. D. Watson, H. Graham White, Herbert Worsley and L. M. Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Dr. Delisle Burns, L. J. Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Major Walter Elliot, H. H. Elvin, Miss Ruth Fry, Captain L. H. Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Hugh Jendwine, Commander Kenworthy, Lady Parmoor, Mrs. Rurdiman, Lady Selborne, H. S. Syrett, Mrs. Wilson-Fox and Professor Zimmern.
22. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on minute 14(5) and 19(c)(9), the minutes of the Committee dated January 29th, 1931 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 14(5) - Future of Liberia, the Chairman reported a conversation he had had with Dr. Christy, who felt that no useful purpose would be served by discussing the Liberian Report until such time as the League Council's Committee had examined the Report and made its proposals. It was

RESOLVED: "That for the present no meeting of the Liberian Sub-Committee be summoned."

On Minute 17 - Vacancies on Committee, the Chairman welcomed Lady Layton who had rejoined the Committee, and Colonel Crosfield who was attending the Committee for the first time.

On Minute 19(c)(9) - International Disarmament, it was reported that minute 9 of the special meeting of the Political and Parliamentary Committee, dated January 28 28th, had been forwarded to Miss Courtney for her observations but that no reply had so far been received from her, and it was

RESOLVED: "That action be now taken on minute 9 of the Political and Parliamentary Committee as amended by the Executive Committee at its last meeting."

23. VICE-CHAIRMAN. It was reported that, in accordance with the decision recorded in minute 15, Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Dugdale and Lord Dickinson had seen Major Hills, who had promised to continue to act as Vice-Chairman of the Union for the next six months.
24. DECEMBER MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered the resolutions adopted by the General Council at its meeting on December 11th and 12th, 1930, and it was
- RESOLVED: (1) "That minutes 387(373 and 374) (Representation of Branches on General Council and Expenses of Council representatives) and 392 (Composition of Executive Committee) be referred to the Branches and Regions Committees for consideration and report."

See Minute 32.

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- (2) "That minute 397 (Federation of League of Nations Societies) be referred to the Overseas Committee and, if necessary, to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report."
- (3) "That minute 406 (Poland) be referred to the Minorities Committee for consideration and report."
- (4) "That minute 407 (Colonial Administration) be referred to the Mandates Committee for consideration and report, and that a representative of the Cambridge University Branch be invited to attend the meeting when this minute is being discussed."
- (5) "That the paragraph dealing with Liquor Traffic in Mandated Territories (minute 405) be inserted in the Statement of Policy to be included in the Annual Report."

It was reported that minute 387(370)(Bank for International Settlements) was being considered by the Economic Committee, and that the amendment proposed by the Cambridge University Branch in minute 404 (Disarmament) was being considered by the Political and Parliamentary Committee.

25. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Economic Committee. The Committee considered adjourned minutes 2 and 4 of the Committee dated January 23rd.

On Minute 2 - The World Economic Situation, the Secretary reported conversations he had had with Lord Cecil, Mr. Philip Baker and Sir Walter Layton on this subject. Mr. Baker considered the League's experience and technique in the conduct of international conferences was so valuable as to outweigh the arguments for a limited conference. Mr. Baker hoped therefore that a League conference would be called. Sir Walter Layton had expressed the opinion that, important as these considerations were, the proposal in the Economic Committee's resolution for a limited conference would better meet the necessities of the present case. It was suggested that this resolution should be acted on by sending a small private deputation to place this proposal before the Prime Minister, and to enquire whether and, if so, in what way the Union could assist in bringing about the desired result. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution of the Economic Committee be approved but not published and that the manner of acting on it be left to the Chairman."

On Minute 4 - Russian Timber Camps, the Chairman read to the Committee an extract from an article which appeared in HEADWAY for March, 1930, discussing the prospects of successful intervention by the League with the Soviet Government at the time when they were persecuting Christian Ministers. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred to the Political and Parliamentary Committee for consideration and report and that Mr. J.H.Harris be invited to attend the committee when this subject is being discussed."

- (b) Publicity (Lady Hall reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 4, the minutes of the Committee dated January 19th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Membership of the Committee; (3) Report on Publicity Activities; (4) International Disarmament; (5) Liquidation of the Iraq Mandate; (6) Sunday Reports; (7) Pamphlet on Industrial Diseases; (8) Speech by M. Titulesco; (9) Peace Stamps.

On Minute 4 - International Disarmament, it was

RESOLVED: "That in accordance with the decision recorded in minute 25(c)(1) below, the words "a fixed percentage" be substituted for the words "not less than 25%" in paragraph 2 of this minute."

- (c) Political and Parliamentary Committee (Mr. Worsley reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 10, the minutes of the Committee dated January 28th, 1931, (with the exception of minute 9 which was considered at the last meeting of the Executive) were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (10) Disarmament: Instructions to Speakers and Writers.

On Minute 10 - Disarmament. Instructions to Speakers and Writers, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the words 'such as 25%' be deleted from paragraph (1) of this minute."

- (2) "That a fuller and more exact statement be prepared concerning the percentage of reduction in expenditure on armaments at which speakers and writers of the Union should be advised to aim."

- (d) Women's Advisory Council. (Mrs. Bigland reported). Subject to the following decision on minutes 402, 407, 408, 409, and 410, the minutes of the meeting held on January 28th, 1931, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (402) Chairman; (404) Mrs. Corner; (405) Composition of Council for 1931; (406) Report of Standing Sub-Committee; (407) Mr. Tsai; (408) Liquor Traffic in West Africa; (409) Nationality of Married Women; (410) Night Work Convention; (411) Conference on the Meaning of Security; (412) Applications for Corporate Associateship.

On Minute 402 - Chairman, the Committee expressed its desire to identify itself with the Women's Advisory Council's expression of sympathy with Mrs. Wilson-Fox in her bereavement.

On Minute 407 - Mi Tsai, it was

RESOLVED: "That the draft letter, as amended by the Women's Advisory Council, be sent as from the Executive Committee to the Secretary of State for the Colonies."

On Minute 408 - Liquor Traffic in West Africa, it was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be forwarded to the Foreign Office and to Lord Lugard."

On Minute 409 - Nationality of Married Women, it was

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

'The Women's Advisory Council desires to express its satisfaction that the Report of the Hague Conference on the Codification of International Law, including the Recommendations relating to the Nationality of Married Women, is to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the League Assembly and urges the British Government to support the policy envisaged in those recommendations, namely:

- (1) that any further Convention shall recognise the equality of the sexes in matters of nationality;
- (2) that the nationality of the wife shall not be affected without her consent either by the mere fact of marriage or by any change in the nationality of her husband;

and, in addition, to use every endeavour to secure the adoption of this policy by all States Members of the League."

- (2) "That His Majesty's Government be informed of the views of the Executive Committee."
- (3) "That the Overseas Committee be asked to consider the desirability or otherwise of placing a similar resolution on the agenda of the forthcoming XVth Plenary Congress of the International Federation."

On Minute 410 - Night Work Convention, it was

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

The Chairman proposed that, in the meantime, expert advice should be sought on the question whether, technically, the alteration to the Convention proposed in the Resolution could be classed as an amendment.

See Minute 32.

- (e) Overseas Committee (Lady Gladstone reported). Subject to the following decision on minutes 2(b) and 2(c) the minutes of the Committee dated January 23th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Brussels Meetings of the International Federation; (3) Proposed Pilgrimage to War Cemeteries.

On Minute 2(b) - Copenhagen Resolution concerning European Union, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution be approved subject to the deletion of the word 'a' in the third line of the last suggested amendment to paragraph 3; but that the Union's delegates at Brussels be asked, wherever possible, to substitute the word 'Committee' for the words 'League of Nations Committee for European Co-operation'."

On Minute 2(c) - Relation of the League of Nations Union to the Federal Committee for European Co-operation, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That Sir George Paish's memorandum on 'The Situation and the need for Action', with the exception of the last two paragraphs, be forwarded to the Secretary-General of the International Federation with the request that it be considered by the Federation's Economic Committee in view of the fact that the Union may move a resolution at the XVth Plenary Congress on the subject of the world's present economic difficulties."

(2) "That consideration of the suggestion that a one-day conference, to discuss the economic situation, be held in London in June be adjourned."

- (f) Branches Committee (Mr. Worsley reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 3, the minutes of the Committee dated January 29th, 1931, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Regions Committee; (3) County Secretaries; (4) Disarmament Declaration; (5) Composition of Committee for 1931; (6) Dates of Meetings; (7) New Members.

On Minute 3 - County Secretaries, it was

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

"That it is desirable that such Secretaries should be members of the Headquarters staff, be paid by cheque from Headquarters, be appointed by the District Council with the assent of Headquarters, and be liable to dismissal or transfer by Headquarters with the approval of the District Council or Councils concerned."

- (2) "That the words 'it is desirable that' be inserted after the word 'that' in paragraph (2)."
- (3) "That the following sentence be added to paragraph (3):-

'It is clearly understood that no change will be made in the conditions of appointment of whole-time paid Secretaries of existing District or Federal Councils without the willing assent of the parties concerned, and that similar assent should be sought in all newly formed Councils.'

26. PUBLIC MEETINGS. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Office Committee be asked to consider what action can be taken to ensure that Head quarters are advised of meetings which are to be addressed by Union speakers but which have not been arranged by this office."

27. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION. The Committee were informed that two additional Resolutions, one on the subject of League of Nations Publicity Weeks submitted by the Belgian Society, and one on the subject of the Treatment of Political Prisoners submitted by the French Association, were to be considered at the forthcoming Brussels meeting of the International Federation. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That action in regard to the Belgian Society's resolution be left to the discretion of the Union's delegates."

- (2) "That the Union's delegates be asked to explain that the Executive Committee has not had an opportunity of considering the French Society's resolution, and that action in regard to it be left to the delegates' discretion."

28. CONFERENCE ON WAGES AND EMPLOYMENT. Lady Hall reminded the Committee of the Conference on Wages and Employment which was being held on February 17th and 18th, and of the Reception which was being held in connection with the Conference on the evening of Monday, February 16th. She hoped that as many members of the Committee as possible would attend the Conference and the Reception.

29. NEW ZEALAND EARTHQUAKE DISASTER. The Chairman reported that a message of sympathy had been conveyed to the Secretary of the New Zealand League of Nations Society over the recent earthquake disaster.

30. 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."

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Additions.

1 Branch, 2 Junior Branches, 1 Junior Members' Group, 4 Corporate Members, 1 Corporate Associate.

Deletions.

15 Corporate Members.

BRANCH. Wappenham, Northants. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Bedford Girl's Modern School, Bedford; Trinity Road Girls' School, Chelmsford. JUNIOR MEMBERS GROUP: Sion Chapel Girl Guides, Burnley, Lancs. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Seacombe Presbyterian Sunday School, Cheshire; JarroW Congregational Church, Durham; West Stanley Branch N.U.D.A. Workers, Stanley, Durham; Devonshire Street Congregational Church, Keighley, Yorks. DELETIONS: Bakewell, Free Church Council; Women's Co-operative Guild, Bexley Heath; New West End Synagogue, Bayswater; St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, Bournemouth; Labour Party and Trades Council, Bridgwater; St. Mary's Church, Bridgwater; Congregational Church, Bruton; Calow Congregational Church, Chesterfield; Silver Street Wesleyan Men's Bible Class, Kettering; Independent Order of Odd-fellows - Manchester Unity, King's Lynn; Labour Party, King's Lynn; Group of Auxiliary Movement, Northampton; Primrose Hill Congregational Church, Northampton; Young Men's Guild of the Greenbank United Methodist Church, Plymouth; Chamber of Commerce, Teddington. CORPORATE ASSOCIATE: Evesham Women's Adult School.

It was reported that there were now 2,996 Branches, 961 Junior Branches, 26 Junior Members' Groups, 3,336 Corporate Members and 698 Corporate Associates. Since the last report 1,170 new members had been enrolled, making the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned 893,229. 28,299 subscriptions were collected in January 1931, as compared with 33,852 in January 1930 and 25,743 in January 1929.

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

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Miss Courtney, Colonel Crosfield, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dagdale, Major Walter Elliot, Lady Gladstone, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, R.G.Hudson, Sir Hugh Jevwine, the Rt.Hon. Lelf Jones, Dr. Kummins, Lady Layton, Lord Lytton, Lady Parmoor, Mrs. Walter Runciman, John Sherborne, Mr. Rennie Smith, H.D.Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley and L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary and the Deputy Secretary.

31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Dr. Delisle Burns, L.J.Cadbury, H.H.Elvin, Miss Ruth Fry, Captain L.H.Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major Hills, Commander Kenworthy, Lady Selborne, H.S.Syrett, H. Graham White and Professor Zimmerm.
32. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on minutes 22(14) and 25(d)(410) the minutes of the Committee dated February 5th, 1931, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 22(14)(5) - Future of Liberia, on the motion of Mr. J.H.Harris, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution in this minute be rescinded, and that a meeting of the Liberian Sub-Committee be called to consider what, if any, action the Union can take regarding the situation in Liberia."

On Minute 25(d)(410) - Night Work Convention, it was stated that a report had now been received from the Governing Body of the I.L.O. and that in view of this it might be desirable to alter the wording of the resolution of the Women's Advisory Council before it is considered by the Industrial Advisory Committee.

33. WASHINGTON HOURS CONVENTION. Lady Hall reminded the Committee that although, in accordance with the suggestion made at the meeting of the Committee on January 15th, several questions had been asked in Parliament on the subject of the Washington Hours Convention, no satisfactory replies had been received. She recommended therefore that a deputation from the Union should wait upon the Minister of Labour. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That approval be given in principle to the suggestion that a deputation should wait upon the Minister of Labour; but that before any action is taken the Industrial Advisory Committee be asked to consider whether there are not other means by which the attention of H.M.Government can be drawn to the importance of ratifying the Convention at an early date."

34. DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN. A letter was read to the Committee from Miss Courtney, suggesting that the Union, in co-operation with as many other societies as possible, should organise a procession and demonstration in Hyde Park in June, and also a Ball with a view to getting hold of young people.

The Committee were reminded that the Albert Hall had already been provisionally booked for a meeting on November 13th, and that arrangements were at present being made for a Ball to take place in Grosvenor House in May. Colonel Grosfield thought that a large number of Branches of the British Legion would co-operate in such a demonstration if the Legion could approve of the resolution to be put to the meeting. The Secretary suggested the wording of the following resolution which Colonel Grosfield felt sure that the British Legion would accept:

"This meeting expects the forthcoming General Disarmament Conference to result in a real reduction of the armies, navies and airforces of the world. This meeting therefore calls upon His Majesty's Government resolutely to insist that the Conference must succeed."

It was suggested that a leading member from the Conservative, Liberal and Labour Parties should be invited to take part in the demonstration. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That Miss Courtney's proposal be approved in principle, and that she be asked to prepare a Report for the next meeting of the Committee on the extent to which other organisations are likely to co-operate in the demonstration."

35. BRUSSELS MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION. The Committee received a report on the meeting of the International Federation which was held at Brussels from February 14th to 16th. In connection with the resolution on European Co-operation, the Secretary reported that on the day following his return from Brussels, Lady Gladstone, Mr. Wynch and other members of the Union had attended a meeting in the House of Commons which had been called to consider the formation of a new Committee to study European Co-operation and, in particular, Count Coudenhove Kalergi's proposals. But instead of appointing a new Committee the meeting preferred that some of the people present should join the Union's Committee for European Co-operation, and Sir William Goode, Sir Harry Brittain and Mr. Vivian Carter had expressed their willingness to do so, Sir William Goode making it a condition that he did not accept beforehand any particular proposals for European Co-operation. It was

RESOLVED: "That Sir William Goode, Sir Harry Brittain and Mr. Vivian Carter be invited to serve on the Overseas Committee and on the British Committee for European Co-operation."

36. HENDON AIR PAGRAMT. The Secretary reported a communication he had received from Mr. Philip Baker concerning the resolution passed by the Leeds and Wakefield District Council on the subject of the attendance of children at air pagrams (see minute 304 of 4.12.30). Mr. Baker had discussed the resolution with Lord Cecil, and they had agreed that on the whole it would be better for him not to take the matter up with Sir Charles Trevelyan but for the Executive to do so if they felt it right. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That no further action be taken."

37. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Irac Sub-Committee. (Mrs. Dugdale reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 7, the minutes of the Committee dated January 27th, 1931, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (1) Action taken by the Union; (2) Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary; (3) Minority Provisions in British Treaties with Foreign Powers; (4) Use of British Forces; (5) Resident League Commissioner; (6) Alleged Maladministration; (7) Communication to the Foreign Office; (8) Minority Treaty.

On Minute 7 - Communication to the Foreign Office, it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That the draft letter and memorandum be submitted for approval to Professor Murray, Lord Cecil and Mr. Hudson, before it is forwarded to the Foreign Secretary." |
- (2) "That a copy of the letter and memorandum when approved be also sent to Lord Lugard."

- (b) Education Committee. (Dr. Kinnings reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 24 and 25, the minutes of the Committee held on February 9th, 1931, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (15) Arising out of the Minutes; (16) Representative of the Association of Assistant Mistresses; (17) List of Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (18) Reports on Work in the Universities and Colleges; (19) Esperanto; (20) Appointment of Sub-Committees for 1931; (21) The School Leaving Age; (22) The New Education Fellowship; (23) Summer Schools; (24) London County Council Lectures for Teachers; (25) The Observance of Empire Day in the Schools; (26) Proposed Rules for (Territorial) Junior Branches; (27) Membership Roll for Junior Branches; (28) Visual Information Service; (29) Girls' Life Brigade and Boys' Brigade; (30) League News.

On Minute 24 - London County Council Lectures for Teachers, it was

RESOLVED: "That a letter be sent to Mr. Gater, expressing the Committee's appreciation of the arrangements made by the London County Council."

On Minute 25 - The Observance of Empire Day in the Schools, it was

RESOLVED: "That the British Empire Union and the British Empire Society be informed of the action the Union proposes to take in regard to the observance of Empire Day."

(c) Library Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported.) The minutes of the Committee held on February 10th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (13) Composition of the Committee for 1931; (14) Date of Committee Meeting; (15) Book List.

(d) Political and Parliamentary Committee. (Lord Cecil reported.) Subject to the following decision on minutes 13 and 20, the minutes of the Committee held on February 12th, 1931, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (12) Progress of Arrangements in Constituencies; (13) International Disarmament; (14) International Associations and International Disarmament; (15) Means of Preventing War; (16) International Security Conference; (17) Amendments to the Covenant; (18) Liquidation of the Iraq Mandate; (19) East Bristol By-Election; (20) Russian Timber Camps.

On Minute 13 - International Disarmament, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That in paragraph (2) the words 'the Government' be substituted for the words 'Article 16'."

(2) "That the following words be added at the end of paragraph 4(e):-

'and such other limitations as may be accepted by the Conference as of general application'.

(3) "That the relevant portion of the resolution adopted by the Eighth Assembly on September 26th, 1927, be quoted in full in SPEAKERS' NOTES."

On Minute 20 - Russian Timber Camps, after Lord Cecil had suggested that the resolution might be amended by deleting all the words after "nationals" and by substituting: "It is possible that the matter might be dealt with under Article 23(a) and (e), but it is not clear that such action would be useful or effective", it was

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

38. CONFERENCE ON WAGES AND EMPLOYMENT. The Committee were informed that a report on the Conference on Wages and Employment would be presented at the next meeting.

39. BRANCH RESOLUTION. The Committee received with interest a Resolution from the Brentford Youth Group.

40. LEASE OF PRESTON OFFICE. Authority was given for the seal to be affixed to the lease of the Preston office of the Union.

41. 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.

13 Branches, 15 Junior Branches, 1 Junior Members' Group, 16 Corporate Members, 3 Corporate Associates.

Deletions.

11 Corporate Members.

BRANCHES: Perry Bar Wesleyan Church, Birmingham; Brechin, Scotland; Clydebank and District, Scotland; Hyde (Southampton) and District, Hants; Kirby Moorside, Yorks; Kirk Hallam, Derbys; F.L. Calder College (B.U.L.N.S.) Liverpool; Central Foundation Old Girls' Branch, London; Emmanuel Church, Plymouth; Ringwood, Hants; Scholes, Yorks; Spilsby, Lincs; Stevenston, Ardrossan and Saltcoats, Scotland. **JUNIOR BRANCHES:** Sharples Council School, Bolton; Merrywood Secondary School, Bristol; Girls' Central Modern School, Chesterfield; Stanhouse Church Sunday School, Gorgie, Scotland; St. Michael's School, Limsfield, Surrey; Midhurst, Sussex; Cangen plant, Bwichgroes, Cardigans; King's House School, Muswell Hill, Middlesex; Northern School, Devon; North Paddington Central School for Boys, London; Oliver Goldsmith's Girls' School, Beckham, Batterdale School, Penrith; Nether Edge Secondary School, Sheffield; The High School, Utteter; The Fernhouse School, Wendover, Bucks. **JUNIOR MEMBERS' GROUP:** Pennyross Wesleyan Sunday School, Plymouth. **CORPORATE MEMBERS:** John Knox's Parish Church Brotherhood, Aberdeen; Parochial Church Council, Lelant, Cornwall; United Methodist Church, Sandiacre, Derbys; Baptist Church, Braintree, Essex; All Saints' Church, Malden, Essex; St. John the Evangelist, Watford, Herts; Lincoln Branch N.B.W.T.A.U.; Wesleyan Methodist Church, Market Rasen, Lincs; Studley Road Wesleyan Methodist Church, L. Leech; King's College Hostel, London; Tennysen Avenue United Methodist Church, Manor Park, London; Bezeat Branch of the Mothers' Union, Northants; Congregational Church, Eastwood, Notts; Inkberrow with Cookhill Parish Church, Worcester; St. John's Church, Newland, Hull; Newland Wesleyan Church, Hull. **DELETIONS:** Three Ships Society, Brighton; Spiritualist Church, Brighton; Primitive Methodist Church, Brighton; St. Albans Church, Preston, Brighton; Preston Park Brotherhood, Brighton; Conservative and Unionist Association, Brighton; Brighton and South Coast Commercial Travellers' Association; Hampton Hall Congregational Church; South Bar Congregational Church, Lincoln; Homemakers' Guild, London; St. Mathias' Parochial Church Council, Malvern. **CORPORATE ASSOCIATES:** Hartley Wespall and Stratfield Turgis Women's Institute; Pitscombe Women's Institute; Fulford Women's Institute.

It was reported that there were now 3,009 Branches, 976 Junior Branches, 27 Junior Members' Groups, 3,341 Corporate members and 701 Corporate Associates. Since the last report 2,728 new members had been enrolled, making the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned 895,393.

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

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), L.J.Cadbury, Lord Cecil, Miss Courtney, Dr. Delisic Burns, Lord Dickinson, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Captain Green, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, Major Hills, R.S.Hudson, Sir Hugh Judwine, Lady Layton, Lord Lytton, Lord Queenborough, Mrs. Runciman, John Sherborne, H.D.Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Colonel Carnegie, Major Walter Elliot, H.H.Elvin, Miss Rita Fry, Lady Permoor, W.J.Salmon, Lady Selborne, Alderman Ben Turner and Mr.Graham White.

3. MINUTES. The Minutes of the Committee dated February 19th, 1931 were confirmed as circulated.

4. FRANCO-ITALIAN NAVAL AGREEMENT. It was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That the hearty congratulations of the Committee be conveyed to the Rt.Hon.Arthur Henderson on the successful result of the Franco-Italian naval negotiations."

5. RUSSIAN TIMBER CAMPS. The Committee further considered minute 20 of the Political and Parliamentary Committee dated February 12th, 1931, together with a statement on the subject of Russian Timber Camps which had been included in the February number of Speakers' Notes. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved."

The Chairman suggested that a letter on the subject be published in the next number of HEADWAY, pointing out that it would be possible (but probably not expedient) to take action either under Article 11 or under Article 23(a).

46. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Political and Parliamentary Committee. (Lord Cecil reported.) Subject to the inclusion of Major Hills' name in the list of those present, and subject to the following decision on minute 24, the minutes of the Committee dated March 4th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (22) Meetings of the Committee; (23) Report on the Union's Activity in regard to Disarmament; (24) International Disarmament Campaign; Relations between the Union and other organisations;

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On Minute 24 - International Disarmament Campaign: Relations between the Union and other Organisations, it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That a suitable title be given to the clearing house office."
 (2) "That the purpose of the clearing house office be clearly stated on its notepaper."

(b) Rotary Joint Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported). The Committee received the minutes of the meeting held on February 12th, 1931. This meeting was, in Mr. Worsley's opinion, the most useful of any that have yet been held.

(c) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Lady Hall reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 5(a), 6, 10, 13(c) and 14, the minutes of the Committee dated February 19th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (3) Mr. Ben Turner; (4) Dr. Ethel Bentham; (5) Membership of Committee; (6) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (7) Raising of the School Leaving Age; (8) Industrial Affiliations; (9) International Labour Conference - Union Party; (10) Conference on "Wages and Employment"; (11) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (12) Pit Ponies' Protection Society; (13) Disarmament; (14) Washington Hours Convention.

On Minute 5(a) - Membership of Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this minute be adjourned."

On Minute 6 - International Federation of League of Nations Societies, Mr. Sharborne stated that he had received information from a lady who had visited Persia last year, stating that children of five years of age are still being employed in the carpet factories. He thought that detailed information would be available for the Union, and it was suggested that this information should be obtained and forwarded to M. Albert Thomas.

On Minute 10 - Conference on Wages and Employment, the Committee were glad to know that the Conference and the reception which preceded it had been very successful. It was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That the hearty congratulations of the Committee be extended to Captain Green on the organisation of the Reception at Carpenters Hall."

On Minute 13(c) - Disarmament, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved subject to confirmation by the Finance Committee."

On Minute 14 - Washington Hours Convention, a letter dated 3rd March was read from the Minister of Labour, stating that the ratification of the Washington Hours Convention was dependent upon the passage into law of the Hours of Industrial Employment Bill which is now before Parliament. The Government wished to

proceed with this Bill, but it was not possible to say when its further stages would be taken. In these circumstances she felt that there would be no advantage in troubling the Union to send a deputation. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Chairman be asked to write to the Minister of Labour, expressing the earnest hope of the Committee that she will receive a deputation from the Union and that the deputation may be in public."

(2) "That Mr. Walkden be asked to see the Minister of Labour on this subject."

(d) Finance Committee. (Lord Queenborough reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 4(c) the minutes of the Committee dated February 19th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (2) Financial Report; (3) Income and Expenditure in 1930; (4) Appeals Committee; (5) Sussex Federation; (6) National Savings Association; (7) Visit of Students to U.S.A.; (8) Film; (9) Conference on Wages and Employment; (10) Membership of the Committee; (11) League of Nations Map of the World; (12) Communication from Mr. C.W. Polito; (13) Passing of Cheques for Payment.]

On Minute 4 - Appeals Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That the following sentence be deleted from paragraph (c) of this minute:-

'There would not be a cabaret, but Lord Cecil would be invited to speak for five minutes on the Union during supper.'

(e) Publicity Committee. (Lady Hall reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, the minutes of the Committee dated February 23rd, 1931, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (11) Staff of the Press Section; (12) Report on Publicity Activities; (13) International Disarmament; (14) Russian Timber Camps; (15) Publications by Local Organisations of the Union; (16) Conference on the Meaning of International Security; (17) The Union and the cinema.]

On Minute 13 - International Disarmament, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That consideration of this minute be adjourned until the memorandum, showing how a twenty-five per cent. reduction might be made in British armaments, has been considered by the Political Committee."

(2) "That it is hoped that the subject of Disarmament in general will be dealt with at all Union meetings, but that the details of any proposed reductions be dealt with only by those selected speakers who have been given special guidance in this matter."

On Minute 14 - Russian Timber Camps, it was

RESOLVED: "That the word 'in' be substituted for the words 'drafted by the Chairman of the Union for' in the eighth line of this minute."

On minute 15 - Publications by Local Organisations of the Union, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That this minute be referred to the Branches Committee for consideration and report."

(2) "That it be not considered by the Regions Committee until such time as the memorandum referred to in paragraph (1) has been prepared."

On Minute 16 - Conference on the Meaning of International Security, it was

RESOLVED: "That authority be given for a verbatim record to be taken of the proceedings of this Conference."

On Minute 17 - The Union and the Cinema, it was

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

(f) Minorities Committee. (Mr. Watson reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 2, the minutes of the Committee dated February 25th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) The Situation of Minorities and the Policy to be adopted; (3) Minorities in Iraq; (4) Stateless Persons in Lithuania; (5) Composition of Committee.

On Minute 2 - The Situation of Minorities and the Policy to be adopted, it was

RESOLVED: "That, after drafting amendments have been made by the Chairman, the memorandum be forwarded to H.M. Government together with the following resolution:-

'The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union expresses its deep appreciation of the policy adopted by H.M. Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs at the 62nd Council, in declaring that 'questions concerning the application of these treaties were not national but international questions; they were League of Nations questions in which all had a common duty and a common interest'; and trusts that no opportunity will be lost of insisting on this view of the case.'

(g) Overseas Committee. (Lady Gladstone reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated February 25th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

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These minutes included (5) Vice-Chairman; (6) New Members; (8) Report of the Brussels Meetings; (9) Budapest Congress; (10) Overseas Report; (11) Nationality of Married Women; (13) Report of the Brussels Meeting; (14) House of Commons Meeting.

- (h) Christian Organisations Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported.) Subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on minute 10, the minutes of the Committee dated February 25th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (15) Co-operation with Salvation Army; (16) Disarmament Conference Campaign.

- (i) Branches Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 9, the minutes of the Committee dated February 26th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (9) Disarmament Declaration; (10) Publications of Local Organisations of the Union; (11) County Secretaries; (12) Sir Alexander Gordon's Memorandum; (13) Regions Committee; (14) New Members.

On Minute 9 - Disarmament Declaration, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Executive Committee wish to make it clear that they strongly approve of the Disarmament Declaration as a means of awakening public interest in the campaign, and feel that any members of the Union who are able to promote the signature of the Declaration can make it the opportunity of winning support for the League of Nations Union."

- (2) "That this resolution be included in the next Branch Letter."

- (j) Office Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 7, the minutes of the Committee dated February 24th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (6) Subsistence Allowances; (7) Dates of Meetings of Headquarters Committees; (8) Dame Adelaide Livingstone; (9) Library; (10) Appeals Department; (11) Public Meetings; (12) Lapsed Corporate Members; (13) Miss Hinton Smith.

On Minute 7 - Dates of Meetings of Headquarters Committees, it was

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

"That the Political Committee be invited to meet in the House of Commons on the first Tuesday of the month at 3 p.m."

47. DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN. It was

RESOLVED: "That the proposal to hold a national demonstration on July 11th, to which the leaders of the three Political parties should be invited, be approved; and that the Political and Parliamentary Committee be asked to make the necessary arrangements."

48. SERVICES COMMITTEE. On the motion of Sir Hugh Jeurwine, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That in accordance with the Union's practice of securing the assistance of Advisory Committee's (such as the Women's Advisory Council, the Industrial Advisory Committee, the Christian Organisations Committee, the Religions and Ethics Committee and others) to obtain the help of such other bodies as Women's Organisations, Trades Unions, Churches and the like in educating and organising those sections of the British people with which the bodies in question are in close touch, a committee be formed to advise the Executive how to make known the true activities of the League of Nations and of the Union among all ranks of the Royal Navy, the Army, and the Royal Air Force, to explain the Union's aims, to remove misunderstandings on both sides, and to encourage membership of the Union among those Services and among officers' Training Corps and Cadets."

- (2) "That this Committee consist in the first instance of the following (whose names are in alphabetical order) if willing to serve, with power to co-opt additional members as may seem desirable:-

Lieut.Colonel G.R.Crosfield, D.S.O.
Vice-Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, C.M.G.
Lieut-General Sir Hugh Jeurwine, K.C.B.,
K.B.E.

Admiral Mark Kerr, C.B., M.V.O.
Lieut-General Sir Henry Lawson, K.C.B.
Major-General Sir Frederick Maurice, K.C.M.G.,
C.B.

49. HEADWAY. It was

RESOLVED: "That authority be given for the publication of the special edition of HEADWAY during April, May, June and July."

50. 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, Corporate Associates, Affiliated Members 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.

12 Branches, 9 Junior Branches, 1 Junior Members' Group, 6 Corporate Members, 5 Corporate Associates, 3 Affiliated Members, 4 Industrial Associates.

Deletions.

7 Branches, 7 Junior Branches, 17 Corporate Members.

BRANCHES: Cargen Place Church, Aberdeen; Arnside, Westmorland; Bradwell-by-Braintree, Essex; Castle Donington, Derbyshire; Little Houghton, Northants; Lycey, Glos; Milnthorpe and District, Westmorland; Penarth Wesley, Glamorgan; Rhyl, Merseyside; Trefor, Carmarvonshire; Uley, Glos; Woburn, Bedfordshire. DELEGATIONS: Africa Place, Aberystwyth; English Wesleyan, Aberystwyth; Salem, Aberystwyth; Shiloh, Aberystwyth; St. Paul's, Aberystwyth; Tabernacle, Aberystwyth; Islington Medical Mission, London. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Aston Lane Senior Boys' School, Birmingham; Council School, Brackley, Northants; Magdalen Council School, Brackley, Northants; Great North Road Council School, East Finchley, Middlesex; George Watson's Boys' College, Edinburgh; St. John's Church of England School, Lytham, Lancs; Rosemary Girls' Council School, Mansfield, Notts; Appletreswick Council School, Skipton, Yorks; St. Andrew's Secondary School, Sunderland. DELEGATIONS: Araba Girls' School, Birmingham; City Road Council School, Birmingham; Jenkins Street Girls' School, Birmingham; Norton Street Council School, Birmingham; Stirchley Girls' School, Birmingham; Tinsal Street Boys' School, Balsall Street, Birmingham; Central School, Chesterfield, Derbys. JUNIOR MEMBERS' GROUP: Intermediate Department, Greengate Congregational Sunday School, Plaistow. CORPORATE MEMBERS: United Methodist Church, Upper Hanley, Staffs; St. Anne's Parochial Church Council, Lancaster; Denbigh Road Wesleyan Church, Baywater, London; St. Alpnage's Church, Hendon, Middlesex; All Saints' Church, Sulcoates, Hull; Hull and District Schoolmasters' Association, Hull. DELEGATIONS: Free Church Council, Acton; Excelsior Adult School, Ashford, Idle Congregational Church Men's Club, Bradford; Idle Parish Church Men's Institute, Bradford; Wrose Hill Mission Church, Idle, Bradford; Tong Parish Church, Bradford; Bushey Wesleyan Church; Cowling Independent Labour Party; East Ham Congregational Church; Grace Hill Wesley Guild, Folkestone; Trades Council and Labour Party, Hull; Rural Women's Institute, Inchmarlo; Newland Wesleyan Church; Carey Baptist Church, Reading; Rural Institute, Reston; Stone's Wesleyan Church, Sowerby Bridge; Woodborough Parochial Church Council. AFFILIATED MEMBERS: National Union of Seamen; National Union of Printers, Bookbinding and Paper Workers; National Union of Teachers. INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATES: Royton and Shaw Trades and Labour Council, Manchester and Salford Trades Council; Nottingham Railway Clerks' Association; London Society of Compositors. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: North Cray Women's Institute; Old Secbury Women's Institute; Paveham Women's Institute; Kettering Women's Co-operative Guild; Woodberry Down Girls' Club.

It was reported that there were now 3,014 Branches, 978 Junior Branches, 28 Junior Members' Groups, 3,330 Corporate Members, 706 Corporate Associates, 39 Affiliated Members and 131 Industrial Associates. Since the last report 4,030 new members had been enrolled, making the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned 898,705. 65,142 subscriptions were collected in January and February 1931, as compared with 76,370 in January and February 1930 and 54,688 in January and February 1929.

51. RESOLUTION. The Committee noted with satisfaction the Resolution adopted by the Derby and Derbyshire Chamber of Commerce.

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

PRESENT: Major Hills (in the Chair), Professor Baker, L.J. Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Miss K.D. Courtney, Colonel Crosfield, Dr. Delisle Burns, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Major Walter Elliot, Lady Gladstone, Captain Green, Miss Guinness, J.H. Harris, R.S. Hudson, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Lady Layton, Lord Lothian, W.J. Salmon, Lady Selborne, John Sherborne, H.D. Watson, H. Graham White, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Lynch and Professor Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

52. APLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from H.H. Elvin, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Hall, Sir Hugh Jaudwine, Lord Lytton, Lady Parmoor and Mrs. Walter Runciman.
53. MINUTES. Subject to the inclusion of Admiral Drury-Lowe's name in the list of those present, and subject to the following decisions and report on minutes 44, 45, 46(a), 46(c) and 46(i), the minutes of the Committee dated March 5th, 1931 were confirmed as circulated.

On minute 44 - Franco-Italian Naval Agreement, the Chairman read a letter which had been received from the Foreign Secretary, thanking the Committee for their congratulations.

On minute 45 - Russian Timber Camps, it was reported that Professor Murray now considered it inadvisable to publish a letter in HEADWAY on the lines referred to in this minute.

On Minute 46(a)(24) - International Disarmament Campaign: Relations between the Union and other Organisations, it was reported that the title of CENTRAL DISARMAMENT BUREAU had been given to the clearing house office. In view of observations made by several members of the Committee, Lord Cecil suggested that the words "for the promotion of International Disarmament" should appear in small type on the notepaper of the Bureau.

On Minute 46(c)(5) - Membership of Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'until after the new Executive has been elected' be added at the end of this minute."

On Minute 46(c)(14) - Washington Hours Convention, the Chairman read to the Committee a copy of Professor Murray's letter to the Minister of Labour, and reported that the Minister had agreed to receive a deputation from the Union at 11.30 a.m. on March 31st.

On Minute 46(i)(9) - Disarmament Declaration, it was reported that Professor Murray had directed that this resolution be paraphrased in the Branch Letter. The relevant paragraphs from the Branch Letter were read to the Committee.

See Minute 64.

54. MEMBERSHIP. On the motion of Mr. J. H. Harris, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Branches Committee be reminded that only 65,142 subscriptions were collected in January and February 1931 as compared with 76,370 in January and February 1930, and that the Committee be asked to consider whether any action is necessary or desirable in particular areas to accelerate the collection of membership subscriptions."

55. REGIONS COMMITTEE. After the Secretary had reported on the first four minutes of the Regions Committee and Mr. Worsley on the remainder, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the minutes of the meeting of the Regions Committee dated March 12th, 1931 be received."

(2) "That the General Council be recommended to adopt the proposals contained in minute 4 (HEADWAY)."

(3) "That consideration of the recommendations contained in minute 5 (Constitution of General Council) be adjourned till the next meeting; and that, in the meantime, members of the Committee be invited to send to the Secretary any comments they may care to make on these proposals."

56. DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Executive Committee desires that the whole force of the Union should be concentrated on promoting the success of the Disarmament Conference."

(2) "That forthwith a national demonstration on July 11th be organised."

(3) "That this national demonstration include a procession."

It was reported that invitations to speak at the Albert Hall meeting were being conveyed simultaneously to the three Party Leaders. Colonel Crosfield stated that he had spoken to the National Chairman of the British Legion about the demonstration, and that he was willing for letters to be sent to all Branches of the Legion in the Metropolitan area inviting them to take part in the demonstration. Colonel Crosfield expressed his willingness to countersign these invitations. The following draft resolution, which it was proposed to move at the Albert Hall meeting, was read to the Committee:-

"That the Societies represented at this meeting pledge themselves to do their utmost to ensure that the Disarmament Conference shall succeed in bringing about a genuine reduction in the Fighting Forces of the World."

57. MEMORANDUM ON A 25 PER CENT. REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS. The Committee had before them a memorandum on a 25 per cent. reduction of armaments, prepared in accordance with minute 25(c) of February 5th, 1931, together with a memorandum by Admiral Drury-Lowe on the reduction of expenditure on naval armaments. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of these memoranda be adjourned until the next meeting, and that the following resolution be placed on the agenda for that meeting:-

'That the Union should include in its propoganda advocacy of a general reduction of international armaments such as that represented by an ultimate reduction of 25 per cent. of the total cost of armaments throughout the world."

58. THE UNION AND THE WESTMINSTER BY-ELECTION. The Chairman read to the Committee a letter he had received from Professor Murray explaining the reasons for his action in connection with the Westminster By-Election, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the Committee recognise the exceptional character of the St. George's By-Election, and appreciate the motives that induced the Chairman to take the action he did; but the Committee feel that this must not be a precedent."

59. COMMUNICATION FROM SIR ARTHUR HORT AND SIR ALEXANDER GORDON. The Committee considered a letter which had been received from Sir Arthur Hort and Sir Alexander Gordon for inclusion in HEADWAY, concerning the memorandum prepared by them with Captain Pelham Burn. After discussion on the motion of Lord Cecil it was

RESOLVED: "That the Committee sees no objection to the publication of this letter in HEADWAY."

60. NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN. Consideration of a resolution on this subject for submission to the XVth Plenary Congress of the International Federation was adjourned until the next meeting.
61. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The next meeting of the Committee was fixed for Thursday, March 26th at 11 a.m.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH,
1931 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Sir Norman
Angell, Professor Baker, C. Delisle Burns, L.J.
Cadbury, Lord Cecil, Miss Courtney, Lord Dickinson,
Admiral Drury-Lowe, Major Walter Elliot, Lady Glad-
stone, Captain Green, Miss Guinness, Major Hills,
Sir Hugh Jevdwine, Dr. Kimmins, Lady Layton, Lord
Lothian, Lord Queenborough, John Sherborne, Rendie
Smith, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Pox, Herbert Worsley,
L.M. Lynch and Professor Zimmern, together with the
Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

63. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Colonel Carnegie,
Colonel Grosfield, Mrs. Dugdale, Miss Ruth Fry, Sir Arthur
Haworth, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Farmoor,
Lady Selborne and H.S. Syrett.
64. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minute 53(46(c)14):
The minutes of the Committee dated March 19th, 1931 were
confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 53(46(c)14) - Washington Hours Convention, it
was reported that since a meeting of the Cabinet Committee
had been summoned for 11.30 on Tuesday, March 31st, it
had been necessary to alter the time at which the deputation
from the Union would wait upon the Minister of
Labour. The deputation would now be received by Miss
Margaret Bondfield at 5.30 on March 31st.

65. REGIONS COMMITTEE. The Committee considered minute 5 (Consti-
tution of the General Council) of the Regions Committee dated
March 12th, 1931, which had been adjourned from the previous
meeting. After considerable discussion it was
- RESOLVED: "That, with the exception of paragraph (D) con-
sideration of which was adjourned until the next
meeting, the General Council be recommended to
adopt the proposals contained in minute 5 of the
Regions Committee."
66. DISARMAMENT. The Committee considered a memorandum on a 25
per cent. reduction of armaments (prepared in accordance with
minute 25(c) of February 5th, 1931) together with a memorandum
by Admiral Drury-Lowe on the reduction of expenditure on naval
armaments, and it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That these memoranda be received, and that they
be referred to the Political and Parliamentary
Committee for detailed consideration."

- (2) "That representatives of the Services on the
Executive be invited to attend the meeting of
the Political Committee when these memoranda
are being considered."

Lord Cecil reported on the meeting of a sub-Committee of the
International Federation of League of Nations Societies which
he had attended in Paris on March 21st for the purpose of
drafting a resolution on disarmament for submission to the
forthcoming Plenary Congress of the International Federation

See Minute 76.

at Budapest. After prolonged discussion, in which many members of the Committee took part, it was, with two dissentients

RESOLVED: (3) "That the Union should advocate a general simultaneous reduction of the armaments of the world such as that represented by 25 per cent. (within five years) of the total cost of such armaments."

It was further

RESOLVED: (4) "That the Political Committee be asked to consider the resolution adopted by the Paris sub-Committee of the International Federation with a view to recommending, if desirable, the inclusion of certain portions of it in the Union's policy."

(5) "That a comprehensive statement be prepared, showing the present day expenditure on armaments by the Great Powers as compared with the expenditure in 1913 and 1923."

67. PROCESSION: APPOINTMENT OF ORGANISING COMMITTEE. It was

RESOLVED: "That the appointment of a representative Committee to organise the Proceession on July 11th be referred to the Political Committee."

68. NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following resolution be submitted to the International Federation of League of Nations Societies for inclusion in the agenda of the XVth Plenary Congress: -

'XVth Plenary Congress,

Welcomes the decision of the Council of the League to 'place on the Agenda of the next Session of the Assembly the question of the continued study of the nationality of the wife' and, bearing in mind the recommendations relating to this subject contained in the Final Act of the Hague Conference on the Codification of International Law, expresses the hope that all States Members of the League will support the policy envisaged in those recommendations, namely:

- (1) the acceptance of the principle of the equality of the sexes in matters of nationality, taking particularly into consideration the interests of the children;
- (2) the acceptance of the principle that the nationality of the wife shall not henceforth be affected without her consent, either by the mere fact of marriage or by any change in the nationality of her husband."

69. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Rotary Joint Committee. The Committee received (adjourned minute 4 (European Co-operation) of the Rotary Joint Committee dated February 12th, 1931.

(b) Welcome Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated March 3rd, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (1) Arising out of Minutes; (2) Secretary's Report; (3) Reception to Delegates attending Conference on Wages and Employment; (4) Co-optations to Committee; (5) Reception to General Council; (6) Committee on Welfare of Orientals; (7) Quinquennial Congress of Universities of the Empire; (8) Conference on the Meaning of International Security; (9) International Ball.

(c) Education Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated March 9th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (33) Arising out of the Minutes; (34) Representatives of the Association of Directors and Secretaries for Education; (35) Co-optation to the Committee; (36) Dr. Robert Jones; (37) National Union of Teachers; (38) Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (39) Reports on Work in Universities and Colleges; (40) Appointment of Sub-Committees for 1931; (41) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (42) Visit of American Groups; (43) Girl Guides Association; (44) Certificate of Constitution.

(d) Christian Organisations Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported.) Subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on minute 20(14) and subject to the following decision on minute 20, the minutes of the Committee dated March 18th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (20) World Disarmament Conference; (21) The League and the Cinema; (22) Methodist Circuits; (23) Corporate Membership; (24) Sermon Notes; (25) Sunday School Lessons; (26) Intercession Leaflet - Request from Northamptonshire Federation.

On Minute 20 - World Disarmament, it was

RESOLVED: "That the word 'to' be substituted for the words 'in the hands of' in paragraph (2) of this minute."

(e) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Mr. Cadbury reported.) Subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on minute 26, the minutes of the Committee dated March 19th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (17) Dr. Ethel Bentham; (18) Membership of the Committee; (19) Mr. Elvin; (20) Industrial Affiliations; (21) Disarmament; (22) International Labour Conference - Union's Party; (23) Conference on Wages and Employment; (24) Washington Hours Convention; (25) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (26) Miss

Hinton Smith; (27) Scottish Industrial Advisory Committee; (28) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (29) Night Work Convention.

- (f) Economic Committee. Subject to the following decisions on minutes 6 and 9, the minutes of the Committee dated March 20th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (6) Bribery; (7) Second Interim Gold Report; (8) Proposal for an International Industrial Finance Bank; (9) World Economic Situation.

On Minute 6 - Bribery, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'legal procedure, criminal and civil, for punishing and for providing remedies in respect of bribery' be substituted for the words 'legal redress' in the second paragraph of resolution (1)."

On Minute 9 - World Economic Situation, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution be placed on the agenda of the Budapest Congress in the following amended form:-

'XVth Plenary Congress,

Desires strongly to urge the Assembly of the League of Nations to discuss the causes of and possible remedies for the world's economic distress and, in particular, to consider the desirability of convening a World Conference of the official representatives of the Governments of all countries, preferably the Prime Ministers and Finance Ministers, for the purpose of agreeing upon such measures as will enable the present evils to be remedied."

- (g) Finance Committee. The Secretary read a letter from Mr. LEIT JONES concerning minute 20 (Disarmament) and reported orally on minutes 16, 17, 18, 20, 21 and 22 of the Committee held on the previous day, and it was

RESOLVED: "That these minutes be approved and adopted."

These minutes included (16) Financial Report; (17) Accounts for 1930; (18) Headway; (20) Disarmament; (21) Report of Conference on Wages and Employment; (22) Trades Union Congress.

70. PROPOSED GERMAN-AUSTRIAN CUSTOMS UNION. It was

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

71. 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, Corporate Associates, Affiliated Members 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.

10 Branches, 18 Junior Branches, 3 Junior Members' Groups, 20 Corporate Members, 6 Corporate Associates, 1 Affiliated Member, 1 Industrial Associate.

Deletions.

9 Branches, 2 Junior Branches, 4 Corporate Members 1 Corporate Associate.

BRANCHES: Castletown, Isle of Man; Dullington, Sussex; Gowrock, Scotland; Jamaica, British West Indies; Mantplier, Gloucestershire; Wittlesey, Cambridgeshire; Belmont, Lancs; Cosham, Hants; Kensal Rise Wesleyan Church, London; Martock, Somerset; DELETIONS: Arnside, Westmorland; Ashfordby, Leicestershire; Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts; Brightwell and Sutwell, Berks; Charlton-on-Otmoor, Oxon; Earl Shilton, Leicestershire; Glenfield, Leicestershire; Marsh Gibbon, Oxon; Ramsey, Isle of Man. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Wainley School, Birmingham; Close House Girls' Council School, Bishop Auckland; Highgate Girls' School, Bolton-on-Deane; County School, Frockenhurst; St. Peter's School, Ekmuth; Kelvin-side Academy, Kelvinside; Kilchoan Public School, Kilchoan; Kirkby Stephen Council Mixed School, Kirkby Stephen; Harlow Wood Hospital, Mansfield, Notts; Newton-in-Makerfield Grammar School, Newton-le-Willows, Lancs; New Oscott School, Sutton Coldfield; Council School, West Wickham; Open-Air Council School, Peel House Lane, Widnes; Council School, Allerton Bywater, Yorks; Broad Street Boys' School, Coventry; St. George's School, Harpenden, Herts; County High School, Ilford; New Barnet Junior Branch, New Barnet. DELETIONS: Upper Norwood Junior Branch, Norwood; Southall Junior Branch, Southall. JUNIOR MEMBERS' GROUPS: Second Boy's Troop, Girl Guides, Emsay Troop; 9th District Company of Girl Guides, Bristol; North Staffs Christian Endeavour Union, Stoke-on-Trent. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Hillhead Congregational Church, Glasgow; Hulet and Hiltshill Co-operative Society, Glasgow; Old Elvet Wesleyan Church, Durham; Southsea Central Hall Christian Endeavour Society, Southsea; Primitive Methodist Church, Hitchin; Zion Baptist Church, Burnley, Lancs; Rishton Weavers' Association, Lancs; Messrs. Cook Son & Co., (St. Paul's) Limited, London; St. Paul's Church, Ealing, Middx; St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Blyth, Northumberland; Northallerton Baptist Church, Yorks; Otley Primitive Methodist Church, Yorks; Burnside Holiday Home, Skipton, Yorks; Swanland Congregational Church, Swanland, Yorks; West Church, Alich, Scotland; St. Andrew's Society, Glasgow; Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, Exeter; Ashwell Parish Church, Herts; St. Catherine's Church, Burnley, Lancs; High Harrogate College, Yorks. DELETIONS: Labour Party (Women's Section) Edmonton; People's Tabernacle, Edmonton; Ilminster Wesleyan Methodist Church; Lumphnen and District Social Club. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Barrow on Trent Women's Institute; Cinderford Women's Institute; West Wickham Women's Institute; Wychwood Women's Institute; Aldbourne Women's Institute; Mount Pleasant Sisterhood.

DELETION: St. Paul's Mothers' Union, Lorrimore Square.
AFFILIATED MEMBERS: New Education Fellowship. INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATES: Central Women's Section; Labour Party, No. 1, Belfast.

It was reported that there were now 3,015 Branches, 994 Junior Branches, 31 Junior Members' Groups, 3,344 Corporate Members, 711 Corporate Associates, 40 Affiliated Members and 132 Industrial Associates. Since the last report 5,009 new members had been enrolled, making the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned 903,222.

72. PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION TO ADDRESS EUROPEAN MEETING ON DISARMAMENT. It was reported that the following draft resolution had been received from Miss Courtney with the suggestion that it should be considered by the International Federation at the forthcoming Plenary Congress at Budapest:-

"That the International Federation of League of Nations Societies be urged to

1. Arrange for an International Delegation to visit some of the chief capitals or other important towns of Europe to address public meetings and in other ways bring to the attention of the peoples of the different countries the widespread demand for Disarmament, and the hopes which are fixed on the Disarmament Conference of February next.
2. The delegation to include if possible those whose eminence or services for the cause will guarantee them an attentive hearing.
3. The meetings to be arranged by the local organisation most appropriate for the purpose, the initiative to be taken by the International Federation of League of Nations Societies.
4. Other opportunities of a more informal nature to be taken during the visit for fostering the sense of unity amongst those who are working for the success of the Disarmament Conference.
5. The cost of travelling, etc., to be met by an appeal to Societies and persons interested and the cost of the meetings to be met by the Societies in the different localities where the meetings are held.

It was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be not submitted for inclusion on the agenda of the Plenary Congress, but that the Union's delegates be requested to discuss the subject of the resolution with the delegates of other Societies at Budapest."

73. CLOSING OF OFFICE FOR EASTER HOLIDAY It was

RESOLVED: "That the office be closed from 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 2nd until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7th."

74. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, April 23rd at 11 a.m."

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD, 1931,
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major Hills (in the Chair), Colonel Carnegie, Miss
K.B. Courtney, Colonel Crossfield, Lord Dickinson,
Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Major Walter
Elliot, Captain L.H. Green, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall,
J.H. Harris, R.S. Hudson, Sir Hugh Jenkins, Dr. C.W.
Kimmins, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Sir John
Power, Mrs. Walter Runciman, John Sarsborne,
Rennie Smith, H.D. Watson, J. Graham White, Mrs.
Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynon and Professor
Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy
Secretary.

75. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from L.J. Cadbury, Sir
Arthur Haworth, Commander Kenworthy, Lord Lytton, Professor
Murray and Lady Selborne.
76. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on minute 66(5)
the minutes of the Committee held on March 26th, 1931 were
confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 66 - Disarmament, it was

RESOLVED: "That in paragraph (5) the year 1923/4
be substituted for the year 1923."

77. REGIONS COMMITTEE. The Committee considered paragraph (D)
of minute 5 (Constitution of the General Council) of the
Regions Committee dated March 12th, 1931, which had been
adjourned from the previous meeting. After considerable
discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the General Council be recommended not
to adopt the proposals contained in paragraph
(D) of minute 5."

78. PROPOSED GERMAN-AUSTRIAN CUSTOMS UNION. It was

RESOLVED: "That no action be taken."

79. DATES OF MEETINGS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. It was

RESOLVED: "That meetings of the Executive Committee con-
tinue to be held on the first, third and fifth
Thursdays in each month."

80. ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1930. The Committee considered the draft
Annual Report for 1930. After discussion, in the course of
which several alterations and modifications were suggested
and agreed to, it was

RESOLVED: "That, subject to the approval of the Vice-
Chairman of the amendment proposed on page 15,
the Annual Report for 1930 be approved."

81. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Traffic in Women and Children Committee. The minutes of
the Committee dated March 16th, 1931 were approved and
adopted.

These minutes included (2) Composition of Committee
for 1931; (3) Meetings of the Committee; (4) Con-
sideration of the Question of Compulsory Repatria-
tion of Foreign Prostitutes.

(b) Publicity Committee. (Lady Hall reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 20, 22 and 24, the minutes of the Committee dated March 23rd, 1931 were approved and adopted.

✓These minutes included (19) Report on Publicity Activities; (20) Peace Stamps; (21) Publicity for the Conference on International Security; (22) Weekly Bulletin; (23) Staff of the Press Section; (24) Publications by Local Organisations of the Union; (25) Four-Page Leaflet Series.✓

On Minute 20 - Peace Stamps, it was

RESOLVED: "That, since the Postal Union Congress is unable to deal with the suggestion that during the meeting of the Disarmament Conference all 24s. (blue) stamps or their equivalent should have reference to the Disarmament Conference, H.M. Government be requested to consider the suggestion with a view to the necessary action being taken."

On Minute 22 - Weekly Bulletin, it was

RESOLVED: "That both paragraph (a) and paragraph (b) be referred to the Education Committee for consideration and report."

On Minute 24 - Publications by Local Organisations of the Union, it was

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

The Committee also considered (adjourned) minute 13 (International Disarmament) of the meeting held on February 23rd, and it was

RESOLVED: "That no action be taken in view of the decision recorded below On minute 29 of the Political and Parliamentary Committee dated March 31st."

(c) Finance Committee. The Committee considered minutes 19, 23, 24, 25 and 26 of the Committee held on March 25th, and, subject to the following decision on minute 19, these minutes were approved and adopted.

✓These minutes included (19) Equalisation of Travelling Expenses of Delegates attending General Council Meetings; (23) Foundation Membership; (24) Miss Hinton Smith; (25) Passing of Cheques for Payment.✓

On Minute 19 - Equalisation of Travelling Expenses of Delegates attending General Council Meeting, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Branches Committee be asked to prepare an alternative scheme for equalising the travelling expenses of delegates attending General Council Meetings, and that, meanwhile, consideration of this minute be adjourned."

- (2) "That the agenda paper for the next meeting of the General Council be so arranged that the proposal for equalising the travelling expenses of delegates be discussed by the General Council before the proposals for the reconstitution of the Council."

The Committee further considered, after Sir John Power had reported, minute 29 (Central Disarmament Bureau) of the meeting held on the previous day, and it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this minute be adjourned until the next meeting when it was hoped that Lord Cecil would be present."

- (d) Women's Advisory Council. (Mrs. Wilson-Fox reported.) The Committee considered a report of the meeting held on March 26th, 1931 and it was
RESOLVED: "That this report be adopted."
- (e) Overseas Committee. (Mr. Wynch reported.) Subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on minute 19, and subject to the following decision on minute 21, the minutes of the Committee dated March 26th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (16) Budapest Congress; (17) Treatment of Political Prisoners; (18) Proposal for a European Co-operation Conference; (19) Annual Subscription to the Federal Committee for European Co-operation; (20) Dr. Wissell's Memorandum; (21) Communication from the Paris Section; (22) Overseas Report.

On Minute 21 - Communication from the Paris section, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be not approved, and that Mr. Vivian Carter be so informed."

The Committee also considered minute 25 (International Disarmament Bulletin) of the meeting held on the previous day, and it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this minute be adjourned until the next meeting when it was hoped that Lord Cecil would be present."

- (f) Political and Parliamentary Committee. (Mr. Hudson reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 29, the minutes of the Committee dated March 31st, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (27) Means of Preventing War; (28) Amendments to the Covenant; (29) Reduction of Armaments Expenditure; (30) The Union's Activity for International Disarmament; (31) Demonstration on July 11th; (32) Disarmament Petition; (33) Negotiations with International Associations; (34) Federation of League of Nations Societies and Disarmament; (35) All-Party Representation in Assembly Delegations.

On Minute 29 - Reduction of Armaments Expenditure,
it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That, in paragraph (b) the year 1923/4
be substituted for the year 1924."

(b) "That the statement prepared in accordance with paragraph (b) be submitted for approval to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and General Jeurwine before being made available for Union speakers."

(g) Christian Organisations Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported.) The minutes of the Committee held on April 15th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

△ These minutes included (30) Sunday School Lessons; (31) Sermon Notes; (32) World Disarmament Conference; (33) Co-optations to General Council; (34) Applications for Corporate Membership. ✓

(h) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Captain Green reported.) subject to the following decision on minute 34 the minutes of the Committee held on April 16th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

△ These minutes included (32) Membership of Committee; (33) Disarmament; (34) Disarmament and Unemployment; (35) International Labour Conference - Union's Party; (36) Conference on Wages and Employment; (37) Miss Hinton Smith; (38) Washington Hours Convention; (39) Moral Aspects of Unemployment; (40) General Council - Representation of Trade and Industry; (41) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (42) Industrial Affiliations. ✓

On Minute 34 - Disarmament and Unemployment, it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That paragraph (1) be approved."

(b) "That the Political Committee be asked

(i) to consider paragraph (2) and in this connection to have regard to the Union's pamphlet on INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT AND THE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM; and

(ii) if considered desirable to nominate a Committee, representative of the Industrial Advisory, the Political and Publicity Committees, to consider the production of a Report in popular form on the effects of Disarmament upon Unemployment."

• INTERNATIONAL SECURITY CONFERENCE. It was reported that a communication had been received from Sir Alexander Gordon concerning the recent International Security Conference, and it was

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

See Minute 88.

83. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LONDON REGIONAL FEDERATION. The Chairman reported that the Annual Meeting of the London Regional Federation would be held on Tuesday, April 28th at 6.30 in the Swedenborg Hall, 20, Hart Street, W.C.1. The Federation had sent a cordial invitation to members of the Executive Committee to attend this meeting which would be the last at which Mr. Morton George would act as Chairman.

84. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the following Branches:- Bakewell Free Church Council, Lyme Regis, Brighton, Tatsfield, Mallion, Caterham and Worcester Park. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Worcester Park Branch be invited, if they so desire, to place their resolution on the agenda of the next meeting of the General Council."

85. MISS RUTH FRY. The Committee learned with deep regret that Miss Ruth Fry had, on medical advice, resigned her membership of the Committee, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the best wishes of the Committee be conveyed to Miss Ruth Fry for her speedy and complete restoration to health."

86. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Districts, Junior Branches, Corporate Members, Industrial Associates 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.

13 Branches, 1 District, 8 Junior Branches,
27 Corporate Members, 1 Industrial Associate,
3 Corporate Associates.

Deletions.

2 Branches, 9 Corporate Members, 2 Corporate Associates.

BRANCHES: Bala Theological College, Merionethshire; Barley, Herts; Cromer, Norfolk; Douglas Water, Scotland; Grange, Scotland; Littleport, Cambs; Bourne Primitive Methodist Church, Longton, Staffs; Lossiemouth, Scotland; Newport, Essex; Saxmundham and District, Norfolk; Swansea Training College, Glam; Herring House, West Hampstead, London; Southlands College, Wimbledon, Surrey. DELETIONS: Aston Rowant, Oxon; Lochgillhead, Scotland. DISTRICT COUNCIL: Herefordshire District Council; JUNIOR BRANCHES: Girls' Central School, Aberdare, Glam; Strand School, Erixton Hill, London; Boys' Council School, Hirvaun, Glam; The Judean Club, Leeds; Parliament Hill School, Highgate Road, London; Hyfield School, Rugby; Sheffield High School; St. Margaret's School, Lockleys, Welwyn. CORPORATE MEMBERS: West Church of St. Andrew, Aberdeen; St. Mango's Parish Church, Alloa, Scotland; Primitive Methodist Church, Eyemouth, Scotland; Glasgow and West of Scotland College of Domestic Science; Brandon Church Women's Guild, Hamilton, Scotland; St. James' Congregational Church, Women's Guild, Hamilton, Scotland; All Saints' Church, Ascot; Nottingham Road Primitive Methodist Christian Endeavour Society, Alfreton; Dronfield Congregational Church, Derby; St. Andrew's

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Parochial Church Council, Swanwick; Plymouth and District Trades Council; Stockton-on-Tees Women's Liberal Association; Eastleach with Southrop Parochial Council, Cirencester; Wesley Guild, Bishop Stortford; Barrow Labour Party, Barrow-in-Furness; Junior and Senior Young Women's Classes, Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Rishton, Lancs; Ealing Palladium Sunday Services, Middlesex; Harrow Baptist Church, Middlesex; Staff of the Willesden, Bushey Heath, Elstree and Stannore Telephone Exchange; St. Alban's Women's Fellowship, Retford; Selsdon Baptist Church, Selsdon, Surrey; Birmingham C.H.A. Rambling Club; Park Street Women's Friendly Society, Hull; Woodhouse Street Wesley Guild, Leeds; Yorkshire Training College of Housecraft, Leeds; Sheffield C.H.A. Rambling Club, Zion Sisterhood, Wakefield. DELETIONS: William Morris Arts Guild, Balham; Sandy Lane Wesleyan Young Men's Class, Bradford; Presbyterian Church of England, Chatton; Christ Church (United Methodist) Cradley Heath; Hurler and Nitschill Co-operative Society, Ltd., Glasgow; Congregational Church, Harleston; Newland Wesleyan Church, Hull; Hull Branch U.K.C.T.A.; Wolverhampton Trades and Labour Council. INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATE: Rawtenstall Borough Trades Council. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Lambourne Women's Institute, Cornwall; Mansley and District Women's Institute; Sunningdale Women's Institute; DELETIONS: Chiddingstone Women's Institute; Women's League, Brondesbury Congregational Church.

It was reported that there were now 3,026 Branches, 61 Districts, 1,002 Junior Branches, 3,364 Corporate Members, 132 Industrial Associates and 712 Corporate Associates. Since the last report 7,399 new members had been enrolled, making the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned 909,340.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH, 1931. AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Sir Norman Angell, C. Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Miss K.D. Courtney, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Major Walter Elliot, F.H. Elvin, Lady Gladstone, Miss Guinness, J.H. Harris, Dr. C.W. Kilmine, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Farmoor, John Sherborne, Hennie Smith, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch and Professor Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

87. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Captain Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Hugh Jaudwine, Commander Kenworthy, Lord Lytton, Mrs. Walter Runciman and W.J. Salmon.

88. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minute 83, the minutes of the Committee held on April 23rd were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 83 - Annual Meeting of the London Regional Federation, it was reported that Admiral Drury-Lowe and the Secretary had attended this meeting and expressed the thanks of the Executive Committee to the retiring Chairman, Mr. Morton George.

89. INTERNATIONAL SECURITY CONFERENCE. The Chairman read to the Committee a letter dated 28th March which had been received from Sir Alexander Gordon concerning the evening debate held in connection with the International Security Conference at the Guildhall. In the Chairman's opinion both the attendance at the Conference and the publicity given to its proceedings in the press were a little disappointing. Lord Cecil considered that the Guildhall had proved to be an unsuitable place in which to hold a Conference and hoped that, when any future conference was being discussed, more suitable accommodation would be suggested. It was

RESOLVED: "That Sir Alexander Gordon be informed that his communication had been considered by the Executive Committee."

90. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Finance. (Mr. Worsley reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 30, the minutes of the Committee dated April 22nd, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (28) Composition of Committee; (29) Financial Report; (30) Central Disarmament Bureau; (31) Sir George Dunbar; (32) International Bulletin on Public Opinion and Disarmament; (33) Paris Section; (34) Communications from Mr. Polito; (35) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

On Minute 30 - Central Disarmament Bureau, it was

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

See Minute 97.

The Committee also considered (adjourned) minute 19 (Equalisation of Travelling Expenses of Delegates attending General Council Meetings) of 25th March, 1931, and it was

RESOLVED: "That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Branches Committee (see Minute 90 (d)) below, the Regions Committee be asked to consider the proposal of the Finance Committee forequalising the travelling expenses of delegates attending the General Council meetings, together with two other proposals formulated by the Branches Committee, with a view to one or all of these proposals being submitted to the General Council."

(b) Overseas Committee. (Lady Gladstone reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 25 and 26, the minutes of the Committee dated April 22nd, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (25) Budapest Congress; (26) International Disarmament Bulletin; (27) Overseas Report; (29) L.R.P.'s International Friendship Committee; (30) Report of the Prague Meetings.

On Minute 25 - Budapest Congress, the Committee felt that it might be inconsistent with Sir William Goode's official relation to the Hungarian Government if he were to join the Union's delegation to the Plenary Congress, and it was

RESOLVED: "That Lady Gladstone be asked to see Sir William Goode on this matter."

On Minute 26 - International Disarmament Bulletin, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution to be moved by the Union's delegation at the meeting of the Representative Council of the International Federation be moved in the following amended form:-

'The Representative Council of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies

WELCOMES the proposal to issue from Geneva a periodical review - monthly until January 1932 and weekly during the sessions of the Disarmament Conference - giving information upon world disarmament in all its aspects, in several languages, including English, French and German; and,

On condition that sufficient funds are forthcoming,

- (1) APPROVES the publication of this review at Geneva;
- (2) AGREES TO the review appearing under the auspices of the Federation and of the Interparliamentary Union and other important international associations.

- (3) AUTHORISES the Executive Committee to nominate a permanent representative on the Editorial Board;
- (4) URGES all its constituent societies to order copies of the review for distribution or sale in their respective countries; and
- (5) DECIDES to provide a sum not exceeding one third of the total net sum required to secure the publication of the review, provided that the Federation's contribution shall not in any case exceed £500."
- (c) Women's Advisory Council. (Mrs. Wilson-Fox reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 418, the minutes of the Committee held on 22nd April, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (414) Minutes; (415) Mui Tsai; (416) Reports of Representatives; (417) Federation of Women Zionists; (418) Night Work Convention; (419) Representation on General Council; (420) Applications for Corporate Associateship.

On Minute 418 - Night Work Convention, it was

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

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

These minutes included (17) Co-operation with British Legion and T.O.C.; (18) C.T.C.'s; (19) Regions Committee; (20) Publications by Local Organisations of the Union; (21) Proposed New Quarterly Periodical; (22) Membership Subscriptions; (23) Equalisation of Travelling Expenses of Delegates attending General Council Meetings.

- (e) Mandates Committee. (Mrs. Dugdale reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 2, the minutes of the Committee dated April 24th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Resolution on Colonial Policy: Cambridge University Branch; (3) Resolution of Liverpool and Merseyside District.

On Minute 2 - Resolution on Colonial Policy, Lady Gladstone expressed the hope that, if and when the question of holding a League of Nations Union Conference on Comparative Methods of Colonial Administration was considered, the proposed Union Conference on the subject of the Unity of Europe might also be considered.

See Minute 97.

(f) Political and Parliamentary Committee. (Lord Cecil reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 36 and 38, the minutes of the special Committee dated April 28th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (36) Activity of the Union; (37) Central Disarmament Bureau; (38) Disarmament Campaign Sub-Committee; (39) International Disarmament Bulletin; (40) Disarmament and Unemployment.]

On Minute 36 - Activity of the Union, in reply to a question concerning pictorial posters, the Secretary stated that he had on the previous day placed an order with a firm of commercial artists for designs for three of the set of six posters recommended by the Publicity Committee. Miss Courtney stated that the C.D.B. had collected a number of posters from various organisations and that these posters were now being displayed at the office of the C.D.B.

On Minute 38 - Disarmament Campaign Sub-Committee, it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That Sir Norman Angell's name be added to the list of members of the sub-Committee."
 (2) "That the first meeting of the sub-Committee be called for Tuesday next, May 5th."
 (3) "That the proposal to appoint a temporary assistant to Mr. Eppstein for work in connection with "Disarmament" be referred to the Office and Finance Committees for consideration and report."

1. OPIUM. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following resolution be moved by the Union at the XVth Plenary Congress as an alternative proposal to the resolution of the League of Nations Association of the United States:-

"The Fifteenth Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies

CONSIDERING that the World Congress on Limitation of the manufacture of Dangerous Drugs is to meet at Geneva on May 27th, and that the Conference will have before it the Draft Convention drawn up by the League Advisory Committee on Traffic in Opium,

BELIEVES that the principles of that Convention, if applied in the administration of all states, will establish effective control of the trade in dangerous drugs, and

RESOLVES to support an agreement whereby the annual medical and scientific needs of the world for dangerous drugs will be estimated, and the annual manufacture

limited to that amount, according to a quota scheme based on an equitable distribution allowing for manufacture in states which produce for home consumption and export, states which produce for home consumption only, and states which may in future desire to produce. Under this agreement the import, conversion, and re-export of dangerous drugs would be subjected to control according to the Convention, as would drugs capable of conversion into drugs of addiction:

RESOLVES to urge its member societies to press upon their governments the need for adherence to the Hague Convention of 1912, and the Geneva Agreements of 1929, if they have not already ratified them, and for the necessary legislation, and administrative action to put them into force, and also to move for the prompt ratification of any convention drawn up by the 1931 Conference which will ensure world limitation of the manufacture of drugs.

92. PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP OF BRANCHES. The Committee considered a statement on paid-up membership of Branches at the end of 1929 which had been prepared at the request of Admiral Drury-Lowe, and it was

RESOLVED: "That this statement be communicated to the Regions Committee at its next meeting."

93. COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDIA LEAGUE. It was reported that a communication had been received from the Commonwealth of India League inviting the Union to send two delegates to a Conference on India on May 9th at 3 p.m. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the invitation be not accepted."

94. BRANCH RESOLUTION. The Committee received with interest a resolution from the Grand Lodge of Good Templars, Clacton, concerning the supply of intoxicating liquor for smuggling into the U.S.A.

95. 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 Industrial 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, 4 Junior Branches, 11 Corporate Members, 5 Corporate Associates, 1 Industrial Associate.

Deletions.

7 Corporate Members.

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BRANCHES: Green's Norton, Northants; Invergardon, Scotland; Kingsteigton, Devon. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Dunscroft Boys' School, Doncaster; Gullford School for Girls, Basford, Nottingham; Stoke Junior Branch, Coventry; Tonacliffe Council School, Whitworth. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Cathcart South Church Mothers' Meeting, Glasgow; St. Paul's Church, Winton, Eccles; Society of Friends, Eccles; Heaton Park Wesleyan Church, Prestwich; Prestwich Botherhood and Sisterhood, Prestwich; Alexandra Park Society of Friends, Whalley Range, Lancs; Church of the New Age, Whalley Range, Lancs; Russell Street Congregational Church, Kettering; Albert Street Baptist Church, Keighley; Y.M.C.A., Clifford Street, York. DELETIONS: St. Augustine's Church, Fulham; Portland Road Old Girls' Association, Halifax; Ashton Grove Co-operative Women's Guild, Leeds; Belle Vue Primitive Methodist Church Brotherhood, Leeds; Little London Wesleyan Church, Meanwood, Leeds; Queen Street Congregational Church, Leeds; United Methodist Church, Woodhouse Lane, Leeds. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Albrighton Women's Institute; Chapel (Kent) Women's Institute; Churchill Women's Institute; Northcote Women's Institute; Peasedown St. John Girls' Friendly Society. INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATES: Stockton and Thornaby Trades Council.

It was reported that there were now 3,029 Branches, 1,006 Junior Branches, 3,368 Corporate Members, 717 Corporate Associates and 133 Industrial Associates. Since the last report 1,874 new members had been enrolled, making the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned 910,898 of whom 141,175 have paid a subscription in 1931 as compared with 142,014 at the same date in 1930, and 130,412 at the same date in 1929.

G.M.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, MAY 7TH, 1931
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), C. Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Colonel Crosfield, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, H.H. Elvin, Captain L.H. Green, Miss E.M. Guinness, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, R.S. Hudson, Sir Hugh Jourd'heuil, Dr. Kimmins, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Mrs. Runciman, W.J. Salmon, Lady Selborne, Mr. Rennie Smith, 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 Miss Courtney, Sir Arthur Haworth, John Sherborne, H.S. Syrett and H. Graham White.
97. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minute 90(b) and decision on minute 90(f), the minutes of the Committee held on April 30th, 1931 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 90(b) (25) - Budapest Congress, it was reported that Lady Gladstone had written to Sir William Goode, and that a reply had been received from him expressing the opinion that his official position would not in any way interfere with his being a member of the Union's delegation. It was

RESOLVED: "That Sir William Goode and Miss Guinness be included in the Union's delegation to the XVth Plenary Congress."

On Minute 90(f) (38) - Disarmament Campaign Sub-Committee, after a statement by the Chairman, who referred to a communication from Lord Cecil, it was

RESOLVED: "That, subject to subsequent approval by the Finance Committee, the Office Committee be authorised to proceed - if they choose, without previous advertisement - to make the appointment contemplated in this minute and to fix the conditions of the appointment."

98. CENTRAL DISARMAMENT BUREAU. It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of minute 30 (Central Disarmament Bureau) of the Finance Committee, dated April 22nd be adjourned until the next meeting."

99. XVTH PLENARY CONGRESS OF INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION. The Committee considered the Provisional Agenda (Part I and Part II) of the XVth Plenary Congress to be held at Budapest from May 24th to 28th. In regard to the resolutions contained in Part I, it was

RESOLVED: I. Internal Questions. That the Union's delegates be instructed to support resolutions 1 and 2.

II. Education.

- (1) That the Union's delegates be instructed to support resolutions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5; to include in resolution 3 a reference to the new sub-department at Geneva under Herr Dr. ~~Kuhlmann~~; to move that the title of resolution 5 be amended to read "Professor Deznai's Proposal"; and
- (2) That the Union's resolution on the School Leaving Age be withdrawn from the agenda, the Union's delegates being informed that they may refer to this resolution, so long as they state clearly that it has not been approved by the Executive, when resolutions 3 or 4 of section IV are under discussion by the Congress.

III. National Minorities. That the Union's delegates be instructed to support this resolution.

IV. I.L.O., Economic and Social Questions. That the Union's delegates be instructed to support resolutions 1, 2, 3 and 4.

V. Juridical and Political Questions.

- A. That the Union's delegates be instructed to oppose resolution 1; to join with others, if any, who oppose resolution 2, but not to lead the opposition; to support resolution 3 and to propose the following addition:-

'Considers that as part of this propaganda it is desirable to hold an International Congress in the autumn, and decides that the Federation should co-operate with other important international societies in a committee to organise such a Congress';

to support resolution 4; and to point out that the proposal in resolution 5 is impracticable, but to exercise their discretion if they cannot secure the rejection of this resolution.

In connection with resolution 5, Major Walter Elliot had prepared a draft of an International Publicity Convention which would be circulated to members of the delegation.

- B. European Collaboration within the Framework of the League of Nations. That the Union's delegates be instructed to support this resolution subject to the amendment of the second paragraph of section 7 to read as follows:-

'Generally speaking, the ratification and administration by European States of the International Conventions adopted by the League or the I.L.C. would be greatly facilitated by periodical contacts between the competent officials.'

- C. Disarmament. That the Union's delegates be instructed to support these resolutions.
- D. Problem of Eastern Europe. That the Union's delegates should endeavour to get this resolution withdrawn, but, if that be impossible, they should exercise discretion.

In regard to Part II of the Provisional Agenda it was

- RESOLVED: I. Internal Questions. That the Union's delegates be instructed to advocate the adjournment of consideration of resolution 1 until the proposed International Disarmament Bulletin has ceased to be published; and to oppose resolution 2.
- II. Education. That the Union's delegates be instructed to support resolutions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
- IV. Economic and Social Questions. That the Union's delegates be instructed to support resolutions 1, 2, 3 and 4.
- V. Juridical and Political Questions. That the Union's delegates be instructed to propose that resolution 1 be amalgamated with the Paris resolution; to oppose resolution 2; to support the amendment to resolution 4; to support resolutions 5, 6 and 7 (subject to the omission of the words 'at last'); to follow the lead of the Council of the League on resolution 8; and to oppose resolution 9.

100. FEDERAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN CO-OPERATION. The Committee considered draft resolutions on (i) the Agrarian problem and (ii) Unemployment to be discussed at the meeting of the Federal Committee for European Co-operation on May 20th and 21st. These resolutions had been submitted to members of the Union's Economic Committee and comments had been received from Mr. Hartley Withers, who was present at the meeting, and from Mr. J.A. Hobson. Mr. Rennie Smith stated that a Standing Committee of the InterParliamentary Union had been considering this subject for the last two years and that it had recently drawn up a resolution for consideration by the Bucharest Conference in October. After considerable discussion it was

- RESOLVED: (i) "That the Union's delegates be instructed not to vote on these resolutions, but that they be at liberty to make such comments as they desire in the light of the discussion by the Executive and of the resolution of the Interparliamentary Union, and that they be urged to emphasise the world character as well as the European character of this question."
- (ii) "That the comments prepared by Mr. Hartley Withers and Mr. Hobson be circulated for the guidance of the Union's delegates."

101. C.I.D.A.L.C. Lord Lytton reported that the Royal Society of Literature at a recent meeting had considered a communication from the Comité International pour la Diffusion Artistique et Littéraire par la Cinématographe, asking the Royal Society to constitute itself the representative for this country on the C.I.D.A.L.C. The Royal Society of Literature had refused the invitation on the ground that it was not concerned with questions such as those dealt with by the C.I.D.A.L.C., and it had been suggested that the invitation should be passed on to the Union. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That this matter be referred to the Film Committee for consideration and report; and that, meanwhile, the Royal Society of Literature be asked not to suggest the Union as a possible representative for this country in their reply to the C.I.D.A.L.C."

(2) "That the Union's delegates to the Plenary Congress of the International Federation at Budapest be asked to make further enquiries concerning the C.I.D.A.L.C."

102. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Education Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) Subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on minute 53(f), the minutes of the Committee dated April 27th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (47) Arising out of the Minutes; (48) Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (49) Report on Work in Universities and Colleges; (50) Membership of the Committee; (51) Curriculum Sub-Committee; (52) International Federation of League of Nations Societies: Agenda for the Fifteenth Plenary Congress; (53) Summer Schools; (54) Annual Conferences; (55) Annual Conference of the Association of Education Committees; (56) Visits of Teachers from Abroad; (57) List of Books for Children and Teachers; (58) The "Teachers' World"; (59) Annual Conference of the National Union of Women Teachers; (60) Birmingham Federation of Elementary Schools interested in the League of Nations.

(b) Minorities Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated April 29th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (8) The Brussels Meeting; (9) Statelessness; (10) Subjects to be dealt with at the Sub-Committee of the Federation; (11) The Minorities Bulletin; (12) Minorities Policy to be submitted to the General Council.

(c) Political and Parliamentary Committee. (Professor Murray reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 44, the minutes of the Committee dated May 5th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Negotiations with International Associations; (43) International Disarmament Bulletin; (44) Albert Hall Demonstration, July 11th; (45) Federation of League of Nations Societies: Recommendations to the British Delegation to the Budapest Congress; (46) References to Sub-Committee.

On Minute 44 - Albert Hall Demonstration, July 11th, it was

RESOLVED: "That paragraph (a) be deleted from this minute."

- (d) Disarmament Campaign Sub-Committee. The minutes of the Committee dated May 5th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (1) Albert Hall Winter Meeting; (2) International Disarmament and Party Conferences; (3) Branch Resolutions; (4) Suggestions for a Disarmament Campaign.

103. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Districts, 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.

4 Branches, 3 Junior Branches, 1 District,
7 Corporate Members, 2 Corporate Associates.

Deletions.

1 Branch, 1 Junior Branch, 1 Corporate Member.

BRANCHES: Bangor University College O.T.C.; Hotwells, Glos; Rhyd-oleg Clwyd, Flintshire; Syresham, Northants. DELETION: Dingwall, Scotland. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Council School, Clydach, Breconshire; Llandulas Boys' Church of England School, Llandulas, Denbighshire; Thames Valley County School, Twickenham. DELETION: Sidney Road School, Homerton. DISTRICT: Hertfordshire District Council. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Carmyle Church Women's Association, Scotland; Caldbeck Church, Wigton, Cumberland; Billericay Wesleyan Methodist Church, Essex; Bovingdon Parish Church, Herts; Steeple Aston Church Council, Oxon; Boldmere Brotherhood, Warwicks; Providence Place Congregational Church, Cleckheaton, Yorks. DELETION: Godalming Parochial Church Council. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Pedmore Women's Institute; Sandringham Women's Institute.

It was reported that there were now 3,032 Branches, 1,008 Junior Branches, 62 Districts, 3,374 Corporate Members and 719 Corporate Associates. Since the last report 1,332 new members had been enrolled, making the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned 912,062.

104. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That a meeting of the Committee be held as usual on Thursday, May 21st, but for the discussion of urgent business only."

C.M.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, MAY 21ST, 1931
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Sir Norman Angell,
C. Delisle Burns, Colonel Carnegie, Miss Courtney,
Colonel Crosfield, Major Walter Elliot, Captain
L.H. Green, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, R.S. Hudson,
Sir Hugh Jeudwine, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Lady Layton,
Sir Walter Napier, John Sherborne, H.C. Syrett,
H.D. Watson, H. Graham White, Mrs. Wilson-Fox and
Herbert Worsley, together with the Deputy Secretary.

105. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from L.J. Cadbury, Lord
Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Lady Gladstone, Miss Guinness,
Sir Arthur Haworth, Major Hills, Commander Kenworthy, Lady
Parnoor and L.M. Wynch.
106. MINUTES. The minutes of the Committee held on May 7th, 1931
were confirmed as circulated.
107. BRITISH DELEGATION TO I.L. CONFERENCE. Mrs. Wilson-Fox stated
that the attention of the Standing Sub-Committee of the Women's
Advisory Council had recently been drawn to the fact that the
British delegation to the forthcoming International Labour
Conference did not include a woman, although the Night Work
Convention for Women was being discussed by the Conference,
and she suggested that some representation might be made to
the Government in this connection. After it had been ex-
plained that the British delegation (which consisted of two
persons only) would be accompanied by a woman technical
adviser, it was

RESOLVED: "That no action be taken."

108. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Library. Subject to the following decision on minute 18,
the minutes of the Committee dated April 27th, 1931 were
approved and adopted.

These minutes included (17) Mr. Norman Parley; (18)
Library Book Fund for 1931; (19) Donations to the Library;
(20) Book List.

On Minute 18 - Library Book Fund for 1931, the Com-
mittee felt that the Union's appeal to the Stapley,
Rebecca Hussey and Rowntree Trusts might have been
more successful if it had been made privately by some
member of the Union known to the Trustees. Dr. Kimmins
undertook to see a member of each of these Trusts with
a view to their making a grant to the Union's Library
in 1932.

- (b) Welcome Committee. (Lady Hall reported.) The minutes of
the Committee dated May 5th, 1931 were approved and
adopted.

These minutes included (11) Arising out of minutes; (12)
Secretary's report; (13) Quinquennial Congress of Uni-
versities of the Empire; (14) Centenary Meeting of the
British Association; (15) Suggested New Member; (16)
Visiting American Groups; (17) Albert Hall Meeting.

- (c) Services Committee. (Sir Hugh Jeudwine reported.) Subject to the following report on minute 2 and decision on minute 3, the minutes of the Committee dated May 7th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (1) Terms of Reference and Plan of Action; (2) Composition of Committee; (3) General Council of the Union; (4) Annual Report.

On Minute 2 - Composition of Committee, it was reported that Lt-Gen. Sir William Furse and Major-General Sir Reginald Hoskins had accepted membership of the Committee.

On Minute 3 - General Council of the Union, Sir Hugh Jeudwine undertook to convey invitations, on behalf of the Executive Committee, to Sir William Birdwood, the Earl of Cavan, Sir Claud Jacob and Sir William Robertson.

- (d) Religions and Ethics Committee. The minutes of the Committee dated May 8th were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (3) Death of Reverend Morris Joseph; (4) Resignation; (5) Lambeth Conference; (6) Memorandum of Honorary Secretary; (7) Thanks to Honorary Secretary.

- (e) Disarmament Campaign Sub-Committee. (Professor Murray reported.) Subject to the following decision and report on minutes 7, 9 and 12, the minutes of the Committee dated May 12th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (5) Suggestions for a Campaign; (6) Political Action; (7) Suggestions to Branches; (8) Provincial Press; (9) Journalists; (10) Universities and Disarmament; (11) Postal Opportunities; (12) Albert Hall Demonstration, July 11th; (13) Albert Hall Meeting, January 1932; (14) Prayers for the Disarmament Conference; (15) Speakers' Conferences; (16) International Manifesto; (17) Theatre and Film Programmes.

On Minute 7 - Suggestions to Branches, it was

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

(1) The appointment of a disarmament correspondent to local papers."

- (ii) "That paragraphs (6) and (7) be approved in the following amended form:-

(6) The organisation of a house-to-house canvass as suggested in the Branch letter of March 12th for the enrolling of members, the distribution of leaflets and the collection of signatures for the Disarmament Declaration. The calling together of workers to discuss difficulties."

On Minute 9 - Journalists, it was

RESOLVED: "That, in view of the recommendation of the Publicity Committee, this minute be not approved; but that the Publicity Committee be asked to consider the desirability of holding a special meeting to which Lord Cecil should be invited."

On Minute 12 - Albert Hall Demonstration, July 11th, it was reported that the Prime Minister, Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Lloyd George had consented to their speeches being broadcast and to the proceedings being filmed.

(f) Overseas Committee. (Mr. Watson reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 32, the minutes of the Committee dated May 13th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (32) Budapest Congress; (33) Communication from Dr. Baskett; (34) Paris Section; (36) Prague Resolutions.

On Minute 32 - Budapest Congress (3) Agenda, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's delegates be asked not to support the draft International Publicity Convention, prepared by Major Walter Elliot for use in connection with the Belgian resolution on False or Tendentious Press Publications, but that the draft Convention be put forward for discussion by the Congress."

(g) Finance Committee. (Mr. Hudson reported.) With the exception of minute 40 (See minute 109 below) and that part of minute 42 referring to Miss Hinton Smith (see minute 110 below) the minutes of the Committee dated May 13th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (37) Financial Report; (38) Temporary Appointment; (39) Disarmament Bulletin; (40) Disarmament Fund; (41) Sir George Dunbar; (42) Staff; (43) Appeals Committee; (44) European Co-operation; (45) Leicestershire Federal Council; (46) Mr. Polito; (47) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

(h) Iraq Special Committee. Subject to the following report on minute 11, the minutes of the Committee dated May 14th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (10) Reply to the Foreign Secretary; (11) Minority Declaration; (12) Responsibility of H.M. Government for Internal Affairs; (13) Mandates Commission Procedure.

On Minute 11 - Minority Declaration, it was reported that the draft Declaration and the Memorandum, together with a covering letter, had been forwarded to the Chairman of the Mandates Commission.

(i) Office Committee. With the exception of minute 18 (see minute 110 below) and subject to the following decision on minute 22, the minutes of the Committee dated May 12th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (15) Dame Adelaide Livingstone; (16) Appeals Department; (17) Miss Monroe; (18) Miss Hinton Smith; (19) Mr. Bagnall; (20) Mr. Alexander; (21) "Disarmament"; (22) National Union of Clerks; (23) Daily Express.

On Minute 22 - National Union of Clerks, it was

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

'That in view of the fact that the General Secretary of the N.U.C. is a member of the Executive Committee of the Union, an officer appointed by him should address the staff at a meeting called specially for the purpose."

109. DISARMAMENT FUND. Consideration was given to the following resolutions contained in minute 40 of the Finance Committee's meeting of May 13th, 1931:-

- (1) That the appeal be issued by Lord Cecil on behalf of the Union and from the Union's address;
- (2) That the appeal should ask for donations to be paid to the Union.
- (3) That the proceeds of the appeal constitute a Disarmament Fund to be used for the Disarmament Campaign, including the bulletin and the proposed international meeting in November;
- (4) That the first claim upon the Disarmament Fund be for Colonel Delahaye's salary and for the repayment of the £50 loan approved in the preceding minute;
- (5) That as the appeal is not for the Union's General Fund but for a special urgent purpose, it should be issued without delay and without reference to the General Council, but that the action taken and the necessity for it should be duly reported to the General Council at Blackpool next month; and
- (6) That the appeal be not sent to persons whom the Appeals officers contemplated asking for money this year or to persons living in areas where the Appeals officers were already at work or would be this year unless the Appeals officers so desired."

The Committee also considered the following memorandum from Lord Cecil.

"To give practical effect to what I understand to be the desires of the Finance Committee I propose the following procedure:-

Letters of appeal should be sent dated from 15, Grosvenor Crescent and signed by myself.

The proceeds of that appeal would be a special Disarmament Fund of the Union. The first charge upon it would be any money that the Union spent or desired to spend for Disarmament purposes. The surplus would be devoted to such objects as the International Bulletin, the proposed International Conference in Paris and other things of that kind designed to forward disarmament not only in this country but throughout Europe.

The Executive Committee should be asked to approve the general lines of this procedure and thereafter would not be troubled with the details of how the surplus was expended beyond that part of the fund which was expended by the Union directly.

If it was desired, the control of expenditure of what I have called the surplus could be put in the hands of the Chairman of the Union and myself."

After some discussion, the Committee desired to ask Lord Cecil for further information on certain points concerning the amount which he has in mind and the disposal of it.

- RESOLVED: (a) That resolutions (1) to (6) of minute 40 of the Finance Committee's meeting of 13th May be approved; but that the Appeal be not sent to those who had become Foundation Members since 1st November, 1930.
- (b) That general approval be given to Lord Cecil's memorandum on the understanding that the total amount covered by Lord Cecil's proposals would be some such sum as £5,000.
- (c) That the Finance Committee be kept informed of the progress of the Fund and the way in which the surplus was being expended.
- (d) That a date be fixed for the termination of the Appeal.

110. MISS HINTON SMITH. After consideration had been given to the relevant part of minute 42 of the Finance Committee and minute 13 of the Office Committee, and after a resolution adopted by the Industrial Advisory Committee at its meeting on the 19th inst. had been read, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Finance Committee, at its meeting on June 10th, be asked to discuss the relevant part of minute 42 with representatives of the Industrial Advisory Committee and then to make a decision."

111. NEWSPAPER ATTACKS ON THE LEAGUE AND THE UNION. The Committee were informed that a number of communications had been received from members and Branches asking what action the Union intended to take in regard to the recent attack by the DAILY EXPRESS on the League and on the Union. It was

RESOLVED: "That a letter be sent, in response to enquiries, explaining why the Union is not taking any action in this matter, and drawing attention to the counter-attack by the NEWS CHRONICLE."

112. BLACKPOOL MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL - INVITATION TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY. The Committee were informed that Mr. Toctill the Chairman of the Blackpool Branch, had suggested that a public meeting should be held in Blackpool during the meeting of the General Council at which Mr. Arthur Henderson should be invited to speak. Mr. Toctill had consulted Mr. Henderson's secretary who thought it not unlikely that Mr. Henderson would be willing to speak at such a meeting if an official invitation were sent to him. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to tell Mr. Henderson that the Executive would be gratified if he were to accept Mr. Toctill's invitation; and that, in the event of his accepting, a prominent Conservative be asked to take the Chair."

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH, 1931,
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), C. Delisle Burns,
L.J. Cadbury, Miss Courtney, Lord Cecil, Lord
Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Major Walter Elliot,
Lady Gladstone, J.H. Harris, R.S. Hudson, Dr.
C.W. Kimmins, Sir Walter Raper, Mrs. Runciman,
W.J. Salmon, John Sherborne, H.S. Syrett, H.D.
Watson, H. Graham White, Herbert Worsley, L.M.
Wynch and Professor Zimmern, together with the
Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

113. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Colonel Carnegie,
H.H. Elvin, Captain Green, Miss Guinness, Major Hills, Sir
Hugh Jeurwine, Commander Kenworthy and Lady Parmoor.
114. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minute 108(a)
and decision on 108(e)(12) and 108(f), the minutes of the
Committee dated May 21st, 1931 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 108(a)(18) - Library Book Fund for 1931. Dr.
Kimmins reported that he was in communication with
members of the Trusts referred to in this minute.

On Minute 108(e)(12) - Albert Hall Demonstration,
July 11th.

RESOLVED: "That Sir William Robertson be invited to
preside at the Albert Hall meeting on
July 11th, and that, in the event of his
being unable to do so, an invitation be
sent to the Earl of Cavan."

On Minute 108(f)(32) - Budapest Congress (i) Agenda,
it was

RESOLVED: "That the word 'not' be inserted before
instead of after the word 'asked' in the
first line of this minute."

115. PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR THE TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered the Preliminary
Agenda for the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the General Council
to be held in Blackpool on June 24th, 25th and 26th. Several
members of the Committee objected to the manner in which the
Regions Committee's recommendations to the Council were
printed in the Agenda. After considerable discussion, during
which the resolution of the General Council, appointing the
Regions Committee, and the Committee's terms of reference
were read, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That, in the opinion of the Executive Com-
mittee, the method adopted in the Preliminary
Agenda of presenting the recommendations of
the Regions Committee is liable to miscon-
ception, and that the Regions Committee be
invited in future to present their recom-
mendations to the General Council in the form
of a separate report to be printed at the
end of the Agenda."

- (2) "That the resolutions to be discussed at the forthcoming meeting of the General Council be considered by the Executive Committee at a special meeting on June 11th."

116. FEDERAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN CO-OPERATION. Lady Gladstone drew the attention of the Committee to the report which had been circulated on the meeting of the Federal Committee held in Budapest on May 20th and 21st. She added that, at the conclusion of the Plenary Congress of the Federation, it had been decided to re-organise the Federation's Committee on European Co-operation, to declare it to be open to all members of the Federation, to request it to continue its work and, in particular, to study the possibility of co-ordinating it with that of the Federal Committee for European Co-operation.
117. XVTH PLENARY CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION. It was reported that a meeting of the delegates to the Plenary Congress would take place on June 10th, and that a report on the Congress would be presented to the Committee at its next ordinary meeting.

118. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Publicity Committee. (Professor Murray reported.) Subject to the following decision on minutes 30, 31 and 33, the minutes of the Committee dated May 16th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (27) Publications by Local Organisations of the Union; (28) Report on Publicity Activities; (29) quarterly Return of Sales of Publications; (30) Daily Express; (31) Newspaper Prize Competition; (32) Journalists Associations and Disarmament; (33) Chairman of the Publicity Committee.

On Minute 30 - Daily Express, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be not approved."

On Minute 31 - Newspaper Prize Competition, it was

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

On Minute 33 - Chairman of the Publicity Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this minute be deferred until the membership of the Executive for the year 1931/2 has been determined."

- (b) Regions Committee. The minutes of the Committee dated May 14th, 1931 were received.

These minutes included (9) Composition of Executive Committee; (10) Composition of General Council; (11) Equalisation of Travelling Expenses of Delegates attending General Council Meetings; (12) Procedure at General Council Meetings; (13) Publications by Local Organisations of the Union; (14) Draft Preliminary Agenda for the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the General Council; (15) Foundation Membership; (16) Disarmament.

- (c) Education Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 71, 73 and 77, the minutes of the Committee dated May 18th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (63) Arising out of the Minutes; (64) Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (65) Report on work in Universities and Colleges; (66) Curriculum sub-Committee; (67) Report of Junior Branches Sub-Committee; (68) International Knowledge Badges; (69) (Territorial) Junior Branches; (70) Certificate of Constitution for Junior Branches; (71) Financial Arrangements with Junior Branches; (72) A to Z Magazine; (73) Weekly Bulletin; Communication from the Executive Committee; (74) Resolutions of the Worcester-shire Federal Council; (75) Proposals for New Forest Peace Camps; (76) Manual for Youth Sections; (77) Letter from the British National Committee of Intellectual Co-operation; (78) Empire Day: Report on Steps taken for its observance in the Schools; (79) Charts for School Use; (80) League of Nations Celebrations.]

On Minute 71 - Financial Arrangements with Junior Branches. the Executive hoped that, in making these enquiries, the Committee would consider whether it would be practicable to suggest an alternative name for members of the CHILDREN'S LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

On Minute 73 - Weekly Bulletin. It was

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

On Minute 77 - Letter from the British National Committee of Intellectual Co-operation. It was

RESOLVED: "That the word "might" be substituted for the word "should" in the sixth line of the second paragraph of this minute."

- (d) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Mr. Sherborne reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 51, the minutes of the Committee dated May 19th, 1931, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (45) Membership of Committee; (46) Disarmament; (47) Disarmament and Unemployment; (48) International Labour Conference - Union's Party; (49) Miss Hinton Smith; (50) Night work Convention; (51) School Leaving Age; (52) Mr. Gillinder's Report;

On Minute 51 - School Leaving Age. the Chairman stated that, in his opinion, the minute concerning the resolution on the School Leaving Age correctly recorded the decision of the Committee on this matter. Since the

Committee were not prepared to direct their delegates to move the resolution at Budapest, there seemed no reason why the resolution should be included on the agenda.

- (e) Christian Organisations Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 41 and 42, the minutes of the Committee dated May 20th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (38) Sunday School Lessons; (39) Meeting at St. Martin-in-the-Fields; (40) Arrangements for the Meeting on June 15th; (41) Other Meetings; (42) Call to Prayer; (43) Denominational Resolutions; (44) Church Assembly Resolution; (45) Armistice Services; (46) Notice about League of Nations in Cathedrals; (47) Sermon Notes; (48) Co-optation to Committee; (49) Applications for Corporate Membership.

On Minute 41 - Other Meetings, it was

RESOLVED: "That, while appreciating the importance of the religious and moral arguments for "disarmament", the Committee, believing that "disarmament" is often best presented by a single speaker, considers it undesirable to express any definite wish to Branches concerning the selection of, or instruction to, a special speaker on the religious and moral aspect of the subject."

On Minute 42 - Call to Prayer, it was

RESOLVED: "That, subject to the approval of the Archbishop of York, the Call to Prayer be circulated to the press on June 16th, the day following the Central Hall meeting, instead of on June 13th."

19. WASHINGTON HOURS CONVENTION. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That members of the Industrial Advisory Committee be invited to attend the next meeting of the Political Committee to discuss the situation in regard to the Washington Hours Convention."

- (2) "That a letter be sent to those members of the Executive who are members of the House of Commons, asking what steps the Union should take with a view to bringing the situation in regard to the Washington Hours Convention to the notice of the Prime Minister or the Chief Whip."

120. OFFICE. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Office Committee be asked to consider the desirability of removing pictures from the Council Room, halls and corridors."

121. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee noted with interest resolutions from the London Speakers' Group, the Executive Committee of the L.R.P., the Bristol and District Council, and the National Women Citizens' Association. With regard to the resolution concerning the Oil-Pollution of Sea Water adopted

by the National Women Citizens' Association, the Committee suggested that enquiries on this subject should be addressed to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and to the head of the Natural History Museum.

122. 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 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.

8 Branches, 2 Districts, 21 Junior Branches, 16 Corporate Members, 4 Corporate Associates, 1 Industrial Associate.

Deletions.

3 Branches, 8 Corporate Members, 2 Corporate Associates.

BRANCHES: Adlington, Lancs; Blythe Bridge, Staffs; Salem United Methodist Church, Bristol; Brockenhurst, Hants; Holmbury St. Mary, Surrey; Slamannan, Scotland; Steeton, Yorks; Wethersfield, Essex. DELETIONS: Easington, Durham; Newry, Northern Ireland; Sibford, Oxon. DISTRICTS: Scarborough and Whitby District Council; Warwickshire and Birmingham Federal Council. JUNIOR BRANCHES: The Park Modern School, Barking; Woolwich Road Junior Girls' School, Bexleyheath, Kent; Wide Green College, Erdington, Birmingham; Bowes Park Wesleyan Church Sunday School, London; Bristol Central Church; Churchdown L.C.C. S.E. School, Downham Estate, Bromley, Kent; Notre Dame High School, Dumbarton; Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, Bucks; Council Girls' School, Middleton, Leeds; Holly Lodge High School, West Derby, Liverpool; Burton-on-Stather Church of England School, Scunthorpe; Raine's Foundation School for Girls, Stepney; The Grammar School, Tadcaster; High School, Welwyn Garden City; St. Hilda's School, Westcliffe-on-Sea; Burton House Junior School, Weston-super-Mare; Burton House Senior School, Wimbleton Central School For Girls, Wimbleton; High School for Girls, Wolverhampton; Park Grove Junior School, York. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Commissioner Street School Staff, Crieff, Scotland; St. James' Episcopal Church, Leith, Scotland; St. Laurence's Church, Reading; Derby People's F.S.A.; Sunderland Day Training College; Clacton-on-Sea Brotherhood; The Firm of E.J. Burrow & Co., Ltd., Claittenham; Five Oak Green Congregational Church, Kent; Holy Trinity Church, Margate; St. Stephen's Church, Blackpool; Prince of Wales Road Wesleyan Methodist Church, St. Pancras, London; St. Paul's Parochial Church Council, Chiswick, Middlesex; St. Mary's Parish Church, Wooler, Northumberland; Sherwood Women's Adult School, Nottingham; Thornywood Men's Adult School, Nottingham, North Staffs. Trades and Labour Council. DELETIONS: Women's Freedom League, Deal and Walmer; Guthrie Memorial Church Work Party, Edinburgh; St. George's and St. Peter's Church Y.W.C.A., Glasgow; Primitive Methodist Fourth Circuit, Leeds; West Hunslet Central Mission M.C., Leeds; New Clissold Social and Literary Club, London; Grange Congregational Church, Sunderland; St. Bartholomew's Parochial Church Council, Sydenham. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES:

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Fernhurst Women's Institute; Horsell women's Institute; Leamington Labour Party, Women's section; Graiton Hall Women's Own, Battersea. DELETIONS: Littleworth and Barcote Women's Institute; All Saints' Mothers' Union, Bromsgrove. INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATE: Nottingham Branch of the National Union of Printing, Bookbinding and Paper Workers.

It was reported that there were now 3,038 Branches, 64 Districts, 1,039 Junior Branches, 3,392 Corporate Members, 722 Corporate Associates and 134 Industrial Associates. Since the last report 1,773 new members had been enrolled, making the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned 915,923 of whom 178,054 have paid a subscription in 1931 as compared with 184,819 at the same date in 1930 and 165,075 at the same date in 1929.

P.M.

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

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), C. Delisle Burns, Miss Courtney, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Digdale, Major Walter Elliot, Lady Gladstone, Miss Guinness, J.H. Harris, Major J.W. Hills, Lady Layton, Sir Walter Napier, Rennie Smith, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, and L.M. Wynch together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

123. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from L.J. Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Captain L.H. Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Hugh Jeudwine, Commander Kenworthy, Lord Lytton, Mrs. Walter Runciman, John Sherborne, H. Graham White and Professor Zimmern.
124. PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR THE TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered the Preliminary Agenda, together with the amendments received by the appointed date, May 9th. It was

RESOLVED: (1) That the note on page 2 should be expanded to read as follows:

The Regions Committee was set up by the General Council at its Annual Meeting in June, 1930. It is a permanent Committee of the Council, representative of the ten English "regions", Scotland and Wales. It has the right to make proposals as well as to criticise them. It has to meet regularly twice a year some two months before the meetings of the Council, and, in the hope of saving a good deal of the time of the Council, it has to examine the Preliminary Agenda and made recommendations. At its meeting in May, 1931, the Committee examined the Preliminary Agenda and adopted certain resolutions, amendments and recommendations as indicated in VIII (A) and (B) on pages.....

On page 3, item III, it was stated that both Presidents would be abroad during the Council Meeting and that Professor Murray would therefore take the Chair. In these circumstances it was decided to ask the Deputy Chairman of the Executive Committee to present the Annual Report, as well as the Income and Expenditure Account. A report on Foundation Membership would be included with the Deputy Chairman's statement on Income and Expenditure.

On page 4 it was

RESOLVED: (2) That the statement on minute 397 be amplified to read as follows:-

Invitations to form part of the delegation were sent to Scotland, Wales and every English region as well as to certain members of the Executive Committee. These invitations were accepted by members of the Executive

resident in many different parts of England as well as by the Reverend Gwilym Davies (Wales), Mr. Walford Green (Devon) and Miss Julia Green (Yorkshire)."

On resolution (A) 1 - Equalisation of Travelling Expenses of Delegates Attending General Council Meetings, it was suggested that to adopt and act on sub paragraph (1) would involve an infringement of the Bye-Laws. It was

RESOLVED: (3) "To consult the Union's Honorary Solicitor and, if he agrees, to recommend the General Council to adopt sub-paragraph (4) only of this resolution."

The following decisions were taken on subsequent resolutions other than those proposed by the Executive Committee:-

- (A) 3. Annual Conference. To support.
4. Composition of Executive Committee. To support.
5. Date of Next Meeting of the Council. To oppose.
6. Annual Meeting of General Council in 1933. To leave it to the Council.
7. Financial Statement. To oppose.
8. Headquarters Office. To recommend the adoption of the Regions Committee's amendment to the Kent resolution and the London proposal linked by the words "Or alternatively".
9. Headway. To support.
10. New Quarterly Periodical. To support the Regions Committee's amendment.
11. Church Magazine Inset. To support.
12. Disarmament. (a) To support, subject to the omission of the words in brackets, and to transfer the resolution to the second section of the Agenda paper (League of Nations and World Affairs).
(b) To advise the withdrawal of this resolution and of the Regions Committee's amendments in the light of the Executive Committee's resolution in No.20.
13. Junior Branches. To support.
14. Youth Groups. To support.
15. Junior Membership. To support.
16. National Organisations of young People. To redraft as follows:-

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:-

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- (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:-

- (i) 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
- (ii) 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
- (iii) Pays an annual subscription of 10s.6d. which entitles a person nominated by the Corporate Associate to receive selected publications of the Union.

- (B) 20. The Reduction of Armaments by International Agreement. To accept the draft resolution submitted by the Political Committee.
- 21. World Disarmament Conference. To support with the Regions Committee's amendment.
- 22. International Police Force. To oppose.
- 23. Minorities. An amendment stands in the name of the Executive Committee.
- 24. Tariffs. To support with the Regions Committee's amendment.
- 25. Russia. It was decided to ask the Chairman to deal with the subject of this resolution in his speech to the Council and, if possible, to get the resolution withdrawn on the ground that the matter is being enquired into by a Committee appointed by the League's Council at its recent meeting.

26. Manufacture of Alcoholic Beverages. To oppose on the ground that this is not a matter for the League but for individual States.

The Executive Committee adjourned consideration of the following draft resolutions on the Preliminary Agenda Paper and of the amendments to them, as well as of the Liverpool and Merseyside Districts proposal to amend Rule 32:- 17 (Plays), 18 (British Universities International Congress), 19 (Procedure at General Council Meetings), 27 (Washington Hours Convention).

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the practice followed at the last two meetings of the Council whereby individual members of the Executive Committee were named beforehand to express the Executive's views to the Council on each item of the Agenda paper, and it was

RESOLVED: (4) "That this practice be followed at Blackpool, and that the Chairman be asked to invite such members of the Executive Committee as he may select to perform this task."

125. IRA. The Chairman informed the Committee that he had telegraphed to the Chairman of the Mandates Commission, withdrawing the memorandum referred to in the Executive Committee's minute No. 108(h) of May 21st, 1931.

R.M.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH, 1931
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), C. Delisle Burns,
Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Miss Courtney,
Colonel Crossfield, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-
Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Captain Green,
Miss Guinness, Sir Arthur Haworth, R.S. Hudson,
Sir Hugh Jourd'ne, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Sir Walter
Napier, Lady Farmoor, Mrs. Runciman, W.J. Salmon,
John Sherborne, Raunle Smith, H.S. Syrett, H.D.
Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Pox, Herbert Worsley, L.M.
Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy
Secretary.

126. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from L.J. Cadbury,
H.H. Elvin, Commander Kenworthy, Lady Layton, Mr. Leif Jones,
Lord Lytton and Professor Zimmern.
127. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minutes 114
(108(e)12) and 118(e)(42), and decision on minute 118(a)(33),
the minutes of the Committee dated June 4th and of the
Special Meeting dated June 11th were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 114(108(e)12) - Albert Hall Demonstration,
it was reported that Field-Marshal Sir William Robertson
had consented to take the Chair at the Albert Hall on
July 11th.

On Minute 118(2)(42) - Call to Prayer, it was reported
that it had not been found possible to alter the arrange-
ments already made for circulating the Call to Prayer
to the Press on June 16th. The Committee were glad to
learn that a large part of the News Bulletin broadcast by
the B.B.C. on Sunday, June 14th, concerned the Central
Hall Meeting.

On Minute 118(a)(33) - Chairman of the Publicity Com-
mittee, the Chairman reported a recent conversation he
had had with Sir Norman Angell, and it was

RESOLVED: "That Sir Norman Angell be invited to accept
the Chairmanship of the Publicity Committee."

128. FINAL AGENDA FOR THE TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL
COUNCIL. The Committee were informed that the Union's
Honorary Solicitor had been consulted regarding sub-paragraph
(1) of resolution (A) 1, and that he had expressed the
opinion that, if this resolution were adopted by the Council,
it would only be necessary to modify the Rules in order to
give effect to the resolution.

The following decisions were taken on the undermentioned
(adjourned) resolutions on the Preliminary Agenda paper:-

17. Plays. To leave it to the Council.
18. British Universities International Congress. To
support.
19. Procedure at General Council Meetings. To support
the Regions Committee's recommendation.

27. Washington Hours Convention. To support.

Proposal of the Liverpool and Merseyside District to amend Rule 32. To leave it to the Council.

It was also

RESOLVED: (1) "That the following drafting amendment to resolution B.20 (The Reduction of Armaments by International Agreement) be approved:

In the fourth paragraph of Article 3 of the Statement upon International Policy, delete the sentence following the word 'power' and substitute the following:-

'and fully endorses the Budapest resolution. In particular, the Union desires to emphasise the following propositions drawn from that resolution.'

It was further

RESOLVED: (2) "That the resolution adopted by the International Federation be always included with the Statement upon International Policy whenever the Statement is reprinted."

The Committee also considered the following draft alternative proposal to resolution 25 (Russia):-

"The General Council of the Union

Considering that the prospects of the Five-Year Plan of the U.S.S.R., as well as the methods employed for carrying out that plan, are presenting new and disturbing problems to many minds;

Welcomes the steps which the League of Nations has already taken to promote international co-operation; and, in particular,

Notes with satisfaction the co-operation of the U.S.S.R. in the sub-committee for Economic Co-ordination lately set up by the League's Commission of Enquiry for European Union to deal with economic problems on the widest lines; and

Trusts that the participation of the U.S.S.R. in the sub-Committees on "agricultural problems" and on "the organisation of production and trade in the general interest" may lead to the harmonising of the Five-Year Plan with the economic progress of other countries, and so promote the good understanding between nations upon which peace depends."

After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That this alternative resolution be not proposed to the General Council, but that the Chairman be asked to refer to the substance of it in his speech to the Council."

129. XVTH PLENARY CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES. Lady Gladstone drew the attention of the Committee to certain items in the report of the XVth Plenary Congress (S.G.4118) which had been circulated for the information of the Committee. She stated that the Budapest Congress had been one of the most successful the Federation had ever known.

130. INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT BULLETIN. Mr. Eppstein described the steps that had been taken to secure the publication of an International Disarmament Bulletin, and it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Committee's thanks be conveyed to Mr. Eppstein for all that he has done in connection with the Bulletin."

(2) "That reference to the Bulletin be made in the Chairman's speech to the General Council, and in "Speakers' Notes".

131. CHEMICAL WARFARE. The Committee considered a memorandum on Chemical Warfare (S.C.4088) prepared by Colonel David Carnegie, together with comments on the memorandum (S.G. 4084) by Sir Hugh Jeudwine. Colonel Carnegie had proposed, in his memorandum, that the following resolution should be considered for submission to H.M. Government:

"That in view of the grave danger to world peace which the present uncontrolled competitive race in chemical armaments maintains, the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union urges upon H.M. Government the consideration of supplementing Article 31 of the Draft Treaty to be submitted to the Disarmament Conference in 1932, with the following resolution:-

'That the manufacture and importation of all materials for the storage and use of war chemicals, devices, etc., is prohibited.'

Sir Hugh Jeudwine proposed that the words after 'H.M. Government' should be deleted and the following substituted:-

'...the necessity of moving the League of Nations to create an organisation within itself to examine and advise upon measures of international policy in connection with the limitation and reduction of new types of armaments, including chemical armaments.'

Lord Cecil thought that special provision should be made for limiting this particular kind of warfare, not because we specially disapprove of it, but because it would be particularly effective in another war; and, unless some limitation could be agreed upon, the objects set forth in the Disarmament Treaty would not be achieved. He suggested that the subject might be referred to the Permanent Disarmament Commission with a view to the Commission itself, or one of its sub-Committees, conducting an enquiry into the possible limitation of chemical warfare. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That Lord Cecil, Colonel Carnegie, and Sir Hugh Jeudwine be asked to draft a resolution on this subject for consideration at a future meeting of the Committee."

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Welcome Committee. (Lady Parmoor reported). With the exception of minute 24 which was referred to the Finance Committee, the minutes of the Committee dated June 2nd, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (20) Secretary's Report; (21) Quinquennial Congress of Universities of the Empire; (22) Centenary Meeting British Association; (23) Co-operation with British Women's Hospitality Committee; (24) Budget for 1932; (25) Letter from Lady Isabel Margesson; (26) Article.

- (b) Education Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) With the exception of minute 88 which was referred to the Finance Committee, and subject to the following decision on minute 96, the minutes of the Committee dated ^{June 8th} May 18th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (83) Composition of Committee; (84) Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (85) Reports on work in Universities and Colleges; (86) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; Fifteenth Plenary Congress; (87) Revised Recommendations of the Sub-Committee of Experts; (88) Workers' Educational Association; (89) The Educational Settlements Association; (90) Summer Schools; (91) Disarmament Campaign; (92) Meetings of the General Council; (93) Budget for 1932; (94) Annual Conference of Educational Associations; (95) Conference of World Federation of Education Associations: Denver (U.S.A.) July 27th to August 1st; (96) Esperanto Congress; (97) League News; (98) Guide to English Education.

On Minute 96 - Esperanto Congress, it was

RESOLVED: "That the letter to Mr. Durrant be sent in the name of the Executive Committee."

- (c) Political and Parliamentary Committee. (Lord Cecil reported.) subject to the following decision on minutes 49, 52 and 54, the minutes of the Committee dated May 9th, 1931, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (48) Amendments to the Covenant; (49) National Demonstration at Albert Hall, July 11th; (50) Statement upon International Policy; (51) Political Resolutions of the XVth Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (52) Disarmament Declaration; (53) By-Elections; (54) Washington Hours Convention.

On Minute 49 - National Demonstration at Albert Hall, it was

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

'That the following resolution be submitted to the three speakers for their approval and, if approved by them, be substituted for the draft resolution in the light of which some or all of them agreed to speak-

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."

Miss Courtney stated that the procession which the W.I.L. is organising in connection with the Albert Hall meeting is proving very popular, and she drew the attention of the Committee to the importance of making adequate arrangements for an overflow meeting. After Dame Adelaide Livingstone had explained that it had already been decided to hold an overflow meeting on the steps at the back of the Albert Hall, where two thousand persons could be accommodated, it was

RESOLVED: (2) "That Miss Courtney and Dame Adelaide Livingstone be asked to make such arrangements as they consider desirable for the overflow meeting on July 11th and, if necessary, to seek the advice of the Disarmament Campaign Sub-Committee in this matter."

It was further

RESOLVED: (3) "That, in any future edition of the handbills of the Albert Hall meeting, it is desirable that the name of the Chairman be printed and a note included to the effect that some sixty organisations are co-operating in the meeting."

(4) "That members of the Executive Committee be invited to pay for their tickets for the meeting."

On Minute 52 - Disarmament Declaration, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Disarmament Declaration be used at the Albert Hall on July 11th, but that on this occasion it be not regarded as a means of increasing the membership of any particular society."

On Minute 54 - Washington Hours Convention, it was

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

(d) Services Committee. (Sir Hugh Jeudwine reported.) The minutes of the Committee held on June 10th, 1931 were approved and adopted on the understanding that the draft, when complete, would be submitted to the Committee, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the Committee's congratulations be conveyed to General Jeudwine on the work that is being done by the Services Committee."

These minutes included (7) Composition of Committee;
(8) Pamphlet and Circular.

- (e) Finance Committee. (Mr. Hudson reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 60, the minutes of the Committee dated June 10th, 1931, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (50) Financial Statement; (51) Half-Yearly Revision of Salaries and Wages - Proposals of the Office Committee; (52) International Ball; (53) Presentation of Accounts at General Council Meeting; (54) Foundation Membership; (55) Cleaning of the Office; (56) Paris Section - Communication from Admiral Heaton Ellis; (57) Weekly Bulletin; (58) Newspaper Prize competition; (59) Passing of Cheques for Payment; (60) Miss Hinton Smith.

On Minute 60 - Miss Hinton Smith, it was

RESOLVED: "That paragraph (2) of this minute be referred to the Overseas Committee for consideration and report."

- (f) Minorities Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported.) Subject to the following decision on minutes 15 and 16, the minutes of the Committee dated June 11th, 1931 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (15) Statelessness; (16) Memorandum on the League's Guarantee of Minority Rights; (17) The Ukrainian Minority.

On Minute 15 - Statelessness, it was

RESOLVED: "That Sir Walter Napier and/or Lord Dickinson be asked to convey this resolution personally to the Foreign Secretary."

On Minute 16 - Memorandum on the League's Guarantee of Minority Rights, it was

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

- (g) Office Committee. (Professor Murray reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated June 9th, 1931, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (25) Miss Monroe; (26) Colonel Delahaye; (27) Half-Yearly Revision of Wages and Salaries; (28) Staff Speakers; (29) Cleaning of the Office; (30) Mr. Wilshire.

- (h) Christian Organisations Committee. Admiral Drury-Lowe reported, as a matter of urgency, that the Committee at its meeting on the previous day, had adopted the following resolution:-

"That the Executive Committee be asked to request the Editor of HEADWAY to give in the July number substantial notice of the meeting in the Central Hall on Monday, June 15th, in view of the inadequate and misleading reports given in the daily press."

and it was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be approved."

133. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS: The Committee received with interest resolutions from the Fern Park Branch, the Welsh National Council (Sir Henry Jones Branch), the Worcester Park Branch and the Feltham Branch.
134. USE OF COUNCIL ROOM. It was reported that the accommodation at Dame Adelaide Livingstone's disposal in this office for organising the Albert Hall meeting was inadequate as well as inconvenient, and it was suggested that the Council Room might be used for this purpose. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to make such arrangements as he considers necessary."

135. 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, 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, 14 Junior Branches, 1 Junior Members Group, 16 Corporate Members, 1 Corporate Associate.

Deletions.

1 District, 1 Junior Members Group, 1 Corporate Member.

BRANCHES: Blunham, Beds; Girdlington Congregational Church, Bradford; Draycott and Rodney Stoke, Somerset; Jewish Branch, Glasgow; Training College, Ripon, Yorks. DISTRICT COUNCIL DELETION: Birmingham District Council. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Cotteridge Girls' School, Kings Norton, Birmingham; Germaines Senior Boys' School, Chesnam; Dartford West Central School, Kent; Park School, Glasgow; Birklands School, Harrogate; Boys' High School, Harrow; St. Nicholas Girls' School, Kings Lynn; Walton Church of England School, Liverpool; Haseltine Road L.C.C. Girls' School, Lower Sydenham, London; The Paston School, North Walsham, Norfolk; Deacons School, Peterborough; Notre Dame School, Southwark; Bishop Vesey's Grammar School, Sutton Coldfield; Guildhouse Junior Fellowship, Victoria, S.W.1. JUNIOR MEMBERS' GROUP: Sunday School, Dairy, Scotland. DELETION: Feckenham Guide Company, Redditch. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Nigg Parish Church, Aberdeen; Women's Guild, Cathcart South Church, Glasgow; The Educational Department of the Wolverton Co-operative Society; New Mills Wesley Guild, Cheshire; Moss Side United Free Church, Whalley Range, Cheshire; Wilbraham Road Congregational Church, Whalley Range, Cheshire; Gresley Primitive Church, Derby; Friends' Adult School, Bishop Auckland; British Legion, Eccles; Parish Church, Eccles; Albert Road Congregational Church, Farnworth, Lancs; St. Mellitus Church, Hanwell, Middlesex; Swindon Trades Council, Wilts; Old Edwardian Club, Stourbridge; Old Hebrew Congregation, Hull; Men's Discussion Group of the Church of St. Columba, Hull. DELETIONS: Petersfield Primitive

Methodist Church; CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Minworth
Congregational Church Women's Meeting.

It was reported that there were now 3,043 Branches, 61 Districts, 1,053 Junior Branches, 31 Junior Members' Groups, 3,407 Corporate Members, 723 Corporate Associates. Since the last report 2,998 new members had been enrolled, making the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned 917,716.

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July 2nd 1931



