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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, MAY 7th  
1925 AT 11 a.m.

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15.5.25

PRESENT: - Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); Philip Baker, Percy Bigland, C. Delisle Burns, Mrs A.W. Claremont, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, The Viscountess Gladstone, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Leif Jones, Rear-Admiral S.R. Drury Lowe, E.W. Morton-George, Charles Roberts, The Countess of Selborne, Mrs Strachey, Henry Vivian, and L.M. Wynch: together with the Secretary.

## M I N U T E S

119. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr Cadbury, Mr J.H. Harris, Major Hills, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lord Queenborough, Prebendary Rudolf, and Mrs Aunciman.
120. MINUTES. Subject to sub-para. (5) of resolution (2) in minute 114 (Geneva Protocol) being amended to read as follows, the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated April 30th 1925, were approved as circulated:-

"An effective scheme by which the sanctions already binding the nations under Article 16 of the Covenant, shall be more clearly defined and delimited and such arrangements made under the League by regional agreements or otherwise as will prevent aggressive war."

121. MANSION HOUSE MEETING. The Secretary reported on the Mansion House Meeting: that it had had a good Press, and that he had sent a letter on behalf of the Executive Committee to the Lord Mayor, the Prime Minister, Mr McKenna, Mr Grenfell and Mr Bell, thanking them for the part which they took in the meeting.
122. ROTARY CLUBS. In the event of the Rotary Board [the Executive Committee of the Rotary International of Gt. Britain and Ireland] accepting the recommendations of the Conference in regard to the formation of a joint Committee, it was

Resolved: - "To ask the following to represent the Union:  
Sir Arthur Shirley Benn  
Sir Arthur Haworth  
Major J.W. Hills  
Sir Frederick Maurice.

The Committee further agreed that Sir Arthur Shirley Benn be consulted in regard to the fifth person to be nominated.

123. WARSAW CONFERENCE - DELEGATION. The Secretary reported that if all the delegates accepted the invitation of the Union to attend the Warsaw Conference the cost would amount to £230 whereas a sum of £270 had been budgeted. It was important that the League of Nations Union should send a very strong delegation.

Resolved: - "That subject to the approval of the Finance Committee a further £60 be granted towards the expenses of the delegation to Warsaw."

124. INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON SOCIAL WORK AND SERVICE. It was reported that Major Hills had accepted the invitation of the British Commission of the International Congress on Social Work and Service

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## LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

Weekly  
Staff  
Conference

Monday,  
November 21st, 1927  
3 o'clock.

## A G E N D A

1. Reports of Departments.
2. Communication from Dame Katherine Furse
3. Christmas Holidays.
4. Staff Party.
5. Any other business.

*Frid. till ones week held  
2 or 3 new ones  
if desired.*

*if inside  
plebiscite*

*actually ask Exec about  
Hours or Sat*

to represent the League of Nations Union upon their Executive Committee.

125. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending May 5th 1925 showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £1,315.10s.6d. with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £1,170.1s.1d.
126. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - NOMINATIONS. Mr Morton-George raised the question of getting representative City men to serve on the Executive Committee and suggested the names of Sir Charles Wakefield and Lord Marshall.

Resolved:- "That these names be considered when the question of co-optations to the Executive Committee are discussed."

127. PACT AND PROTOCOL. The Committee considered a letter from Mr David Davies who suggested that the Union should engage in an intensive campaign for the purpose of arousing public opinion on the side of the Protocol and bringing the maximum amount of pressure to bear upon the Government. Mr Davies' letter went on to enumerate eight specific proposals for giving effect to this suggestion.

The Secretary also reported a letter from Mr Herbert Stead mentioning the fact that a meeting of the United Free Church Assembly of Scotland in support of the principles of the Protocol, at which he (Mr Herbert Stead) and Dr Cairns were to speak, was being held in Edinburgh on May 24th, and of a further meeting to be held under the auspices of the League to Abolish War for the same object which was being held in the City Temple on Tuesday, May 19th. This meeting was to be addressed by Mr G.N. Barnes, Mr J.R. Clynes, Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, Rev. F.V. Norwood, Miss Agnes Slack, Rev. Bernard J. Snell, and Mr F. Herbert Stead.

The Committee proceeded to consider Mr David Davies' proposals in detail together with an interim reply which had been written to him by the Secretary on April 24th. The Committee

Resolved:- "To intensify as far as possible the campaign in which the Union is already engaged for the purpose of educating public opinion concerning the Protocol and matters pertaining thereto; To advocate in this campaign, not the existing Protocol pure and simple, but the policy of the Executive Committee as communicated to the Branches in the Branch letter for April (D.S. 518) namely, that the Protocol or some other general scheme possessing the main features of the Protocol is indispensable, but that the German security proposals are also welcome under certain conditions as an important step towards, but not as an alternative to, the Protocol; and To make the following replies to the eight suggestions enumerated in Mr Davies' letter and to act accordingly:

1. That the principles of the Protocol be the main topic for discussion at the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held on June 23rd and 24th and that as many Branches as possible be urged to send representatives. At this meeting proposals for a special educational campaign on behalf of the principles of the Protocol would



be outlined and the Branches would be asked for their active support. The Committee decided against calling a special meeting of the Council before the Annual Meeting.

2. That if Lord Cecil or some other member of the Government, or representative Conservative, would consent to speak along with Lord Grey and a representative of the Labour Party, to arrange for a big demonstration to be held in the Queen's Hall, London, as soon as possible after the Annual Meetings of the General Council at Liverpool and of the Plenary Congress at Warsaw. In view, however, of the great difficulty, if not the impossibility of securing sufficiently weighty Conservative speakers who would vigorously support the principles of the Protocol, and so making non-Party platforms, the Committee decided that demonstrations in the big provincial towns must be left to local Branches and District Councils to arrange.
3. That the Union should endeavour to arrange for a large and influential deputation to meet the Prime Minister, but decided that as he had received a deputation from the Union not long ago this new deputation had better wait until it could bring to him the findings of the Liverpool and Warsaw Conferences. That might have the further advantage of making an impression which would still be fresh when the essential decisions regarding Geneva have to be made by the Cabinet.
4. That a number of the larger Branches and District Councils be urged to send deputations to their respective Members of Parliament; that these deputations should create a cumulative effect by all visiting Westminster on the same day, and that this day should be as near as possible to that on which the big deputation would visit the Prime Minister. Meanwhile, a letter has to be sent to the Regional Representatives and to the Secretaries of some of the bigger Branches and to one or two of the Union's speakers, asking them to persuade (or to send us the names in order that we may try to persuade) some leading constituents of as many Members of Parliament as possible to write letters to their Members of Parliament and to the Press.
5. That since the Union is just now in correspondence with the Heads of the Churches concerning May meetings and one or two other matters even the importance of the Protocol would not make it advisable for us to send a further circular letter, asking for a special Sunday for intercession before the next meeting of the Assembly.
6. That the Union should join in a Petition to the Government, appealing to them to sign the compulsory clause of the Permanent Court and to endeavour to secure that every international dispute shall be settled peacefully, whether by conciliation, judicial decision or arbitration. In view, however, of the fact that a Petition on these lines had just been received from Mr J.H. Hudson, M.P. the Secretary of the

National Council for the Prevention of War, the Committee decided not to prepare a new Petition on their own, but to commend Mr Hudson's Petition to the Branches and to ask the Branches to get it signed as widely as possible. The Petition reads as follows:-

WE, the undersigned, with the Sixth Assembly of the League of Nations in view, urge the Government to accept forthwith the principle of arbitration in all international disputes and as a first step, to sign at once the Clause for the obligatory submission of certain classes of disputes to the Court of International Justice.

7. That the question of getting together a progressive group of Conservative Members of Parliament known to be in favour of the principles of the Protocol, be referred to Mr Wilson Harris.
  8. That the Committee is of opinion that the Union would not gain anything by tackling the newspapers as Mr Davies suggests.
128. "THE GOVERNMENTS AND THE PROTOCOL. On the suggestion of Admiral Drury-Lowe, it was

Resolved:- "That in any further issue of pamphlet No.177 (The Governments and the Protocol) the declaration of France in regard to the Protocol made by M. Briand at Geneva be included."

129. CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE - RECOMMENDATIONS. The following recommendations of the Consultative Committee were adopted:-

- (1) That since, in spite of a special reminder sent to all the fifteen hundred Branches in England and Wales, less than one-fifth of these Branches have complied with the requirements of Rule 12 that "each Branch shall not later than April of each year supply Headquarters with an annual statement of income and expenditure", a special letter be now sent to these Branches who have not so far sent in their annual statement of account and that a report on the matter be presented to the General Council at the Annual Meeting.
- (2) That since only a very small proportion of the Branches in England and Wales have responded to the request made by the Executive Committee, at the instance of the Consultative Committee, to send a return showing how many members of each category are not more than two years in arrear in the payment of their subscriptions, and since, in the opinion of the Consultative Committee, this is partly accounted for by many Branches lacking adequate registers of their members now that the names of Branch members who subscribe less than 3s.6d. a year are no longer registered in the Head Office, the Executive Committee be recommended to impress upon Branches at the Annual Meeting of the General Council that a complete register of the members of their Branch is indispensable; and (b) to ask the Secretary to prepare a model form or model forms of register for the use of Branches.

Two further recommendations of the Consultative Committee concerning the new plan for the further division of membership subscriptions were referred to the Finance Committee for report.

120. REFUGEES. A communication from Mr Lucien Wolf in regard to the Refugee problem was read, and it was

Resolved: - "That this communication be referred to the Overseas Committee with a request that they should ask the Minorities Committee to attend when the matter was being discussed."

121. GENEVA ASSEMBLY - DELEGATES.

(a) The Committee considered the following resolution by Sir Charles Hobhouse:

*That HM Government be reminded of the following statement made by the late Lord Balfour at the inauguration of the League*

"When it came to the question of determining the character of the representation on the body of Delegates, we were all aware of a feeling which is current throughout the world. Inasmuch as I am stating it in the presence of official representatives here present, including myself, I may say that there is a universal feeling that the world cannot be most satisfied with merely official guidance.... Therefore we thought that this was a proper and very prudent concession to the practically universal opinion of plain men everywhere in that they wanted the door left open to a variety of representation instead of being confined to a single official body with which they might or might not find themselves in sympathy."

*The Union feels that HM Govt will have more consideration in mind when selecting the British Delegation to the League's first assembly*

Resolved: - "That, subject to the quotation from President Wilson being verified and the complete quotation including the words omitted, being submitted to the Committee at its next meeting, the resolution be placed upon the agenda of the Annual Meeting of the General Council among the resolutions to be proposed by the Executive Committee."

(b) The following resolution of the Bramley Branch which had been sent to the Prime Minister was received:-

"The Bramley Branch of the League of Nations Union request you to consider the possibility of your visiting the Sixth Assembly in September next. We believe also that, apart from any political consideration, your own experience at Geneva would have a profound and beneficent effect upon the future policy of His Majesty's Government. We feel sure that your visit would not at all interfere with Mr Chamberlain's position as the representative of Great Britain, but rather we think that the confidence inspired by your visit would help to remove some of his difficulties."

122. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) EDITORIAL. The minutes of the Editorial Committee dated 2.4.25 together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

12. Miss Canziani's Picture. On the suggestion of Mr Bigland, it was

Resolved: - "That Miss Canziani's picture should also be reproduced in larger size - say, foolscap, and used as a Christmas Card."

The Secretary was asked to look into the question of how the design of Plato's Horses could be used by the Union.

[These minutes included (12) Miss Canziani's Pictures; (17) "A Village League"; (14) Song; (15) The story of the League of Nations; and (16) review books.]

- (b) NORTH AFRICA. The minutes of the North Africa Committee dated 7.4.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

It was suggested that an article on the question of North Africa should be written for HEADWAY.

- (c) OVERSEAS. The minutes of the Overseas Committee dated 29.4.25 together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

American Legion. The Chairman said that he had received a letter from the Secretary of the American Legion asking for information as to how the Legion could help in the cause of peace. Admiral Drury-Lowe promised to advise the Chairman in regard to what the British Legion was doing.

[These minutes included (798) European Co-operation Committee; (800) Resolutions of Fidae; (801) Plenary Congress; (807) Federation Secretariat; (808) Badges and Diplomas; (809) Paris Exhibition; and (813) Count Sforza.]

- (d) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. Subject to the deletion of the last part of resolution in minute (27), the minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated 30.4.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (27) Editorial and Publicity; (28) Women's Organisations and Hospitality; (29) Miss Goddard; (20) Mr Basil Murray; and (21) Registry.]

- (e) MANAGEMENT. The minutes of the Management Committee dated 30.4.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

27. Library. A proposal of Admiral Drury-Lowe that 21 members of the Union should become members of the lending library on payment of an additional subscription of 5/- per annum was referred to the Library Committee.

The Secretary reported that a joint application for grants to the Libraries of the B.I.A. and the L.N.U. and signed by Sir Frederick Kenyon and Mr Lionel Curtis on behalf of the British Institute of International Affairs, and by Professor Gilbert Murray and himself for the League of Nations Union, was being despatched to the Carnegie United Kingdom Trustees at Dunfermline that day.

[These minutes included (26) Branches; (27) Library; and (28) Resolution.]

- (f) EDUCATION. The Committee considered the following minute of the Education Committee dated March 27th 1925: -

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(37) Proposed Deputation to the London County Council.  
The Committee agreed to ask Professor Gilbert Murray to lead this deputation which should consist of six members and include eminent representatives of each of the political parties.  
The Committee agreed to ask the Executive Committee to appoint the members of this deputation.

The selection of members of the deputation was left in the hands of the Chairman.

133. MR A.E.ZIMMERN. The Chairman and Professor Baker made communications to the Committee concerning Mr A.E.Zimmern and the University Branches of the League of Nations Union. The Chairman was asked to make further enquiries and to report again to the Committee.

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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, MAY  
21ST 1925 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); Philip Baker,  
Percy Bigland, C. Delisle Burns, Mrs. A.W. Claremont,  
A.W. Claremont, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, the  
Viscountess Gladstone, J.H. Harris, Lsif Jones,  
Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe, Henry Vivian, and  
L.M. Wynoh; together with the Secretary.

M I N U T E S

- 134 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr. Barnes, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Mr. Cadbury, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lord Queenborough, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Tom Shaw, Mr. Raymond Unwin, Mr. Graham White and Mr. Worsley.
- 135 MINUTES. Subject to an amendment in minute 131(a), the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated May 7th 1925 were approved as circulated.
- 136 ROTARY CLUBS. It was reported that Sir Arthur Shirley Benn had suggested that the fifth name to represent the Union and the International Chamber of Commerce on the joint Committee with the Rotary Board should be Mr. McCulloch of the Westminster Bank.
- Resolved:- "That this name be approved and that when a reply is received from the Rotary International accepting the recommendations contained in the joint report, the Union's five nominations be submitted."
- 137 SECURITY, ARBITRATION AND DISARMAMENT. The Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to a minute of the Management Committee recommending the postponement until after the Queen's Hall meeting of the Executive's proposed letter exhorting the larger Branches and District Councils to stimulate important constituents to write to their Members of Parliament.
- Resolved:- "That a supplementary letter be sent at once to the larger Branches and District Councils but that the letter, while urging them to get important constituents to write to Members of Parliament should not recommend this to be done until after the Queen's Hall meeting."
- 138 LIBRARY — CARNEGIE TRUST. It was reported that a joint letter on behalf of the B.I.I.A. and the L.N.U. had been despatched to the Carnegie United Kingdom Trustees at Dunfermline and that they had said that the matter would be considered on July 1st.

139 LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL -- DEPUTATION. It was reported that the L.C.C. Education Committee had been asked to receive a deputation from the Union which would submit proposals as to the provision of facilities for teachers in regard to League instruction in the schools. The Committee were now waiting alternative dates upon which the deputation could be received. It was thought that the deputation would consist of Professor Gilbert Murray, Sir Arthur Shirley Bann, Lady Violet Bonham Carter, Rt. Hon. J. R. Clynes, Dr. Maxwell Garnett, Lord Hartington, Sir Frederick Maurice, and Rt. Hon. Tom Shaw.

140 FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending May 15th 1925 showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £1,216.11s.7d. with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £881.13s.10d.

141 GENERAL COUNCIL -- AGENDA. Subject to a few amendments the Committee approved the preliminary agenda for the annual meetings of the General Council.

(a) Executive Committee. The Committee considered the question of making recommendations for consideration of the Council who must elect thirty members for the ensuing year's Executive Committee. In accordance with the practice followed last year it was

Resolved:- "That the Chairman <sup>and</sup> the Vice-Chairman be asked to collaborate with a view to putting forward names for submission to the General Council.

(b) Esperanto. The following resolution drafted by Mr. F.S. Marvin at the request of the Education Committee for inclusion on the agenda of the Council was considered:--

"That the Council in view of the several competing universal languages and the fact that for scientific purposes Latin is gaining ground does not seem it wise to identify the Union with any of the modern proposals and holds that that whole subject is very suitable for the consideration of the Committee on Intellectual Co-operation."

Resolved:- "That since the foregoing resolution had not been considered by the Education Committee it be not included on the agenda of the General Council, but that the Education Committee be asked to consider and shortly to report upon the question what should be the Union's attitude towards Esperanto."

(c) Council Meeting -- arrangements. The Secretary reported upon the arrangements made for the Council meeting at Liverpool and the Committee agreed to a proposal that Lord Cecil should be asked to deliver a public speech on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 23rd.

142 ARBITRATION, SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT. QUEEN'S HALL MEETING. The Secretary reported that Lord Cecil had consented to take the Chair and that Lord Grey, Mr. Clynes and Professor Murray had consented to speak at the Queen's Hall meeting. Arrangements were also being made for an honorary organist.

The Committee were of opinion that Mr. E.F.L. Wood should be asked to preside and the Secretary was asked to consult Lord Cecil on this matter and that if he agreed, Mr. Wood be invited.

The Secretary reported that soon after the Committee's decision of the previous week to hold this meeting he had asked Mr. David Davies whether he would be willing to contribute to the cost of properly advertising the meeting. Mr. Davies had said that he would give £100 if any other people would also give £100 and that he would join in guaranteeing the remaining £50. The Secretary was asked to thank Mr. Davies for his very generous offer.

- 143 ARMS TRAFFIC CONVENTION — BRITISH AMENDMENT. Admiral Drury-Lowe raised the question of the British amendment to the Arms Traffic Convention, and it was

Resolved:- "That the Parliamentary Procedure Committee be urged to have questions asked in Parliament in regard to this matter."

144 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) EDITORIAL. The minutes of the Editorial Committee dated 12.5.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (20) HEADWAY; (21) Mr. Fenman; (22) Mr. Philip Kerr; (23) Mrs. Northcroft; (24) HEADWAY; (25) Dr. Muller; (26) Posters, and (27) Union notspaper.]

- (b) FINANCE. Subject to the non-acceptance of Minute 56, the minutes of the Finance Committee dated 13.5.25 together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (50) Empire Day meeting; (51) Financial Statement; (52) HEADWAY; (53) Hotel Rebate Scheme; (54) Membership subscriptions; (55) Warsaw Conference; (56) Staff; (57) Cheques.]

- (c) MANAGEMENT. The minutes of the Management Committee dated 14.5.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (31) Sir Charles Wakefield; (32) Branches; (33) Corporate Membership; (34) Pact and Protocol; (35) Arbitration, Security and Disarmament; (36) General Council; (37) Resolutions.]

- (d) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS. The Secretary reported orally upon the meeting of the Christian Organisations Committee held on the previous day.

- (e) HOSPITALITY. Lady Gladstone reported orally upon the Hospitality Committee held the previous day.



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(f) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated 7.5.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (33) Editorial and Publicity; (34) Women's Organisations and Hospitality Committee; and (35) Miss Isobel Goddard.]

The Secretary reported orally upon the meeting of the Staff Appointments Committee held earlier in the day and the Committee agreed

- (a) To the temporary transference of Miss Jackson to Dame Adelaide Livingstone and of Miss Peggy Smith to Publicity.
- (b) That two ~~more~~ Travelling Secretaries be appointed at a salary of £350 a year under the usual conditions and to enter upon their duties on October 1st next.

*see minute  
14.6.25*

*Isobel Murray*

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15 GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, JUNE 4th  
1925 AT 11 a.m.

c/13  
11.6.25

PRESENT: - Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); Philip Baker,  
G.N.Barnes, Sir Arthur Shirley Bann, Percy Bigland,  
C.Delisle Burns, Mrs A.W.Claremont, Sir Willoughby  
Dickinson, Rear-Admiral S.R.Drury Lowe, The Viscountess  
Gladstone, John H.Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth,  
John W.Hills, F.N.Keen, E.W.Morton-George, Charles  
Roberts, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, and L.M.Wynch:  
together with the Secretary.

## M I N U T E S

145. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr Cadbury, Lady Violet Bonham Carter, Lord Queenborough, Mrs Runciman, Mr Graham White, Mr Perry, Prebendary Rudolf, and Lady Selborne.
146. MINUTES. Subject to the deletion of the word "new" in minute 144 (f)(b) the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated May 21st 1925 were approved as circulated.
147. LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL DEPUTATION. The Secretary reported that the L.C.C. were prepared to receive a deputation from the League of Nations Union on June 29th.

Resolved: - "That the L.C.C. be thanked and that they be asked to receive the deputation at a later date."

148. GENERAL COUNCIL. It was reported that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had agreed to the following twenty-six names being nominated for the thirty vacancies on the Executive Committee:-

Norman Angell	Major J.W.Hills
Rt.Hon.G.N.Barnes	Rt.Hon.Sir Charles Hobhouse, Bt.
Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck,	Rear-Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe,
M.P.	C.M.G.
C.Delisle Burns, M.A., D.Lit.	Major General Sir F.Maurice,
L.J.Cadbury	K.C.M.G.
Lady Violet Bonham Carter	Professor Gilbert Murray
A.W.Claremont	LL.D., D.Litt.
David Davies, M.P.	The Lord Queenborough
Rt.Hon. Sir W.H.Dickinson,	The Countess of Selborne.
K.B.E.	The Rt.Hon.Tom Shaw, M.P.
Rt.Hon.H.A.L.Fisher, M.P.	Henry Vivian, J.P.
E.W.Morton-George, J.P.	Herbert Worsley
The Viscountess Gladstone	L.M.Wynch, C.I.E., C.B.E.
John H.Harris	
The Marquess of Hartington, M.P.	
Sir Arthur Haworth, Bt.	

149. ARMS TRAFFIC CONVENTION.

Resolved: - "That an early meeting of the Executive Committee should consider the Arms Traffic Convention and Major Hills promised to draft a memorandum on the subject for the consideration of the Committee."

150. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending June 2nd 1925 showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £1,085.16s.8d. with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £1,061.6s.4d.
151. BRITISH LEGION. Admiral Drury-Lowe reported that he had seen Mr J.R.Griffin, the General Secretary of the British Legion, in regard to a communication which the Chairman had received asking for advice as to what the American Legion could do in support of world peace. Mr Griffin was strongly of the opinion that the best advice for the American Legion was to suggest that they might undertake a campaign to educate public opinion in America as to the value of the League of Nations.

*See Minutes*  
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The Chairman said he would reply to the American Legion in these terms.

152. INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR BIRD PROTECTION. The Chairman reported a letter he had received from the Secretary of the British Section of the International Committee for Bird Protection who wished to know in what way his Committee might best secure the help of the League of Nations in controlling by international action the wholesale destruction of emigrating wild fowl for commercial purposes.

The Committee were of opinion that they would be in a better position to advise if the Society would first of all make a proposal. They could then decide whether they could help to further the scheme.

153. COUNT COUDENHOVE. The Chairman reported conversations he had had with Count Coudenhove who was the founder of a big movement for the Federation of Europe, and which would exclude the British Empire. His whole efforts appeared to be to prevent this country from thwarting the nations in Europe signing the Geneva Protocol amongst themselves.
154. MOROCCO — RESOLUTION OF STALYBRIDGE BRANCH. The Committee considered the following resolution of the Stalybridge Branch:-

"That this Branch of the League of Nations Union being profoundly concerned at the reports that are received from Morocco asks the League of Nations Union Headquarters in London to request our delegates at Geneva to press for information from France and Spain with respect to their activities and to give an assurance that the peace of the world is not being seriously endangered by their action."

- Resolved:- (a) That this resolution be sent to the North Africa Committee for consideration.
- (b) That the North Africa Committee should also be asked to consider the question of the Refugee problem arising out of the Riff war and to make recommendations to the Executive as they may consider necessary.

155. MR A.E.ZIMMERN, M.A.

Resolved:- "That Mr A.E.Zimmern, M.A. be co-opted a member of the Executive Committee."

156. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES -- ORDER OF DISCUSSION.

Resolved:- "That in future meetings of the Committee, the minutes of the Management Committee should be considered first when reports of Committees are taken."

- (a) MANAGEMENT. Subject to resolution 41(2) being amended to read as follows, the minutes of the Management Committee dated May 28th, 1925, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted:-

"That this meeting urges H.M.Government to sign the Optional Clause (Article 76) of the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice; and either to accept the Geneva Protocol, with such reservations or amendments as H.M.Government, after consultation with the Dominions, may regard as desirable; or to propose a new plan for reaching an all-round reduction and limitation of armaments by way of security and arbitration."

42. General Council.

Resolved:- "That the following four additional names recommended by the Women's Advisory Council be added to the list for co-optation to the General Council as representing Women's Organisations:-

Miss Helen Fraser	(N.U.S.E.C.)
Mrs George Morgan	(President, N.C.W.)
Miss M.E.Phillips	(Y.W.C.A.)
Miss Philippa Strachey	(London Society for Women's Service).

On the suggestion of the Chairman the name of Miss Phillpotts was also added.

[ These minutes included (40) Branches; (41) Arbitration, Security and Disarmament; (42) General Council; (43) British Universities League of Nations Society; (44) Parliamentary By-Elections; (45) Anniversary Meeting; and (46) Peace Exhibition.]

- (b) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS. Subject to the reference of minute 342 (Bishop of Kensington's Broadcast Sermon) being referred to the Editorial Committee, the minutes of the Committee of Religions and Ethics, dated May 20th 1925, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[ These minutes included (339) General Council; (340) Home and Foreign sub-committees; (341) Literature; (342) Bishop of Kensington's Broadcast Sermon; and (343) International New Thought Alliance.]

- (c) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS. Subject to (a) the minutes of the

Liaison Committee being referred to the Christian Organisations Committee; (b) the non-acceptance of the suggestion that a copy of the prayer for the League of Nations be forwarded to Churches that are Corporate Members until it has been passed by the House of Bishops; and (c) the reference of the Bishop of Kensington's Broadcast Sermon to the Editorial Committee, the minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated May 20th 1925, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (42) Liaison Committee; (43) Executive Committee; (44) Corporate Membership; (45) Free Church May Meetings; (46) Literature; (47) Church of England; (48) General Council; (49) Bishop of Kensington; (50) Next Meeting and (51) Sir Henry Lunn.]

- (a) HOSPITALITY. The minutes of the Hospitality Committee dated May 20th 1925, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (134) Secretary to Committee; (135) Co-optations; (137) Secretary's Report; (138) International Club; (139) British Empire Exhibition; (140) Correspondence and (141) Madame de Jouvenel's scheme.]

- (b) MINORITIES. The minutes of the Minorities Committee dated May 26th 1925, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (2) Heimatslogen; (3) Minorities Convention; (4) Sir Walter Napier; and (5) Mr Golden.]

- (f) OVERSEAS. Subject to the deletion of the word "immediately" in the second paragraph of the proposed resolution on the question of orium, the minutes of the Overseas Committee dated May 27th 1925, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

816. Warsaw Conference.

Resolved:- "That in the event of Sir Arthur Haworth being unable to represent the Union on the Representative Council, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn should be invited and if he was unable to go to Warsaw, the nomination of a representative be left in the hands of the Delegation."

[These minutes included (815) European Co-operation Committee; (816) Warsaw Congress; (817) Memorandum from Mr Molony; (818) Opium Committee; (819) French Society; and (825) Mr Lucian Wolf.]

- (g) EDUCATION. The minutes of the Education Committee dated May 29th 1925, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (58) Co-optations; (59) N.U.T.; (6) Meetings; (61) L.C.C. Deputation; (62) Foreign Office; (63) Film Committee; (64) Summer Schools; (65) Esperanto; (66) World Education Conference; (67) League News; (68) Youth Sections; (69) Examinations in work of L. of N.; (70) History scheme; and (71) Next meeting.]

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- (h) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated May 21st 1925, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (37) Editorial and Publicity; (38) Miss Goddard; (39) Colonel Jacques; and (40) Membership Enrolment.]

*Gilbert Murray*

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15 GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, JUNE  
18th 1925 AT 11 a.m.

C/13  
24.6.25

PRESENT: - Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); Philip Baker, G.W. Barnes, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Percy Bigland; C. Delisle Burns, Mrs A.W. Claremont, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Rear-Admiral S.R. Drury Lowe, The Viscountess Gladstone, John H. Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, J.W. Hills, Sir Charles Hobhouse, F.N. Leen, E.W. Morton-George, The Countess of Selborne, Mrs Oliver Strachey, Raymond Unwin, and Henry Vivian: together with the Secretary.

## M I N U T E S

157. APLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr Cadbury, Lord Queenborough, Mr Roberts, Mr Perry, and Mr Lynch.
158. MINUTES. Subject to the deletion of the words "in these terms" in the last line of minute 151, the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated June 4th 1925, were approved as circulated.
159. MR H.A.L. FISHER. The Chairman read a communication from Mr H.A.L. Fisher, who in view of the fact that he could not come to London in the mornings wished to resign his seat upon the Executive Committee.
- Resolved: - "That Mr Fisher's resignation be accepted with regret."
160. ARMS TRAFFIC CONVENTION. It was reported that Major Hills would draft a memorandum on the subject of the Arms Traffic Convention for circulation to the Executive when the Arms Traffic Convention ends.
161. MR A.E. ZIMMERN. It was reported that Mr A.E. Zimmern had accepted an invitation to become a member of the Executive Committee.
162. HOSPITALITY -- MADAME DE JOUVENEL. Lady Gladstone reported upon co-operation with the "Bienvenue Francaise" and the hospitality Committee of the Union. The Executive approved of a letter which it was proposed should be sent to Madame de Jouvenel. (See Annex P.)
163. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending June 16th 1925 showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £1,186.7s.2d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £960.12s.10d.
164. SHANGHAI. The Committee considered the following communications in regard to Shanghai:-
- (a) from the Chairman, Executive Committee, Chinese League of Nations Society, Peking:  
"Chinese Citizens Shanghai international settlement held demonstration in sympathy with Chinese workmen shot by Japanese millowner for asking returning their saving deposit British police shot defenceless crowd killing and wounding over hundred whole China enraged by this outrage unless wrong duly redressed consequence unthinkable"

please advocate justice for sake of international goodwill and peace."

- (b) Council of Miners' Federation, Barnsley, (attended by 157 delegates representing 157 Branches and 160,000 members):  
 "That this meeting representing 160,000 Mine workers protests against the Imperialistic domination in Shanghai; deprecates the vigorous censorship imposed by the Chinese Foreign Office, and expresses its strongest resentment of the use of armed forces against the workers. Also we desire to extend our goodwill towards the Chinese workers in their efforts to secure better conditions of employment, etc. and in their desire to help on the solidarity of the working class throughout the world."
- (c) a letter of protest from the Bath Trades and Labour Council;
- (d) several communications which the Chairman had received in regard to the matter from various Chinese organisations; and
- (e) a communication from Mr David Davies urging that the Union should press for the League Council to take up the matter.

It was

- Resolved:-
1. That as a Debate was to take place in the House of Commons that evening on the subject members of Parliament should be reminded of the part the League of Nations might be able to play in the matter under Article 11, namely, a circumstance affecting "the good understanding between nations upon which peace depends" (Article 11).
  2. That after the Debate and with the knowledge of the Executive's feelings in the matter the Chairman be asked to send a sympathetic reply on the following day to the Chairman of the Chinese League of Nations Society.
  3. That the following should be asked to join a special sub-committee to consider the whole situation and report to the Executive Committee;
    - Professor Murray
    - Dame Adelaide Anderson
    - Professor Philip Baker (or Mr Delisle Burns)
    - Mr G.N.Barnes
    - Mr J.H.Harris
    - Lord Hartington
    - Major J.W.Hills
    - Sir Charles Hobhouse
    - Dr H.T.Hodgkin
    - Sir John Jordan.

165. THE SECRETARY - COMMUNICATION FROM LEAGUE OF NATIONS NON-PARTISAN ASSOCIATION. The Committee considered a communication from Mr C.C.Bauer, the Executive Director of the Non-Partisan Association, referred from the Management Committee, asking that Dr Varnett should go to America some time in the autumn when arrangements



would be made for him to speak at a number of Universities and other Groups interested in international affairs. Dr Garnett requested that the Committee should grant him five or six weeks leave of absence for this purpose. The Secretary retired from the Committee whilst this matter was being discussed.

Resolved: - "That the Secretary be granted two months leave of absence but that in view of his official connection with the League of Nations Union he be asked not to make public speeches on the League in the United States of America."

The Chairman said he would see Dr Garnett and explain to him the reasons for the Committee's feelings in this matter.

166. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) MANAGEMENT. Subject to a verbal amendment in the resolution of minute 55, the minutes of the Management Committee dated 11.6.25 together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

53. Mr S.K.Ratcliffe.

Resolved: - "To recommend that if Mr S.K.Ratcliffe would go to the Geneva Assembly he should be granted an allowance of £10."

56. P.C.I.J. - Optional Clause.

Resolved: - "That the reply of Mr Austen Chamberlain to Colonel Spender Clay (President of the Tunbridge Wells Branch) in regard to the Optional Clause of the Permanent Court of International Justice be circulated to members of the Executive Committee for their information."

[These minutes included (49) Branches; (50) Queen's Hall Meeting; (51) Parliamentary Elections; (52) The Secretary; (53) Mr Ratcliffe; (54) Chinese League of Nations Society; (55) A.C.P.W. and (56) Tunbridge Wells.]

- (b) WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. The minutes of the Women's Advisory Council dated 7.6.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (122) Germany; (124) National Council for Combating Venereal Disease; (126) I.L.O. (127) Arbitration, Security and Disarmament; (128) W.A.C.; (129) Co-optations; (140) Officers; (142) General Council and (143) Editorial Committee.]

- (c) OVERSEAS. Subject to the third line in minute 838 being amended to read "a large number of Armenian refugees" and the deletion of the words "Russian and" in the fourteenth line, the minutes of the Overseas Committee dated 11.6.25 together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

870. Warsaw Congress. The Secretary reported a communication from Mr David Davies suggesting that Mrs Peter Hughes Griffiths and the Rev. Gwilym Davies should be invited to join the official delegation from the Union. Mr Davies said he would be prepared, if they accepted, to defray half the expenses incurred by the Union in sending them to Warsaw."

Resolved:- "That Mr David Davies' offer be gratefully accepted."

832. Opium. Lady Selborne urged that when the Federation were considering the Opium resolution they should give consideration to the fact that whilst in favour of Government monopoly, they should try to arrange things so that relief would be provided for the poor people who desired opium for medicinal purposes.

[These minutes included (870) Warsaw Congress; (871) Warsaw Conference; (832) Opium Committee; (833) French Society; (834) The Hon. Newton Rowell; (835) Mr Lucien Wolf; (836) Indian League of Nations Society; (837) Miss Hutchin; (838) L.A.C.; (839) China; (840) Immigration; (841) Professor Roget; (842) Austria; (843) Queen's Hall meeting]

(d) LABOUR ADVISORY. Subject to the insertion of the words "that within twelve months or at the latest eighteen months of the adoption...." in the third line of the resolution in minute 44, the minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee dated 11.6.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (47) Co-operative Congress; (44) I.L.O. Conventions; (45) W.A.C.; (46) Warsaw; (47) I.L. Conference; (48) Social Insurance; (49) Publications; (50) Mr Wignall; and (51) Mr Trevelyan Thomson]

(e) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated 11.6.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (42) Editorial and Publicity; (43) Miss Goddard; (44) Salaries and Wages]

167. MR DAVID DAVIES - COMMUNICATION. A communication from Mr David Davies was read. He urged

1. That Mrs Peter Hughes Griffiths should be asked to become a member of the Executive Committee.
2. That Mr Gwilym Davies should serve on the Executive during his (Mr Davies) illness.

Resolved:- (a) That Mrs Peter Hughes Griffiths be considered for co-optation at the first meeting of the Committee after the Annual Meeting of the Council.

(b) That Mr David Davies be informed that the Executive would welcome Mr Gwilym Davies as an 'observer' at the Committee, but that as there was no precedent they could not accept him as a substitute member.

168. NEXT MEETING.

Resolved:- "That in view of the fact that members of the Warsaw Delegation would have to leave on Wednesday afternoon, July 1st, the next meeting of the Committee be summoned for Wednesday, July 1st at 11 a.m."

11 July.

DRAFT

C.S. 347  
18.6.25

Dear Madame de Jouvenel,

My Committee has carefully considered the proposals which you laid before us during your visit to London, and has submitted them to the Executive Committee of the Union.

I am directed to say at once that we welcome your suggestions for co-operation between the "Bienvenue Francaise", and the Hospitality Committee of the League of Nations Union. We feel, however, that we cannot take any step, which would loosen our connection with the League of Nations Union, of which we are an integral part, but we have decided that we can alter our name to the "Welcome Committee of the League of Nations Union" without changing our relationship to the Union. We trust this will lead to active collaboration between your Committee and ours, whose aims are so closely allied. We would like to make it clear that from the first we have never limited our welcome merely to members of League of Nations Societies from other countries, but have always been willing to receive visitors presenting introductions from any accredited source.

It has been, and always will be, our policy to work with other Societies interested in promoting international friendship. We are making plans to develop and extend our activities in many directions and hope that this will bring us into sympathetic relations with the "Bienvenue Francaise".

We are looking forward with great pleasure to welcoming many guests introduced to us by your admirable organisation, and to availing ourselves in our turn of your kind invitation to introduce to you English visitors going to France.

Believe me, dear Madame de Jouvenel,

Yours sincerely,

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15 GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, JULY 1st  
1925 AT 11 a.m.

C/13  
9.7.25

PRESENT: - Lord Queenborough (in the Chair); Norman Angell;  
G.N.Barnes, Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck,  
C.Delisle Burns, The Viscountess Gladstone,  
John A.Harris, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Rev.A.J.D.Llewellyn,  
near-Admiral S.R.Drury Lowe, T.Morris, F.G.Pennan,  
the Countess of Selborne, and Henry Vivian; together  
with the Secretary.

## MINUTES

169. CHAIRMAN. In the absence of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, Lord Queenborough was voted to the Chair.
170. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr Cadbury, Lady Violet Bonham Carter, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Lord Hartington, Major Hills, Mrs Layton, Professor Murray, Mr Shaw and Mr Watson.
171. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated June 15th 1925 were approved as circulated.
172. WARSAW CONFERENCE. It was reported that Mr Gwilym Davies would be attending the Warsaw Conference as a Union delegate but his expenses would not be chargeable to the Union.
173. MR DAVID DAVIES. It was reported that Mr David Davies had undergone an operation but that he was progressing favourably.
- Resolved: - "That a letter congratulating him upon the success of the operation and wishing him a speedy recovery be sent to Mr Davies."
174. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending June 30th 1925 showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to 2971.6s.7d. with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to 21,415.1s.9d.
- The Secretary said that in accordance with the resolution of the General Council a further appeal would be issued on July 8th to subscribers of 10/- and upwards who joined the Union since the issue of the appeal on February 1st.
175. GENERAL COUNCIL. Subject to a few verbal amendments, the minutes of the Sixth Annual Meeting of the General Council held at Liverpool on June 22rd and 24th, were approved and adopted, and it was

Resolved: - 1. That the minutes be circulated to Branches and speakers;  
2. That the political resolutions be sent to the Government and to the Parliamentary Committee;  
3. That when the deputation goes to the Prime Minister it should bring these resolutions before him; and  
4. That when the Consultative Committee meets they should be asked to consider a suggestion that Branches should utilise Armistice week for the crossing home of the resolution on Armaments passed by the General Council.

176. CO-OPTATIONS. Co-optations of the twenty members to the Executive Committee were adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, but in the meantime it was

Resolved: - "That Mr Claremont and Mr Morton-George be co-opted forthwith."

It was further

Resolved: - "That for the future when names are suggested ~~for co-optation~~ by the Executive Committee, <sup>for selection</sup> a short history of the part played in the Organisation by the various nominees should also be circulated."

*see minute 183*

177. QUEEN'S HALL MEETING. The Committee expressed pleasure at the success of the Queen's Hall meeting and the Secretary read a letter from Lord Cecil expressing appreciation of all the arrangements made.

Resolved: - "That appreciation of the work of Dame Adelaide Livingstone and all who helped in the organisation of the Queen's Hall meeting be recorded."

178. DEPUTATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER. The Committee considered a proposal that the Union should ask the Prime Minister to receive a deputation from the Union in order to present to him the resolutions of the General Council and of the meeting of the Federation at Warsaw.

Resolved: - "That Major Hills be requested to ask the Prime Minister if he could receive such a deputation about July 20th and that the personnel of the deputation be agreed upon at a later date."

179. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.  
(a) NORTH AFRICA. The minutes of the North Africa Committee dated June 12th 1925, together with the recommendation contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (4) Mr Gordon Canning; and (5) Resolution]

- (b) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS. The minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated June 17th 1925, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (52) Liaison Committee; (54) Executive Committee; (55) Corporate Members; (56) Baptist Missionary Society; (57) Sir Henry Lunn; (58) Religious Newspapers; (59) Bishop of Oxford; and (60) Mr Morton-George]

- (c) FINANCE. The minutes of the Finance Committee dated June 17th 1925, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (59) HEADWAY; (60) Hotel Debate Scheme; (61) Staff; (62) Financial Statement; (63) Salaries and Wages; (64) Queen's Hall meeting; (65) Economics sub-committee; and (66) Cheques]

- (d) HOSPITALITY. The minutes of the Hospitality Committee dated June 17th 1925, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

The Secretary drew attention to the Luncheon to delegates to the Radiology Congress at which Lord Cecil would be taking the Chair, and stated that tickets at 10s.6d each could be obtained from the Secretary of the Hospitality Committee:

[ These minutes included (143) Foreign visitors; (144) Secretary's report; (145) Exchange visits; (146) Luncheon; (147) Madame de Jouvenel; (148) Madame Granitsch; (149) Activities of Hospitality Committee; (150) Co-optations; and (151) International Club ]

- (e) OVERSEAS. Subject to a verbal alteration in the copium resolution submitted to the Warsaw Conference, the minutes of the Overseas Committee dated June 25th 1925, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[ These minutes included (846) Warsaw Congress; (847) Resolutions; (848) Delegates to Commissions; (849) Assistant Secretary to Federation; (850) French Society; (851) L. of N. Society in India; (852) L.A.C.; (853) Federation Reports; (854) Meeting of Delegates. ]

- (f) EDUCATION. The minutes of the Education Committee dated June 26th 1925, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[ These minutes included (77) Meetings; (74) Correspondence; (75) L.C.C.; (76) First Course in General History; (77) Film Committee; (78) Youth section; (79) Summer Schools; (80) League news; (81) Wireless Message; (82) Esperanto; (82) Northampton School ]

180. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. The following new Branches, Junior Branches and Corporate Members were formally recognised:-

Branches: Barrington, Northumberland; Bilston and District, Staffs; Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Lancs; Coedpoeth-Gant - Saron, Denbighshire; Durham Colleges, Co. Durham; St. Bardfield & District, Essex; Nunstanton and District, Norfolk; Kegworth, Leicestershire; Llanafan, Cardiganshire; Newcastle - Y.M.C.A. Northumberland; Newcastle - Kanton Lodge Teachers' Training College; Newcastle - W.H. Smith & Sons; Newtown - Welsh Congregational, Mont; Potters Bar and District, Middlesex; Purbrook and Waterlooville, Hants; Pöllheli - Salem, Carnarvonshire; St. Ives, Hunts; Soho Hill, Staffs; Whalley Range, Lancs; Wolverhampton - Lea Road Congregational Church, Staffs.

The following Branches were duplicated on last list in error: Adwick and District, Yorks; Bettws-cum-Ammanford, Carmar; Buckley - Bistre U.M. Church; Hall Green, Warwicks; Huddersfield, Trinity Wesleyan Church; Leeds - Beeston Hill Congregational Church; Llanasaock, Carmarthenshire; New Southgate and Friern Barnet; Queens and Fradion District; Tinton, Staffs; Wick, Gloucester.

Junior Branches: Eccles - Eccles Secondary School, Lancs; Guildford - High School for Girls, Surrey. Corporate Members: Parish Church, Boharm; U.F. Church of Scotland, Boharm; St. Bernard's U.F. Church, Edinburgh; Dennistown B.W.T.A., Glasgow; Warwick Road

Presbyterian Church, Carlisle; Wesleyan Methodist Church, Egrement; Women's Co-operative Guild, Gateshead; St. George's Men's Own, Westcliffe; Eastville Park U.M.F. Church, Bristol; Independent Methodist Church, Crosby; Church of Christ, Southport; Leicester and Leicestershire Amalgamated Hosiery Union, Leicester; Leicester and District Trades Council, Leicester; Clarendon Central Mission women's Own, Canonbury; working Men's Club and Institute Union Ltd., Clerkenwell; Women's Liberal Council, Wandsworth; Wesley Guild, Northwood; Women's Co-operative Guild, Byker; Jarrow Brotherhood; Branch of Engineers and Tradesmen's Association, Stanley; Cheshire Joint Sanatorium Committee; Market Drayton; Burton Constitutional Club, Burton-on-Trent; Dome Mission, Brighton; National Union of Clerks, Birmingham; Trades Council, Birmingham; Divisional Labour Party, Wandsworth; Umberslade Baptist Church (Christ Church) Hockley Heath; League of Young Liberals, Huddersfield; Park street Unitarian Church, Hull. Deletions: Silver street Wesley Church, Lettering; Parochial Church Council, Broadheath.

[The above Corporate Members should be reckoned as seventeen less than they really are in order to adjust the duplication caused by one list being put forward twice, owing to a misunderstanding.]

It was reported that there were now 2,117 Branches, 247 Junior Branches, 1,221 Corporate members and 473,317 members.

181. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Resolved:- "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, July 16th at 11 a.m."

*John W. Hill*

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15 GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, JULY 16th  
1925 AT 11 a.m.

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21.7.25

PRESENT:- Major J.W.Hills (in the Chair); G.W.Barnes,  
C.Delisle Burns, Rear-Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, the  
Viscountess Gladstone, John H.Harris, Sir Arthur  
Haworth, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Mrs E.D.Layton,  
E.W.Morton-George, T.Norris, F.G.Penman, the  
Countess of Selborne, H.D.Watson, Herbert Worsley:  
together with the Secretary.

## M I N U T E S

182. CHAIRMAN. In the absence of the Chairman, Major J.W.Hills,  
the Vice-Chairman, presided.
183. MINUTES. Subject to an amendment in the second resolution of  
minute 176, the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee  
dated July 1st 1925, were approved as circulated.
184. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on  
behalf of Major Clifton Brown, Mr Cadbury, Lady Violet Bonham  
Carter, Lord Hartington, Rev.A.J.D.Llewelyn, Lord Queenborough  
and Mr Shaw.
185. PRIME MINISTER - DEPUTATION. Major Hills reported that he had  
written to the Prime Minister asking him to suggest a date  
upon which he could receive a deputation from the Executive  
Committee.
186. NORTH AFRICA -- TANGIER. Sir Charles Hobhouse reminded the  
Committee that as a result of certain resolutions received  
from Branches of the Union in regard to Tangier, the North  
Africa Committee had been in touch with the Near and Middle  
East Association, Society of Friends, the Red Cross, etc.  
who had sent representatives to give evidence to the North  
Africa Committee.

The Society of Friends have now asked Miss Ruth Fry  
and Sir Charles Hobhouse to visit Tangier and ascertain facts,  
on condition that if their report proved the existence of real  
distress, the Union would ask its Branches to support any  
appeal which the Society might then make.

*44 minutes  
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Resolved:- "That the Union should co-operate with the  
Society of Friends in this matter provided  
that the Union's co-operation shall be restricted  
to the relief of distress."

The Committee further

Resolved:- "That if necessary a special meeting of the  
Committee should be held on Sir Charles  
Hobhouse's return to decide how the Union  
should support any appeal which the Society  
of Friends would decide to make."

The Chairman on behalf of the Executive Committee expressed  
gratitude to Sir Charles Hobhouse for his promise to go to  
Tangier to ascertain facts.



187. PARLIAMENTARY BY-ELECTIONS. At the request of Mr J.H.Harris the Secretary promised to report to the Executive Committee at its next meeting what action had been taken by the Union in regard to By-elections since the resolution of the Executive Committee laying down instructions as to what action should be taken by Headquarters when a By-election was announced, in particular the report should state

- (a) in how many By-elections were public meetings held;
- (b) how many candidates gave support of the League of Nations in their election addresses;
- (c) in how many By-elections had the Travelling Secretary visited the area in order to bring the League of Nations to the fore.

The Committee further requested that in future By-elections such reports should be made to the Committee.

188. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending July 14th 1925 showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £2,042.16s.1d. with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £2,025.2s.3d.

189. CO-OPTIONS. The Committee considered the procedure to be adopted in the co-optation of the further eighteen members to the Executive Committee. It was

Resolved:- "That a sub-committee consisting of Major Hills, Lady Gladstone and Mr Delisle Burns should be constituted to consider any names suggested for co-optation; members of the Executive should be invited to suggest names; and that the sub-committee should at the next meeting of the Executive recommend not more than eighteen names for co-optation."

Mr Norris moved as an amendment that the ten largest Branches in the London Region area be invited to nominate one of their members for a seat on this Committee with a view to their co-optation. As there was no seconder the amendment was not put.

A communication from Lady Violet Bonham Carter suggesting that she should retire from the Executive this year was referred to the sub-committee for consideration.

190. LIBRARY - COMMUNICATION FROM CARNEGIE UNITED KINGDOM TRUST. The Secretary reported a communication from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust offering a total grant of £2,000 to the Union to be paid as follows:-

£1,500 for the first year  
 £1,000 for the second year  
 £500 for the third year

in the hope that at the end of three years the Library will have so far developed its resources as to be independent of outside help. A condition was attached namely that the Union would agree at all events during this period to respond to reasonable applications received through the Central Library

for Students. The letter pointed out that the principle upon which grants were made to special Libraries is that in respect of Trust assistance such Libraries will be prepared to act as outliners to the Central Library for Students lending works on application through that Library.

Resolved:- "That the Executive Committee expresses its grateful thanks to the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust and accept their generous gift upon the conditions which they have laid down."

It was further

Resolved:- "That the Committee should forthwith appoint a strong Library Committee."

191. ASSEMBLY DELEGATES. On the proposal of Mr G.N.Barnes, it was

Resolved:- "That H.M.Government be reminded of the following statement made by the late President Wilson at the inauguration of the League:-  
 "When it came to the question of determining the character of the representation on the body of Delegates, we were all aware of a feeling which is current throughout the world. Inasmuch as I am stating it in the presence of official representatives here present, including myself, I may say that there is a universal feeling that the world cannot rest satisfied with merely official guidance..... Therefore we thought that this was a proper and very prudent concession to the practically universal opinion of plain men everywhere in that they wanted the door left open to a variety of representation instead of being confined to a single official body with which they might or might not find themselves in sympathy."  
 The Union trusts that H.M.Government will bear these considerations in mind when selecting the British Delegation for the League's Sixth Assembly."

It was further

Resolved:- "That this resolution be placed in HEADWAY for the information of Branches."

192. WARSAW CONFERENCE. As the delegates had only just returned from Warsaw no formal report of the proceedings could be circulated but Sir Arthur Haworth spoke generally on the work of the Conference; Lady Gladstone, Dr Garnett and Mrs Dugdale on Political, Education and Minorities. The Committee were promised a fuller report at the earliest possible moment.

Admiral Drury-Lowe expressed regret that there was so little Press publicity and Major Hills said he would discuss the matter with the Secretary.

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193. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) FINANCE. The minutes of the Finance Committee dated 15.7.25 together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (67) Lord Grey; (68) Minutes; (69) Financial Statement; (70) Economics; (71) Appeal; (72) Arbitration Petition; (73) Staff; (74) Cheques; and (75) Cheques.]

Minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee, Religions and Ethics Committee and Staff Appointments Committee, were adjourned for consideration to the next meeting of the Committee.

The Secretary was asked to prepare (but not circulate) for the next meeting of the Committee the proposals recommended by the Staff Appointments Committee in regard to economics, and that meanwhile members of the staff affected be not acquainted with recommendations of the Committee.

194. NEXT MEETING.

Resolved:- "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, July 23rd at 11.15 a.m."

*Frank Bell*

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15 GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, JULY 23RD  
1925 AT 11.15 a.m.

c/13  
28.7.25

PRESENT:- Major J.W.Hills (in the Chair); G.N.Barnes,  
Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, D.Clifton Brown,  
C.Delisle Burns, L.J.Cadbury, A.W.Claremont,  
near-Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, The Viscountess  
Gladstone, J.H.Harris, E.W.Morton-George, T.Norris,  
F.G.Penman, Mrs Runciman, H.D.Watson, and Herbert  
Worsley: together with the Secretary.

M I N U T E S

195. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Sir Grattan Doyle, Sir Arthur Haworth, Mrs Layton, Mr Shaw and Lord Queenborough.
196. MINUTES. Subject to the second paragraph and resolution of minute 186 being amended to read as follows, the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated July 16th 1925 were approved as circulated:-

"The Society of Friends have now asked Miss Ruth Fry and Sir Charles Hobhouse to visit Tangier and ascertain the facts as to the state and conditions of living of refugees in the international zone at Tangier and of the wounded in the territory in which fighting was taking place, on condition that if their report proved the existence of real distress, the Executive of the Union would consider asking its Branches to support any appeal which the Society might then make.

Resolved:- "That the Union should co-operate with the Society of Friends in this matter provided that the Union's co-operation shall be restricted to the relief of distress in the international zone."

197. LIBRARY. The Secretary reported that he had written a letter of thanks to the Carnegie United Kingdom Trustees for their gift of £7,000 and reported that the B.I.I.A. had received a similar gift but had been told that £300 was to be spent on equipment.

Resolved:- "That the Secretary be asked to write again to the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust suggesting that the Union might be given permission to spend a similar amount on equipment."

198. ASSEMBLY DELEGATES. The Secretary reported that in spite of the announcement of the names of the British Delegation to the Sixth Assembly in the House of Commons on Thursday he had sent to the Prime Minister and to Lord Cecil a copy of the resolution adopted by the Executive Committee on the morning of that day.

Mr J.H.Harris drew the attention of the Committee to the constitution of the British Government's delegates to Geneva this year and particularly to its strictly party complexion. The Committee observed that this was the first occasion on which the British Delegation had consisted of members of one political party only in addition to officials and that in view of the absence of any limit to the number of substitute delegates

the Committee thought that there was no reason why even now another substitute should not be included in the British Delegation. [The French Delegation to the Assembly in 1922 had four substitute delegates as well as three delegates.]

Major Hills said that he would see Lord Cecil privately on the matter and then communicate with Mr Chamberlain and put the Union's views before him.

199. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending July 31st 1925, showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £2,267.2s.7d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £2,055.17s.0d.

200. CO-OPTATIONS. The Committee received the report of the sub-committee on Co-optations, and

Resolved:- "To invite the following to accept co-optation to the Executive Committee:-

Lady Aberdeen  
 Professor Philip Baker  
 Sir Arthur Shirley Bann, K.B.E., M.P.  
 Dr Leslie Burgin  
 The Countess of Clarendon  
 Countess Grey  
 Lady Hall  
 Captain Sidney Herbert, M.P.  
 J.H. Hudson, M.P.  
 Mrs Peter Hughes-Griffiths  
 Rt. Hon. Leif Jones.  
 F.N. Keen  
 J. de V. Loder, M.P.  
 Lady Farmoor  
 W. Salmon  
 Mrs Oliver Strachey  
 Raymond Unwin  
 L.M. Wynch  
 A.E. Zimmern

201. STAFF -- ECONOMIES AND CHANGES. The Committee considered proposals submitted by the Staff Appointments Committee with the approval of the Finance Committee for making certain alterations and reductions in the staff so as to reduce the total expenditure on salaries and wages by approximately £410 a year so that it should not exceed the amount provided in the approved estimates for 1925. The Committee provisionally approved the proposals in the following form with a view to their final approval in a week's time subject to any amendment which the Staff Appointments Committee might recommend after giving members of the staff affected the opportunity of meeting the Staff Appointments Committee and subject also to any observation which the Labour Advisory Committee might have to make upon the proposals in so far as they affected the work of that Committee:-

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NAME	PAST	FUTURE	ANNUAL SAVING £
Miss Arnold	Women's Organisations	resigned	120
Miss Naylor	Appeals	Women's Organisations	-156
Dame A. Livingstone	Public Meetings	Special Campaigns	200(a)
Miss Jackson	Publicity and Hospitality	Appeals and	200(b)
New Typist	comes	Hospitality	-130
Miss Tynan	Regional Representative	Public Meetings	-300
New Regional Representative	comes	Regional Representative	50
Miss Booth	Overseas	resigned	225
Miss Auger	Branches	Editorial and Publicity	100(c)
Miss Coxwell	Education	Branches	-25
Miss Cohen (?)	comes	Education	-130
Captain Small	Labour	resigned	450
A new Officer with personal experience of the working of the I.L.O.	comes	Labour Intelligence	-200
Miss Richards	Labour and Editorial	Labour	-
			(£1,355 - £941 = ) £414
Before Captain Small left, the Union was overspending in salaries and wages at the rate of £410 per annum (including £100 per annum for the Library)			-410

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The proposed changes would thus bring down the Union's expenditure on salaries and wages to £4 a year under the present Budget until the end of 1925. Miss Spaul's return on 1st January, 1926, would increase the expenditure by £150 a year, and so make it £146 a year above our present Budget.

- (a) This apparent saving consists of half Dame Adelaide Livingstone's salary being charged to the Appeals Department which will have been relieved of Miss Naylor's salary.
- (b) This saving consists in finding from new sources the sum of £200 a year to pay Miss Jackson's salary as the Hospitality Committee's acting Secretary under the direction of Dame Adelaide Livingstone as its Honorary Secretary.
- (c) This apparent saving consists of charging £100 (two-fifths of Miss Auger's salary) to the HEADWAY account.

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202. LABOUR ADVISORY COMMITTEE - ORGANISATION. The Committee considered a proposal that the Labour Advisory Committee should be redivided into two Committees, one concerned with spreading knowledge of the I.L.O. among all classes of the community, and the other concerned with spreading knowledge of the League of Nations including the I.L.O. amongst Trade Unions, Co-operative Societies, and other Labour organisations.

Resolved:- "That the Labour Advisory Committee and the Staff Appointments Committee be asked to consider and report upon this proposal."

203. CAPTAIN SMALL. The Secretary reported that at Warsaw on July 4th last Captain Small had been offered and had accepted the appointment of Assistant Secretary to the Federation of League of Nations Societies. The offer was made by the Executive Committee of the Federation, who has fixed the salary of the Secretary-General of the Federation at 12,000 gold francs (£450) a year and then fixed the salary to be offered to the Assistant Secretary at 10,000 gold francs (£400) a year. The Committee had next considered the applications received from Captain Small and from Mr Soltan and decided to offer the appointment to Captain Small. In view of the fact that Captain Small's salary under the Union was £500 a year and that he had shown unwillingness to accept the Federation appointment at less than £450 a year, and in view of the further fact that the Federation was not prepared to pay its Assistant Secretary more than £400 a year, Dr Garnett had, with Sir Willoughby Dickinson's approval, told Captain Small that Sir Willoughby Dickinson and he (Dr Garnett) would recommend the Executive of the Union to make Captain Small a special grant of either £100 down or of £50 a year in the event of his accepting the appointment under the Federation. They believed that the benefit that would accrue to the Union from Captain Small accepting this appointment would be well worth the proposed expenditure. Captain Small said that he would prefer the second alternative (£50 a year) and had then accepted the appointment under the Federation at £400 a year.

Captain Small had subsequently applied for six weeks' salary from the Union on the ground that he had been promised six weeks' holiday this year and that instead of taking the holiday he had, at the Union's request, gone to Brussels and then to Warsaw before taking over his duties under the Federation.

Resolved:- "That in view of the special circumstances of this case and on the express understanding that it is not to be regarded as a precedent, Captain Small be offered an inclusive sum of £150 in full discharge of all his claims upon the Union."

204. NAVAL ARMAMENTS. The following resolution proposed by Rear-Admiral Drury-Lowe was adopted:-

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"Recognising that the question of the replacement of cruisers conflicts with the urgent necessity for economy; Recognising also that the adoption of a ten-thousand ton type of cruiser must inevitably result in a new and costly competition in armaments amongst the Naval Powers, which, unless checked, will be a serious menace to peace.

the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union urges H.M. Government to take the initiative in calling a conference of all Naval Powers, preferably through the League of Nations, to consider the question of the limitation of cruiser strength according to an agreed ratio."

Resolved:- "That this be sent to the Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary, First ~~Lord~~ Lord of the Admiralty, and to Branches."

205. PARLIAMENTARY BY-ELECTIONS. The Committee received the report of the Union's activities in regard to Parliamentary By-elections at Eastbourne, Ayr, Oldham and Forest of Dean.

Resolved:- "That this report be received and that similar reports be placed before the Executive Committee immediately after each future By-election."

206. DEPUTATION TO PRIME MINISTER. Major Hills said that he had not received a reply from the Prime Minister fixing a date for the deputation. He would report further.

207. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Resolved:- "To ask the following to serve upon the Union's Library Committee:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); Professor Philip Baker, C. Delisle Burns, Mrs A.W. Claremont, Professor G. Lowes Dickinson, Mrs Dugdale, Rt. Hon. H.A.L. Fisher, M.P., G.P. Gooch, Miss Guinness, H. Wilson Harris, B.M. Headicar, Miss Jay, Dr Albert Mansbridge, F.S. Marvin, J.W. Headlam Morley, Miss Constance Smith, J. Wheeler-Bennett, Dr Hagberg Wright, and A.E. Zimmern."

208. CHINA. The Committee received the interim report of the China sub-committee and agreed as a matter of urgency to the recommendation of the China Committee to ask that the report of the Peking Diplomatic Body should be made public.

209. NORTH AFRICA. The Committee received and adopted the report of the third meeting of the North Africa Committee, and

Resolved:- "To urge that the British representatives at the forthcoming meeting of the League of Nations Assembly at Geneva be instructed to explore the possibility of international action for the relief of those wounded in the fighting in Morocco."

It was further

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



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210. MISS CANZIANI. The Chairman was asked to report at the next meeting of the Committee upon a communication received from Miss Canziani concerning the reproduction of her picture (see minute 122(a) dated May 7th).

211. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS. The minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated 15.7.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (64) Corporate Members; (65) Baptist Missionary Society; (66) Primitive Methodist Resolution; (67) Brotherhood resolution; (68) Letter to Churches; (69) Literature for seamen.]

(b) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS. The minutes of the Committee of Religions and Ethics dated 15.7.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted, the attention of the Executive having been directed to the fact that these minutes include a proposal involving a small departure from the letter of Rule 6a.

[These minutes included (247) Peace Day; (250) Bahai Movement; (251) Ethical Union; and (252) Membership of Committee.]

212. NEXT MEETING.

Resolved:- "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, July 30th at 11 a.m."

*John D. Hill*

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION.

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4.8.25.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, JULY 30TH,  
1925, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major J.W. Hills (in the Chair); Norman Angell,  
Major D. Clifton Brown; L.J. Cadbury, Rear-  
Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, Countess Grey, Lady Hall,  
John H. Harris, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Leif  
Jones, F.N. Keen, J. de V. Loder, F.W. Morton-  
George, Mrs. Runciman, Countess of Selborne,  
Raymond Unwin, H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley, and  
L.M. Wynch; together with the Secretary.

213. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr. Barnes, Mr. Burns, Mr. Claremont, Sir Grattan Doyle, Lady Gladstone, Major General Sir Frederick Maurice, Professor Gilbert Murray, Mr. Norris, Mr. Penman, Lord Queenborough, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Strachey, and Mr. Vivian.
214. VICE-CHAIRMAN — ELECTION. On the motion of Mrs. Runciman, seconded by Rear-Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, it was unanimously  
Resolved: "That Major J.W. Hills be elected Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year."
215. CHAIRMAN: In the absence of Professor Murray, the Chair was occupied by Major Hills.
216. NEW MEMBERS. Major Hills, on behalf of the Executive Committee, welcomed Countess Grey, Lady Hall and Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, new members, upon taking their seats for the first time.
217. MINUTES. Subject to a verbal amendment in the resolution of minute 204, the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated July 23rd 1925 were approved as circulated.
218. ASSEMBLY DELEGATES. The Chairman reported that he was endeavouring to get into touch with Lord Cecil and Mr. Chamberlain to put before them the Union's view in regard to the British Delegation to the Assembly.
219. CC-OPTATIONS. It was reported that the following had accepted seats upon the Executive Committee: Professor Philip Baker, Countess Grey, Lady Hall, Mr. J.H. Hudson, M.P. (experimental until Christmas), Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Rt.Hon. Leif Jones, Mr. F.N. Keen, Mr. J. de V. Loder, M.P., Mr. W. Salmon, Mrs. Oliver Strachey, Mr. Raymond Unwin and Mr. L.M. Wynch.

The following, for various reasons, were unable to accept the invitation to serve: Lady Aberdeen, Dr. Leslie Burgin, Countess of Clarendon, Captain Sidney Herbert, M.P. and Lady Parmoor.

No replies had been received from: Sir Arthur Chirley Benn and Mr. A.E. Zimmern.

Resolved: "That vacancies be not filled until the Committee meets in October and that in the event of another sub-committee being appointed to recommend further names, Captain Herbert's name be again considered."

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220. CAPTAIN SMALL. It was reported that Captain Small had gratefully accepted the Executive Committee's offer of £150 in full discharge of all his claims upon the Union.
221. NAVAL ARMAMENTS. It was reported that the resolution of the last meeting of the Committee in regard to Naval Armaments had been sent to the Press.
222. DEPUTATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER. The Chairman read a letter from the Prime Minister expressing regret that in view of the many problems confronting him particularly due to the winding up of the Parliamentary session, and more especially with the duties in connection with the coal situation, his time during the next few weeks was more than fully taken up, he was unable to receive a deputation from the Executive Committee of the Union as he had hoped. He would, however, be glad to receive a copy of the resolutions about which the deputation wished to speak to him.
223. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending July 28th 1925 showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £2,442.4s.10d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £2,329. 7s. 3d.
224. STAFF CHANGES. The Committee considered the minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated July 23rd, 1925. The Secretary reported the following modifications of the proposed staff changes provisionally approved by the Executive Committee at its last meeting:-
1. That Dame Adelaide Livingstone shall not be responsible for the administration of the office of the Appeals Department.
  2. That the name of her new post - "Director of Special Campaigns" - be subject to revision in the light of any suggestion which the Staff Appointments Committee may make in the future, and that Miss Want be transferred to this new department from the Public Meetings Department.
  3. That Miss Coxwell remain in the Education Department leaving a vacancy to be filled in Mr. Freshwater's department.
  4. That if and when a new officer with experience of the work of the I.L.O. is appointed for Labour Intelligence work, Mrs. Dugdale be consulted concerning the appointment.
  5. That the appointment of a new Regional Representative to take the place of Miss Tynan be deferred until October and that meanwhile the appointment be advertised.
  6. That Miss Booth's resignation should take effect as from November 1st 1925, instead of October 1st.

It was

Resolved: "That subject to the above modifications the Staff changes provisionally approved at the last meeting of the Committee (Minute 201) be finally approved with the exception of the proposal to appoint a new officer for Labour Intelligence work, and that this proposal be considered later."

Subject to the above the minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated 23.7.25. together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

✓ These minutes included (53) Salaries and wages; (54) Mr. Gillinder and (55) Mr. Everett Reid. ✓

225. LABOUR DEPARTMENT - ORGANISATION. The Committee considered the minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee dated July 23rd, 1925, including the following recommendations:-

1. That a special officer be appointed to the Intelligence Section to deal with the work of the I.L.O.
2. That Lady Hall be asked to attend the meeting of the Staff Appointments Committee when the appointment of this officer is considered.
3. That Miss Richards be asked to act as Secretary to the Industrial Advisory Committee.
4. That the appointment of some well-known trade unionist to act as secretary to the Labour Organisations Committee be considered, but that in the meantime Miss Richards and Mr. Gillinder be asked to act as joint secretaries.
5. That for this purpose and in order to form contacts with the headquarters of various labour organisations in London, Mr. Gillinder be asked to spend three or four days out of every month at Headquarters in order to supervise the work of this Committee.

These minutes and the recommendations contained therein, (except the recommendation that a special officer be appointed to the Intelligence Section to deal with I.L.O. work which recommendation was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report), were approved and adopted subject to the proposed Labour Organisations Committee being known instead as the Organised Labour Committee, and subject also to arrangements whereby Miss Richards and Mr. Gillinder act as joint secretaries to this Committee being regarded as temporary and not to extend beyond the end of this year.

✓ These minutes included (55) Hours Convention; (56) L.N.U. Conference on Social Insurance; (57) Labour Advisory Committee; (58) Captain Small; (59) International Labour Conventions; (60) Warsaw Conference; and (61) National Alliance of Employers and Employed. ✓

226. ECONOMIES COMMITTEE. Mr. Morton-George stated that the Economies Committee hoped to present a Report some time in October and Mr. Norman Angell asked that this report should be circulated in good time for the consideration of the Committee.

227. ROYAL CHARTER. The Secretary reported a telephone message from Mr. Claremont that he had been to the Law Department who had advised the Privy Council in regard to the Union's application for a Royal Charter and that he had agreed to certain verbal alterations. Subject to this the Charter was approved and would be framed in the course of a week or so.
228. CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. The Committee considered the report of the Consultative Committee held on July 21st, 1925. Subject to
1. Reconsideration by the Executive Committee of the recommendation of the Consultative Committee that Headquarters should organise a National Canvass during Armistice Week of 1926; and
  2. Reference back to the Consultative Committee of the recommendations concerning Youth Sections for further consideration;

the recommendations of the Consultative Committee were approved and adopted.

[ These minutes included (29) Lapsed Members; (30) Council's Vote; (31) District Council's Finances; (32) Armistice Week; (33) Organising Peace; (34) Library; (35) Youth Sections; and (36) Management Committee.]

229. INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONGRESS. The Secretary reported a communication from the National Council for the Prevention of War urging that the Union should appoint a delegation to the International Peace Congress to be held in Paris from September 1st-6th. A communication had also been received from the Union of Democratic Control asking the Union delegates to support certain resolutions which they were putting forward to the Peace Congress.

The Secretary reported that he had written to the N.C.P.W. stating that the Federation of League of Nations Societies at its recent meeting in Warsaw considered the question of the International Peace Congress and in view of the little information before it it was unable to pass any resolution appointing delegates to attend.

Resolved: "That the National Council for the Prevention of War be informed that in view of the decisions of the Federation of League of Nations Societies the Union would not appoint delegates on this occasion."

230. CHINA. The Committee received the report of the China Sub-Committee as approved by that Sub-Committee, and it was

Resolved: "That this report be sent to the Cwmbach Branch and to any other enquiring Branch as a report received but not adopted by the Executive Committee".

231. ARMS TRAFFIC CONVENTION. The Committee received the memorandum prepared by Major J.W. Hills on the subject of the Arms Traffic Convention, and

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Resolved: "That the Executive approves of the Arms Traffic Convention agreed to at the International Conference on June 17th and trusts that H.M. Government will see its way to ratify it."

232. MR. JOHN DAY - RESIGNATION. The Secretary reported the resignation of Mr. John Day, the Honorary Organiser for East Anglia.

Resolved: "That Mr. Day's resignation be accepted with regret and that the Staff Appointments Committee be asked to consider the vacancy and make recommendations."

233. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) MANAGEMENT. The minutes of the Management Committee dated July 23rd 1925, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

Recognition of Branches. The following Branch, Junior Branch, Four Corporate Members, and seven Corporate Associates, were formally recognised:-

Branch: Plumstead - County Secondary School, Old Girls' Senior Branch. Junior Branch: Roedean School, Johannesburg, South Africa. Corporate Members: Winchester (Hants.) Congregational Church; Leicester Bakers and Confectioners, Allied Workers (Midland District); Halesowen (Worc.) Congregational Church; Leeds (Yorks.) Woodhouse Carr, Wesleyan Church. Corporate Associates: Hadlow Down Women's Institute; Mickleham and Westthumble Women's Institute; Sandridge Women's Institute; Barrowden Women's Institute; Wood Green B.W.T.A.; Harpenden United Girls' Club; West Central Jewish Girls' Club.

It was reported that there were now 2,139 Branches, 253 Junior Branches, 1,244 Corporate Members, and 179 Corporate Associates.

These minutes included (59) Mr. Ratcliffe; (60) Branches; (61) Caravan Tour; (62) China; (63) League's Health Section; and (64) Anniversary Meeting.

- (b) OVERSEAS. Consideration of the Overseas Committee minutes held on the previous day were adjourned for consideration to the next meeting of the Committee.
- (c) LIBRARY. Subject to the attention of the Library Committee being drawn to the stipulation of the donors of the Labour Library that it should be transferred to a special Library and should be considered as part of the whole, the minutes of the Library Committee dated 29.7.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

Resolved: "That Lady Hall be invited to join the Library Committee."

These minutes included (1) Terms of reference; (2) Committee; (3) Carnegie United Kingdom Trust; (4) Librarian; (5) Reference books; (6) Library; (7) Lending Library; and (8) Books.

234. FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES. A memorandum by Mr. Delisle Burns on the decisions of the Warsaw Conference and the I.L.O. was referred to the Overseas Committee for consideration and further report. It was

Resolved: "That the question of the usefulness of the International Federation should be raised at an early meeting of the Executive Committee."

235. BANK HOLIDAY.

Resolved: "That the Office be closed on Saturday, August 1st and Monday, August 3rd."

236. CANTEEN. The Secretary referred to the fact that in 1920 by the loan of £310.9s.11d. from the Executive Committee the staff were able to establish a Canteen. This Canteen provided the staff and Committees with inexpensive and easily obtainable meals served as a meeting place for meeting all the staff and helped them to get to know one another and this benefited the Union and the cause of the League. The Canteen had paid expenses up until May of last year when the Canteen Committee made new (and as it turned out inadequate) arrangements for the monthly examination of the Canteen accounts. Between May 1924 and 1925, the Canteen had lost £233.13s.10d. A new manageress was appointed this year and the former system of monthly scrutiny of accounts had been re-established with the result that there had been a small profit on the working of the Canteen in June and July. The Secretary had convened a meeting of the staff on the previous day when a proposal was carried with only one dissentient that, if the Executive Committee would make good the loss on this occasion, the members of the staff would join in guaranteeing (up to a half of one per cent on the salaries and wages of each of them) the Canteen against future loss, and, in the event of future losses, he felt sure that no further call would be made upon the finances of the Union. Moreover they hoped gradually to repay some portion at least of the £233.13s.10d. in question.

Resolved: "That the outstanding accounts be paid from the Union's funds as and when necessary, but that before accepting further responsibility a Committee of investigation consisting of three members of the Executive and three members of the staff be appointed to report upon the circumstances of the loss incurred."

Mr. Morton-George, Mr. Leif Jones and Lady Hall consented to serve upon this special committee.

237. NEXT MEETING.

Resolved: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, October 1st, 1925, but that the Chairman be given power to summon a special meeting of the Committee before that date should he consider it necessary."

238. DRAPERS' COMPANY. The Secretary reported that an appeal was being made to the Drapers' Company and it was felt that it would be of great assistance if members of the Committee were to write to any friends they may have in the Company.

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Mr. Worsley, Mr. Keen and Major Hills said that they knew Dr. A.E. Giles, Sir Ernest Gardner, and Mr. F.L. Harris respectively, and promised that they would write letters to these gentlemen asking them to support the Union appeal.

236. MR. H.G. RICHARDSON. The Secretary reported a communication from Mr. H.G. Richardson the Secretary of the Canadian League of Nations Society who had resigned his post and asked if he (Dr. Garnett) knew of a post in England that he might fill. It was suggested that the Secretary might inform members of the Executive Committee of Mr. Richardson and ask them to keep his name in mind.
240. NAVAL PROGRAMME. Major Hills reported a telegram which he had received from Professor Murray urging that the Executive should remonstrate about the Government's Naval programme.

Resolved: "That in view of the resolution on Naval Armaments sent to the Government on the previous week no further action be now taken."



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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST,  
1925, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Rt.Hon. G.N. Barnes, C.Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Vice-Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, Lady Hall, Viscountess Gladstone, J.H. Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Leif Jones, Mr. Layton, Rev. A.J.D. Llewelyn, F.N. Keen, E.W. Morton-George, T. Norris, F.G. Penman, Lord Queenborough, W.J. Salmon, R. Unwin, Henry Vivian, Mr. Oliver Strachey, H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch, together with the Secretary.

241. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr. Hudson, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Mrs. Runciman and the Rt.Hon. Tom Shaw.
242. MINUTES. Subject to the insertion of the word "yet" between the words "not" and "adopted" in Minute No.230, the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, dated July 30th, were approved as circulated.
243. CAPTAIN SMALL. The Secretary reported that as no appointment had yet been made to fill the vacancy caused by Captain Small's resignation, the whole of the £150 granted to Captain Small at the last meeting would come out of monies that would otherwise have been paid to Captain Small in respect of salary.
244. STAFF CHANGES. It was reported that the staff changes approved at the last meeting of the Committee would have to be modified in certain particulars and that recommendations to that end had been made by the Staff Appointments Committee at its meeting held earlier in the day (October 1st).
245. ECONOMIES COMMITTEE. In view of Mr. Norman Angell's request that the Economies Committee report should be circulated in good time for the consideration of the Committee, it was decided to call a special meeting of the Executive Committee for Thursday, October 8th, for the purpose of considering this report which the Finance Committee had approved on 30th September and which was now before the Executive Committee.
246. ARMS TRAFFIC CONVENTION. It was  
RESOLVED: "That copies of the Arms Traffic Convention agreed to at the International Conference on June 17th be circulated to members of the Committee."
247. FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES. The Committee considered Minute No.234 of the last meeting and  
RESOLVED: "That Mr. Delisle Burns be asked to attend the meeting of the Overseas Committee when that Committee considers and reports upon his memorandum on the decisions of the Warsaw Conference and the International Labour Organisation."
248. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending September 30th shewed a Bank Overdraft amounting to

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£3,401.14s.5d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £1,738.5s.1d.

The Committee were informed that the payments made by the Union in the first nine months of 1925 were very nearly the same as the corresponding payments in 1924; and that apart from Lord Cowdray's final gift of £15,000 in 1924, the receipts in the first nine months of that year were approximately the same as in the first nine months of 1925. Of Lord Cowdray's gift £10,000 had been invested, £2,000 had been used to pay off the Bank Overdraft on 1st January 1924, and the remaining £3,000, used to meet current expenses in 1924, represented the difference between the state of the Bank Account to-day and at this time last year.

The Committee considered the following recommendations adopted by the Finance Committee at their meeting on the previous day:-

- (1) That the Midland Bank be asked to allow an overdraft of (a second) £2,000 on the Union's account and to accept as security for this overdraft the Union's Inscribed War Loan stock.
- (2) That authority be given to transfer stock to the Bank's nominees for this purpose.
- (3) That the Executive Committee be invited to take this Overdraft into serious consideration along with the Report of the Economics sub-Committee, and, with a view to placing the Union's finances as soon as possible in such a position that the regular receipts from members will balance the expenditure at the present rate, to take the following, among other, immediate steps to add 50,000 annual subscribers of £1 or upwards to the membership roll:-
  - (a) to cause special letters to be sent to organisers of all meetings drawing their attention to the importance of inviting members of the audience to help the League not only with personal service by becoming members of the Union, but also with money by making their annual membership subscriptions as large as possible;
  - (b) to invite all existing members whose subscriptions are not less than £1 to get as many of their friends as possible to join the Union as £1 members;
  - (c) to urge Branches to use their utmost endeavour to increase the number of £1 members and to encourage the efforts of Branches in this direction by offering to remit to Branches so much of the first annual membership subscriptions received from subscribers of £1 a year and upwards as will enable Branches to use for their own purposes one-half (instead of one-quarter as provided by the new rule which comes into force on 1st January, 1926) of such subscriptions.]

*see note No 269*

**RESOLVED:** "That these recommendations be approved and adopted subject to 3(c) being modified by inserting after the word "offering" the words "as an experiment until 31st December 1926"; and provided that the observations of the Consultative Committee be invited before effect is given to recommendations 3(b) and 3(c)."

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Sir Charles Hobhouse read a letter from the Secretary of the Wimbledon Branch protesting against the action of Headquarters in asking members for increased subscriptions. The Secretary stated that no such letter had issued from Headquarters but that in accordance with the decision of the General Council an appeal for donations had been issued in July after Branches or Districts had been informed (in accordance with resolution 165 of the Council) that the appeal would not be sent to Branches or Districts who preferred to "contract out".

249. LEAGUE'S SIXTH ASSEMBLY. The Chairman submitted the following draft resolutions:-

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- congratulates His Majesty's Government on the progress made towards the conclusion of the Rhineland Pact and the entry of Germany into the League of Nations with a permanent seat on the Council; The Executive recommends all branches of the Union throughout the country to support the policy of His Majesty's Government in these respects.
- congratulates Lord Cecil, British Delegate to the Sixth Assembly, on his valuable labours in promoting the new Convention on Slavery and Forced Labour. It trusts that every effort will be made to secure the amendment of the present draft convention in such a way as (1) to prohibit entirely the use of Forced Labour for private profit and (2) to recognise the use of Forced Labour for Public Purposes as permissible only in exceptional circumstances.
- congratulates His Majesty's Government on the correct and loyal attitude towards the League which it has unfailingly maintained in the trying circumstances of the Mosul controversy; considers that the Council has done well to make quite sure of the answers to various legal problems which have been raised before issuing its report; and it trusts that both parties will loyally abide by the Council's decision whatever that may be.
- congratulates the Sixth Assembly on its reaffirmation of the principles of Arbitration, Security and Disarmament, and regards with satisfaction the increasing number of special treaties of Arbitration and peaceful settlement and of regional agreements for guaranteeing mutual security under the auspices of the League.
- notes with special pleasure that twenty-three Governments, including those of France and Belgium, have now signed the Optional Clause of the Statute of the International Court; and deeply regrets that His Majesty's Government is not to be found among this honourable band.
- observes with profound satisfaction the conclusion of Treaties of unconditional Arbitration and Peaceful Settlement between Switzerland and France, Switzerland and Italy, Switzerland and Germany, and with slight differences between Holland and Sweden, Switzerland and Sweden, and France and Czechoslovakia. It is sorry that it cannot congratulate His Majesty's Government on having signed any similar treaty.
- warmly welcomes the appointment by the Sixth Assembly of an Expert Conference to consider the technical problems of Disarmament; and of a similar special Committee to prepare for an Economic Conference on the Condition of Europe.

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recalling that the persecutions and massacres of the Armenian people were in part the consequence of that people's reliance on the promises of the British and other Allied Governments, that these promises have not been fulfilled, and that a remnant of the Armenian people still exists homeless and destitute; welcomes Dr. Nansen's proposal for an international loan of £1,000,000 for the settlement of Armenian refugees in the Republic of Eriwan; trusts that the Commission appointed by the League to inquire into the details of the scheme may report favourably, and that His Majesty's Government will use its economic and financial influence to make the project a success.

These resolutions were discussed by the Committee. The Chairman agreed to remove all reference to "His Majesty's Government" and to re-draft the resolutions for consideration at a subsequent meeting.

On the proposal of Sir Charles Hobhouse, seconded by Lady Hall, it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of the revised draft of these resolutions be deferred for a fortnight".

This resolution having been passed, Sir Charles Hobhouse observed that he had no objection to the revised resolutions being distributed to members of the Executive Committee at their meeting on Thursday, October 8th, provided that no decision in regard to them be taken until Thursday, October 15th.

250. ADJOURNMENT. The consideration of the remaining items on the Agenda was deferred until the next meeting of the Committee on Thursday, October 8th.

*Gilbert Murray.*

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER  
8TH, 1925, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (In the Chair), Rt.Pcn.  
G.N. Barnes, C.Delisle Burns, L.J.Cadbury, Sir  
Willoughby Dickinson, Vice-Admiral S.R.Drury Lowe,  
Viscountess Gladstone, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, Sir  
Charles Hobhouse, F.N. Keen, Rev. A.J.D. Llewelyn,  
E.W. Morton-George, T. Norris, F.G.Perman, Raymond  
Unwin, Mrs. Oliver Strachey, H.D. Watson, Herbert  
Worsley, L.M. Wynch, together with the Secretary.

251. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Lord Queensberry, Mr. J.H. Hudson, Mr. J.de V.Leder, and Mr. Henry Vivian.
252. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated 1st October 1925, were approved as circulated.
253. ECONOMIES REPORT. The Secretary reminded the Committee that the General Council at its meeting in Liverpool last June had decided that any proposals which the Finance Committee might have to make after considering the Report of its Sub-Committee "on the present expenditure of the Union, and on the possibility of effecting any economies", should be considered by the Consultative Committee and that the recommendations of both Committees should be considered by the Executive who should then prepare a report for the next meeting of the General Council. The Executive accordingly considered the Report of the Sub-Committee on Economies, together with the proposals made by the Finance Committee and
- RESOLVED: "That the Report be received and that it be sent on to the Consultative Committee."
- Arising out of the Economies Report, it was further
- RESOLVED: (a) "That if and when an officer of the Union is criticised in a confidential report submitted to the Staff Appointments Committee in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the officer in question should be informed of the criticism by the writer of the report."
- (b) "That the names and addresses of the Regional Representatives should appear two or three times a year in HEADWAY and also in the Annual Report."

4. ARBITRATION. Mr. T. Norris spoke to the following resolution:-

"To call attention to the poorness of the response, on the part of our Union, to the invitation to sign the recent Petition to our Government, respecting Arbitration, and to ask exactly what steps were taken by our Headquarters Staff to create and stimulate enthusiasm for the Petition in our Branches".

The Secretary read the following letter dated 12th August 1925 from Mr. J.H. Hudson, M.P. Directing Secretary of the National Council for the Prevention of War:-

"I am very much obliged to you for the 140,000 signatures to the Petition. I have no doubt that many of the other signatures we have received at this office will have been obtained from the efforts of your branches, just as in the same way many of our organisations have written to tell us that they have been co-operating with L.N.U. Branches in securing signatures that have gone to your office. I think the plan of co-operation has worked excellently and very fine efforts have been put in on behalf of the Petition. The final number will about pass the 400,000 mark."

In addition to 140,000 signatures supplied to Mr. Hudson on League of Nations Union forms, some of the Union's local organisations, including Manchester District Council and Tyneside District Council, had sent in thousands of signatures on the N.C.P.W. forms. Dr. Garnett added that he was now endeavouring to obtain the petition forms in order that those of the signatories who were not members of the Union might be invited to join.

After some discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That Sir Cecil Hurst's statement to the Assembly should be obtained and circulated to the Executive."

The Chairman promised to write to Sir Cecil Hurst to ask him if he wished to make any amendments to the statement presented.

The Chairman further promised that he would draft a letter in reply to Mr. Chamberlain's on the question of the Optional Clause, and it was

RESOLVED: "That this letter be put in HEADWAY."

255. SLAVERY CONVENTION. Mr. J.H. Harris said that the Aborigines Society was setting up a Committee on the subject of the Slavery Convention. He thought that they would invite the League of Nations Union to nominate representatives to that Committee.
256. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - VACANCIES. The Secretary reported a letter from Sir Frederick Maurice, who wished to resign his seat on the Executive in view of engagements that kept him busy in the mornings. The Chairman said he would write to Sir Frederick Maurice and ask him to reconsider his decision, and failing that to suggest the name of some other soldier, as for example, that of Lord Cavan, to serve in his stead. The Chairman added that he would discuss with the Vice-Chairman the suggestion that Lord Willingdon and Captain Sidney Herbert should be co-opted. Lady Gladstone reminded the Committee of the recommendation of the Women's Advisory Council that more women should be asked to serve on the Executive Committee, and that three ladies who had been invited and recommended by the sub-Committee, had found it impossible to serve. It was

RESOLVED: "That Professor Webster should be invited to serve on the Executive whilst he remained in London."

257. GENERAL COUNCIL. The Secretary reported that the following had declined the invitation to serve on that body:-

Sir William Noble  
Dr. Marian Phillips  
Sir J.B. Reynolds.

258. NAVAL ARMAMENTS. It was reported that in reply to the resolution of the Executive to the Government that they should take the initiative in calling a conference of all naval Powers, preferably through the League of Nations, to consider the question of the limitation of cruiser strength, in accordance with agreed ratio, the following letter, dated 11th August 1925, had been received from the Foreign Office:-

"I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to inform you that your letter of July 24th to the Prime Minister on the question of the new Naval Disarmament-Conference has been forwarded to this department.

2. Mr. Chamberlain has taken note of the resolution adopted by the League of Nations Union on this subject, and desires me to invite your attention to his statement in his speech in the House of Commons on June 24th on the Foreign Office Vote.

3. Dealing with the question of naval disarmament Mr. Chamberlain then said:-

"I did not mean for one moment to set on one side the idea of an International Conference upon disarmament. This country will join with any great Powers in any Conference for the further limitation of naval armaments or for the reduction of land armaments.

What I had in mind was that perhaps the initiative in regard to naval matters, if they are to be treated separately, had better come from that Power to which we owe the summoning of the Washington Conference, which resulted in the first decisive international act of disarmament that the world has seen."

The Committee considered the following resolutions of the Wokingham Branch:-

"That a protest from the Wokingham Branch should be sent to Headquarters about the paragraph in HEADWAY re Cruisers."

RESOLVED: "That no action be taken."

259. CANTEEN. Mr. Merton George reported that the sub-Committee had adjourned its investigation of the Canteen for three months and he thought it preferable to give a full report then.

RESOLVED: "To accept Mr. Merton George's suggestion that a report be presented in three months' time on the Canteen."

260. NATIONAL CANVASS. The Committee considered the following resolution of the Consultative Committee, dated July 21st 1925:-

"That soon after Armistice Week all Branches and Districts be asked to make arrangements for a nation-wide canvass during Armistice Week 1926."

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be accepted in principle, subject to a satisfactory report on the actual organisation of such nation-wide efforts being received from the Management Committee."

261. NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF WAR. The Secretary reported an invitation from the National Council for Prevention of War, for the Union to appoint representatives to the Council meetings to be held in Bristol for November 11th, 12th and 13th. As Sir Willoughby Dickinson was to speak in Bristol at the Council Meeting, he had suggested that Sir Willoughby should act as one of the Union's representatives.

RESOLVED: "To ask Sir Willoughby Dickinson, who would be speaking at the Bristol meeting, to be one of the Union's representatives, and to add as further representatives of the Union any other members of the Union's Executive who could attend and any other members of the Bristol District Council who may be nominated for the purpose by its Chairman."

262. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. The minutes of the Overseas Committee, dated July 29th, 1925, were approved and adopted. The Secretary reported that Mr. Marwin and Mr. Kenneth Saunders had gone to India and hoped to be able to form a Society in India. It was

RESOLVED: "That a copy of the report of the Warsaw Conference be circulated to members of Executive Committee."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That a copy of the resolutions passed at the Warsaw and at the Geneva Conferences on the subject of the Protocol be placed on the table at the next meeting of the Executive."

[ These minutes included (856) Warsaw Conference Resolutions; (857) New Resolutions brought up at Conferences; (858) Next Meeting of the Minorities Committee of Delegation; (859) Mr. Saltau and Capt. Small's Appointment; (860) Conference Badges; (861) Meetings of Federation during the Assembly; (862) Appointment of a Representative in India; (863) Additional Members of the Committee; (865) Overseas Report.]

- (b) LABOUR ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Subject to the addition of the following in the resolution of Minute No. 63(a):-

That the Committee have power to co-opt additional members if advisable

the minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee dated 17th September 1925, were approved and adopted.



These minutes included (63) Reconstruction of the Labour Advisory Committee.

- (c) FINANCE COMMITTEE. The minutes of the Finance Committee dated 30th September 1925, were approved and adopted. It was

RESOLVED: "That a special letter of thanks be sent to Prebendary Rudolf thanking him for his work in connection with the Finance Committee and regretting his inability to serve further."

These minutes included (77) Financial Statement; (78) Economics Sub-Committee Report; (79) Communication from Miss Harley Bacon, (80) Legacy from Mr. T. Vasey; (81) Communication from Messrs. Ralph Iay and Taylor; (82) Passing of Cheques for Payment; (83) Communication from Prebendary Rudolf.

- (d) EDUCATION COMMITTEE. Subject to the approval of the Education Committee Minute No. 91 being amended as to read "That Mr. Gould should have as free a hand as possible in the editing of this publication", and to the addition in Minute No. 94 that "Professor Webster should be asked to give an address at the Conference on Educational Associations instead of or in addition to the lecture by Mr. F. J. Gould", the minutes of the Education Committee, dated September 25th, 1925, were approved and adopted.

Mr. Wynch asked that a report he had drafted after the Cambridge Summer School, should be placed before the Consultative Committee. The suggestion was approved.

These minutes included (86) List of Meetings - Teachers Schools and Colleges; (87) Steps taken by Local Education Authorities; (88) League of Nations Film; (89) Summer Schools; (90) Wireless Talks to School Children - Suggestions from Mr. Stobart; (91) League News; (92) Report of World Federation of Educational Associations; (93) World

Here Prize Competition; (94) Conference of Educational Association; (95) Junior Red Cross; (96) Association of Assistant Masters.

263. BROADCASTING. The Secretary said that he would endeavour to arrange for Lord Cecil's broadcast speech to be given on Armistice Day instead of November 13th, and that if possible it should be given during meeting hours, so that an opportunity might be given to branches who held meetings that evening to have receiving sets in the halls.

264. SIXTH ASSEMBLY - RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman's draft resolutions on the Sixth Assembly should be considered as one of the first items on the Agenda at the next meeting of the Executive."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER  
15TH, 1925 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair),  
Norman Angell, Rt.Hon.G.N.Barnes, C.Delisle Burns,  
Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Vice-Admiral S.R.Drury  
Lowe, Viscountess Gladstone, Lady Hall, Major J.W.  
Hills, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Mrs.Peter Hughes-  
Griffiths, Rt.Hon. Leif Jones, Mrs. W.T.Layton,  
Rev. A.J.D. Llewelyn, E.W.Morton-George, T.Norris,  
W.J.Salmon, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, Mrs.Oliver  
Strachey, H.D.Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch,  
together with the Secretary.

265. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr. Cadbury, Mrs. Runciman, Sir Nicholas Grattan Doyle and Sir Arthur Haworth.

266. MINUTES. Subject to the sub-paragraph of Minute 262(b) being amended so as to read:-

"That the Committee have power to nominate additional members for co-optation"

the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on October 8th were approved as circulated.

267. ARMS TRAFFIC CONVENTION. The Secretary reported that he had not carried out the instructions of the Committee (Minute 246) to send a copy of the Arms Traffic Convention and Report to each member of the Executive as he found that the cost would be about £7.

RESOLVED: "That the articles of the Convention be copied and that copies be sent to such members of the Executive Committee as desired them."

268. CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AND ECONOMIES. It was reported that the proposals made by the Finance Committee, after considering the report of the sub-Committee on the present expenditure of the Union and on the possibility of effecting economies, had been considered by the Consultative Committee; and that the Consultative Committee had approved of these proposals subject to the deletion of the paragraphs relating to written confidential reports of members of the staff.

RESOLVED: "That the proposals of the Finance Committee thus amended constitute the Executive's report for the next meeting of the General Council."

269. EL MEMBERSHIP. It was reported that the Consultative Committee had considered so much of Minute No. 248 of the Executive as had been referred for their observations, together with the draft circular to branches laid before the Executive at its last meeting. The Consultative Committee had approved the Executive's resolutions and the draft circular subject to the omission of so much of the last resolution as follows the words "El member

in the second line and subject to the removal of the corresponding passage from the draft circular.

RESOLVED: "That the resolution in Minute No. 247 and the draft circular letter to branches be amended so as to provide that the passages proposed by the Consultative Committee for omission shall apply only to branches which desire to receive the concession in question and that the amended resolutions be acted upon and the amended circular sent to branches."

270. ANTI-SLAVERY CONVENTION. A communication from Mr. Charles Roberts, the President of the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society, was read. This letter stated that the Society were setting up a sub-Committee in order to consider and make recommendations upon what further steps public opinion can take between now and next year to expand the usefulness of the proposed Anti-Slavery Convention and to secure the adherence of other Governments to the British proposals, and asking the Executive Committee of the Union to appoint representatives to serve on this sub-Committee.

RESOLVED: "That the following be asked to serve; Sir Charles Hobhouse, Mr. Leif Jones, Professor Gilbert Murray and Mr. L.H. Wynch."

The Secretary mentioned that the Council of the Federation of League of Nations Societies would be meeting in Lausanne in a few weeks and would welcome any proposals that the Executive Committee might make in regard to the Anti-Slavery Convention. If the Overseas Committee approved, the Union's delegates would be Sir Willoughby Dickinson (as President of the Council), Sir Walter Napier, Mr. Wynch and Captain A.E.W. Thomas.

271. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - VACANCIES. The Secretary reported a communication from Professor Webster regretting that for lack of time he was unable to accept a seat on the Executive Committee.

RESOLVED: "That the Sub-Committee (consisting of Major Hills, Lady Gladstone and Mr. Delisle Burns) which considered nominations for co-optation to the Executive be asked to meet again to consider further names and recommend."

Members of the Executive were asked to notify the Secretary of any names they would like put forward. Meantime, the names of Mr. Charles Roberts and Sir Walter Napier were mentioned.

272. BROADCASTING. The Consultative Committee having recommended that Lord Cecil's broadcast speech during Armistice Week takes place as arranged at 10.15 p.m. on Friday, November 13th, the Committee decided to amend their Minute which urged that an endeavour should be made to change the date to November 11th at a time of evening meeting hours.

273. SIXTH ASSEMBLY - MR. WILSON HARRIS. Mr. Norris drew the attention of the Committee to the splendid meeting held on the previous day in the Caxton Hall at which a very helpful address was given to London Branch Secretaries and others by Mr. Wilson Harris on the work of the Sixth Assembly.

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274. SIR HENRY LUNN - COMMUNICATION FROM LORD CECIL. The Chairman read a communication from Lord Cecil who stated that Sir Henry Lunn was going to America in order to speak upon the question of the union of the Churches and also the League of Nations asking him as President of the League of Nations for a letter of recommendation. He asked the Committee's approval to such a letter being given. The Chairman was asked to write Lord Cecil that the Committee would be pleased if he would give Sir Henry Lunn a most cordial letter.
275. NEW FILM. A letter from the Duchess of Atholl was read to the Committee. The Duchess protested against the film showing an analysis of the budget expenditure on the grounds that if local rates and private endowments were being taken into account the money spent annually in England on education and other social services, bore a far larger proportion to the budget expenditure on armaments. The actual proportion between the expenditure on education and on war services would be replaced by a very much larger proportion if expenditure from local rates and other private endowments on education were taken into account.
- RESOLVED: "That a Committee consisting of Major Hills, Mr. Leif Jones and Mr. Worsley be asked to discuss the matter with the Duchess of Atholl and that meanwhile steps be taken to amend the film so that the expenditure compared should include expenditure by the local authorities as well as by the National Government."
276. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending October 13th showed an overdraft on that date amounting to £2,793.16s.8d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £1,731.14s.3d.
277. RESOLUTIONS. The Committee considered draft resolutions by the Chairman together with amendments sent in by various members of the Committee and

RESOLVED: "That the resolutions be adopted in the following form and sent to the Government, to the Branches, and to the Press:-

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION recognising the profound importance to the world both of the speedy entry of Germany into the League as a permanent member of the Council and of the conclusion of a guaranteed pact of peace and arbitration, "framed in the spirit of the League Covenant and worked in close harmony with the League and under its guidance", between Germany and France; watch with eager sympathy the progress of negotiations directed towards these two objects.

They note with extreme satisfaction the reaffirmation by the Sixth Assembly of the principles of arbitration, security and disarmament; record their conviction that these principles can only attain their full realisation through a general arrangement binding all members of the League; and trust that any pact which may emerge from the present negotiations with Germany will be followed by some such general arrangement.

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They note with special pleasure that the Governments of twenty-three nations, including those of France and Belgium, have now signed the Optional Clause of the Statute of the International Court; while several nations have concluded amongst themselves special treaties of unconditional arbitration for the peaceful settlement of all disputes whatever. They deeply regret that Great Britain is not included in this number.

They note also with satisfaction the British Government's attitude towards the League on the Mosul controversy and trust that both parties will loyally abide by the Council's decision when given and whatever it may be.

They welcome the new draft Convention on Slavery and Forced Labour proposed to Governments by the Sixth Assembly; note with the gravest concern the prevalence, as revealed by the evidence before the League Commission, of evils in this connection of which the public was unaware; and trust that every effort will be made to secure the amendment of the present draft Convention in such a way as

- (1) to prohibit entirely the use of forced labour for private profit;
- (2) to recognise the use of forced labour as permissible only when necessary to secure the execution of essential public works;
- (3) to establish in regard to such forced labour in the territories of all signatory States a standard at least as high as that exacted in mandate areas.

They warmly welcome the proposals made by the Sixth Assembly for an expert Conference to consider the technical problems of disarmament, and for the taking in hand by the League Council of the proposals for an international economic Conference.

The Committee — recalling that the recent persecution and massacres of the Armenian people were in part the consequence of that people's reliance on promises made by the Allied and Associated Governments, that those promises have not been fulfilled, and that a remnant of the Armenian people still exists, homeless and destitute — welcome Dr. Nansen's proposals for the settlement of Armenian refugees in the Republic of Erivan. The Committee trust that the Commission appointed by the League to enquire into the details of the scheme may report favourably, and that His Majesty's Government will use its influence to carry to a successful termination either this or some alternative project for the final settlement of the Armenian question."

Mr. Barnes said that he would put a resolution on the Agenda for an early meeting of the Committee on the question of the limitation of armaments.

#### 278. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. The Minutes of the Women's Advisory Council dated October 7th were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (148) Representatives nominated to the Council; (149) Co-optation of Members; (150) Standing Sub-Committee's Report; (151) Reports by Representatives; (153) Standing Orders, Amendments To.]

- (b) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated October 8th were approved and adopted, with the exception of Minute No. 64, the matter in which, in the opinion of the Committee, should remain at the discretion of the Chairman.

These Minutes included (63) Changes in the Staff; (64) Officers of the Union and the Writing of Political Articles for the Press; (65) Travelling Secretary for the East Midlands; (66) Miss I.R.C. Watkins; (67) Special Meeting.

- (c) LIBRARY COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Library Committee dated October 8th were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (11) Matters arising out of Minutes; (12) Staff; (13) List of Books for Purchase and Scope of Library; (14) Shelving and Equipment; (15) Advertisement of Library; (16) Any other business.

279. ROTARY. The Secretary read a communication from Mr. Vivian Carter, the Secretary of the Rotary International, asking that a Conference of four of its members and the Secretary with representatives of the Union might discuss the ways and means whereby Rotary and the Union could co-operate along the lines of the Sixth Object of Rotary and the Economic programme of the League. Mr. Vivian Carter suggested that the Conference should take place at lunch on Thursday, October 22nd.

RESOLVED: "That the following be asked to meet the representatives of Rotary: Professor Gilbert Murray, Major Hills, Mr. Worsley, Vice-Admiral Drury Lowe and the Secretary."

280. MR. FRED BRAMLEY. The Secretary was asked to nominate a member of the Union's staff to represent the Union at the funeral of Mr. Fred Bramley on the following day.
281. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. The following sixteen new Branches, thirteen Junior Branches, one hundred and thirteen Corporate Members, and eleven Corporate Associates were formally recognised.

Branches: Abercrombi, Glam; Aberdare, Glam; Ammanford, (Tir-y-dall Welsh Wesleyan Church) Carmarthens; Aysgarth, York; Bangor (Pendref) Carmarvons; Bangor (Princes Road), Carmarvons; Bethnal Green, London; Brampton Bryan, Herefords; Bristol, (Barton Hill B'hood and S'lood) Glos; Bulwell, Notts; Camberwell, (Denmark Place Baptist Church) London; Castleford, Yorks; Kings Norton & Cotteridge, Warwicks; Llanfaethln (Sear Baptist Church) Anglesey; Llangaffo (Bethania) Anglesey; Nunhead, London; Oxenholme & Natland, Westmorland; Penrhicorber (Carmel) Glam; Penygarnedd (Wesleyan) Kent; St. Marthas (Shalford, Chilworth, Albury, Blackheath) Surrey; Williamstown (Nazareth) Glam.

Alterations: Newquay & District Branch now to be known as the Cross Inn (Cardigans) Branch; Menai Bridge (Penucheldref) now to be known as the Llansadwrn Branch; New Quay (Towyn Cong. Church) now to be known as the New Quay Branch. Deletions: Aston Clinton (Bucks); Brierly Hill (Staffs.); Briston (Norfolk); Milford (Derbys); Pudsey & District (Yorks). Junior Branches: Bromley - The Valley Girls Council School; Buxton - Kent Bank Boys School; Buxton - Hardwick Square Girls School; Derby - Parkfield Cedar's Secondary School; Holyhead - Cybi Boys School; Kennington - Secondary School; Llanberis - Dolbadarn Council School;

Machynlleth - Penyroes C.E. School; Nobe - Council School;  
 Newtown - Sam C.E. School; Pwllheli - Council School;  
 Newbrough - Council School; Ramsgate - Junior Section;  
 Welshpool - Buttrington C.E. School; Deletion: Winchester  
 College Junior Branch. Corporate Members: United Free Church,  
 Broughty Ferry, Scotland; Liberal Association, Dundee; St. John's  
 (Cross) Parish Church, Dundee; Willison U.F. Church, Dundee;  
 Wallneuk U.F. Church, Glasgow; Y.W.C.A. Hut, Greenock; Congre-  
 gational Church, Windsor; Sinderland Congregational Church,  
 Altrincham; Presbyterian Church, Sale, Cheshire; Presbyterian  
 Church, Workington, Cumberland; Congregational Church, Melbourne,  
 Derby; Soreby Street Congregational Church, Chesterfield;  
 Princess Street Congregational Church, Levenport; Women's Section  
 of the Exeter Labour Party, Exeter; Beacon Congregational Church,  
 Exmouth; Congregational Church, Kingsbridge; Rotary Club, Newton  
 Abbott; Wesley Guild, Okohampton; Free Church Council, Torquay;  
 Rotary Club, Torquay; Congregational Church, Verwood, Dorset;  
 Three Cross Congregational Church, Wimborne; Yarn Road Wesley  
 Guild, Stockton-on-Tees; Congregational Church, Safron Walden;  
 Congregational Church Hornchurch; Wesley Church, Southend-on-Sea;  
 Congregational Church, S.Woodford; Practical Psychology Club of  
 Bristol; Cove Parish Church Council, Farnborough; Society of  
 Friends, Canterbury; Congregational Church, Faversham; Divisional  
 Labour Party, Gillingham; Furthergate Congregational Church,  
 Blackburn; Derby Street Congregational Church, Bolton; Edgworth  
 Congregational Church, Bolton, Rose Hill Congregational Church,  
 Bolton; Four Lane Ends Congregational Church, Bury; Wesley S.S.  
 1st. Females, Farnworth; Lancs. & Cheshire Association for the  
 Abolition of the State Regulation of Vice; King Street U.M. Church  
 Young Men's Class, Oldham; Lees Road P.M. Church Young Men's Class,  
 Oldham; Pastures Congregational Church, Oldham; Lees Street Congre-  
 gational Church, Openshaw, Lancs; Dundee Congregational Church,  
 Ramsbottom, Lancs; Congregational Church, St. Annes-on-Sea; Bank  
 Quay Working Men's Mission, Warrington, Lancs; Cairo Street  
 Chapel, Warrington; Friars Green Independent Methodist Church,  
 Warrington; Holy Trinity Church, Warrington; Warrington & Distr  
 Sunday School Union; Chamber of Commerce, Warrington; Wycliffe  
 Congregational Church, Warrington; St. Pauls Congregational  
 Church, Wigan; Belgrave Hall Wesleyan Church, Leicester; No. 2  
 Branch National Union of Boot & Shoe Operatives, Leicester;  
 Railway Clerks' Association, Leicester; South Bar Congregational  
 Church, Lincoln; Browning Settlement, Walworth; Bahai National  
 Assembly, Walworth; Mothers' Meeting, Lewisham; Dawes Road Congre-  
 gational Church, Fulham; United Methodist Church, Herne Hill;  
 St. Mary's Parish Church, Lewisham; New Court Congregational  
 Church, M. Islington; Clifton Congregational Church, Peckham;  
 Congregational Church, Plaistow; St. Oswalds Parochial Church  
 Council, Leytonstone; Congregational Church, New Malden, Surrey;  
 Parochial Church Council, New Malden; Congregational Church,  
 South Croydon; Congregational Church, Ponders End; Congregational  
 Church, Desborough, Northants; Congregational Church, Daventry,  
 Northants; Primrose Hill Congregational Church, Northampton;  
 High Street Congregational Church, Wellingborough; Annesley &  
 Newstead Wesleyan Church, Hucknall, Notts; Women's Adult School,  
 Hucknall; National Union of Railwaymen, Hucknall, Paton Congre-  
 gational College, Nottingham; Princess Street Congregational  
 Church, Yeovil, Somerset; Unitarian Free Church, Walsall, Staffs;  
 Cambridge St. Wesley Guild, Rugby; Congregational Church, Saxmund-  
 ham, Suffolk; Buckland Congregational Church, Portsmouth; Congre-  
 gational Church, Cuckfield, Sussex; Congregational Church,  
 Worthing; No. 1 Branch of Railway Clerks' Association, Acocks  
 Green, Warwicks; Blackheath Congregational Church, Birmingham;  
 Tennant Street Women's Section of Labour Party, Ladywood, Warwicks;  
 Primitive Methodist Wednesday afternoon, Bromsgrove, Worcs;  
 Women's Adult School, Bromsgrove; Baptist Church, Worcester;  
 Sisterhood, Worcester; Women's Co-operative Guild, Worcester;

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Congregational Church, Batley, Yorks; College Congregational Church, Bradford; United Congregational Church, Dewsbury, Yorks; Congregational Church, Elland, Yorks; Norwood Green Congregational Church, Halifax, Yorks; Upper Independent Congregational Church, Heckmondwike, Yorks; Richmond Hill Wesleyan Methodist Circuit, Leeds; Congregational Church, Marsden, Yorks; Congregational Church, Moldgreen, Yorks; Cleveland Miners' Association, Saltburn, Yorks; Queen Street Congregational Church, Sheffield; Kipping Chapel, Thornton, Yorks; Congregational Church, Westgate, Yorks; Zion Congregational Church, Wibsey, Yorks; Wombwell Congregational Church, Barnsley; Zion Congregational Church, Wakefield; Westgate Congregational Church, Burnley, Yorks; Zion Congregational Church, Halifax, Yorks. Corporate Associates: Bradley & Rockenham Women's Institute; Burstwick Women's Institute; Broadway Women's Institute; Chiddingly Women's Institute; Chiddingstone Women's Institute; Claines Women's Institute; Eynsford Women's Institute; Husbands Bosworth Women's Institute; Furbrook Women's Institute; Bromsgrove Primitive Methodist Women's Meeting; Ivy Leaves Girls' Club.

It was reported that there were now 2,155 Branches, 266 Junior Branches, 1,357 Corporate Members, 190 Corporate Associates and 484,601 members.

282. NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED: "That a meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, October 22nd at 11.30 a.m. to discuss the budget for the following year and also to consider the minutes of the North Africa Committee, the Minorities Committee and the Editorial Committee."

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

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair),  
Rt.Hon.G.N.Barnes, A.W.Claremont, Sir Willoughby  
Dickinson, Viscountess Gladstone, Lady Hall, J.H.  
Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major J.W.Hills, Sir  
Charles Hobhouse, F.N.Keen, Rev. A.J.D. Llewelyn,  
E.W.Morton-George, T.Norris, F.G.Penman, H.D.  
Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch, together with  
the Secretary.

283. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr. DeLisle Burns, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Lord Queenborough, Mrs. Runciman, Mr. Cadbury, Mr. W.Salmon, and Lady Selborne.
284. MINUTES. Subject to an amendment in Minutes 274 and 279, the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 15th October, 1925, were approved as circulated.
285. MR. FRED BRAMLEY. The Secretary reported that Mr. Fanshawe had attended Mr. Bramley's funeral on behalf of the League of Nations Union.
286. ROTARY. It was reported that the Luncheon arranged for that afternoon with the Rotary International (Association for Great Britain and Ireland) had been postponed. The Union's representatives would be communicated with so soon as the new date was fixed.
287. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.
- (a) MINORITIES COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Minorities Committee, dated 13th October, 1925, were approved and adopted.
- /These Minutes included (2) Delegate to Federation Minorities Committee; (3) Scheme of Procedure Proposed by Federation, and Sir Walter Napier's Proposed Amendments thereto./
- (b) EDITORIAL COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Editorial Committee dated 14th October, 1925, were approved and adopted.
- The question of the further development of SPEAKERS' NOTES was referred to a special Committee, consisting of Messrs. J.H.Harris, E.W.Morton-George, F.G.Penman, who had been nominated by the Management Committee as a special committee to consider and report upon the organisation of the Public Meetings Department.
- /These Minutes included (31) HEADWAY memorandum; (32) Quarterly News Sheet - Suggested Alteration in Make-up; (33) Book by John Oxenham - Offer by Messrs. Methuen; (34) Co-optation to the Editorial Committee; (35) Consideration of Suggested New Publications./

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- (c) NORTH AFRICA COMMITTEE. The Committee considered the Minutes of the North Africa Committee dated October 14th and in particular the following resolution of the North Africa Committee:-

"The North Africa Committee having considered the report from Sir Charles Hobhouse and Miss Ruth Fry, who proceeded to Tangier to enquire into the situation of the refugees in international territory, which is unable to support them from its own resources and in consideration of the resolutions received from constituent branches of the Union, recommend the Executive Committee to make an appeal to its branches and to the general public for assistance to these refugees, who require both money and clothing to relieve their great and urgent needs.

The Committee are informed that the Society of Friends, through the agency of Miss Ruth Fry, are prepared to accept and forward any gifts received."

Sir Charles Hobhouse spoke to the resolution and then it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That Sir Charles Hobhouse, as a member of the League of Nations Union Executive Committee, who went to Tangier at the request of the Executive Committee, be asked to write a letter to the "Times" explaining the position and making an appeal for funds for the relief of refugees."

(2) "That a special article on the subject should appear in the December HEADWAY which would also give the address to which gifts for the relief of refugees might be sent."

Subject to the above and an alteration in the fourth line of Minute No. 2 which should read "refugees number about 6,500", the Minutes of the North Africa Committee dated 14th October, 1925, were approved and adopted.

- (d) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated 15th October, 1925, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (68) Travelling Secretary; (69) Annual Review of Salaries and Wages; (70) Miss White.]

The Secretary orally reported upon the meeting of the Staff Appointments Committee held earlier in the day, and it was

RESOLVED: "That a special Committee consisting of the Chairman, Lady Hall, Mr. Barnes, Major Hills, and the Secretary, be asked to consider the final adjustment of the duties to be performed by Miss Hinton Smith and Miss Richards in the Labour Department."

- (e) FINANCE COMMITTEE. Except for the ~~acceptance of~~ Minute No. 95, ~~owing to a~~ change of circumstances, rendering the Minute unnecessary, the Minutes of the Finance Committee dated 20th October, 1925, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (86) Economies; (87) Financial Statement; (88) Labour Intelligence Personnel; (89) Alterations in Salaries and Wages; (90) Church Magazine Inset; (91) Budget for 1926; (92) Assembly Tour; (93) Prebendary Rudolf; (94) Appeal; (95) Dame Adelaide Livingstone; (96) Hotel Scheme; (97) Passing of Cheques for Payment.]

288. BUDGET 1926. The Finance Committee having reported that the Union's income in 1926 was not likely to be less than £30,000 and having recommended that the Union's expenditure in 1926 be £30,000 as set forth in the tables circulated to the Executive beforehand, the Committee

RESOLVED: "That these proposals be approved and adopted subject to the transfer of the sum of £50 from "Contingency Fund" to "Branches and General" so as to provide for the increase in Mr. Freshwater's salary just decided upon; and accordingly to recommend for the approval of the General Council the expenditure in 1926 of £30,000 as set forth in the last column of the following table:-

PROPOSED EXPENDITURE FOR 1926, TOGETHER WITH THAT  
AUTHORISED FOR 1925.

Analysed, for purposes of comparison, under the Headings  
of the Budget for 1924.

	1924 (Actual)			1925 (Authorised)		1926 (Proposed)	
	£	s.	d.	£		£	
A1	Administration	2,101	3	6	2,220	2,160	
A2	Intelligence	1,236	4	4	1,330	1,306	
A3	Library	100	11	6	200	270*	
A4	Editorial & Publicity	1,156	15	1	1,170	1,157	
A5 & B2	Public Meetings and Speakers	2,734	0	7	2,575	2,440	
A6	Branches & General	1,663	13	3	1,635	<del>1,635</del> 1755	
B1	Regional Organisa- tions	6,064	13	4	7,000	6,050	
A7 & B5	Overseas	1,331	12	4	1,135 <sup>f</sup>	910 <sup>f</sup>	
A8	Parliamentary	435	10	3	450	450	
A9 & B4	Educational Organisa- tions	1,050	2	6	1,110	1,162	
A10 & B3	Labour Organisations	822	7	10	1,255	1,121	
A11	Religious Organisa- tions	306	14	4	300	300	
A12	Women's Organisations	419	14	0	485	507	
A13	Special Activities	-	-	-	45**	550	
A14	Clerical Services	3,456	13	8	3,320	3,354	
A15	Accounts	370	2	0	1,000	1,000	
A16	Stationery, etc.	325	1	3	300	350	
A17	Postages, etc.	1,087	2	4	1,100	1,100	
A18	Office Maintenance	3,116	5	10	2,545	2,545	
A19	Insurances	195	8	5	200	200	
A20	Audit & Accountancy Charges	175	0	0	135	135	
A21	Bank & Legal Charges	-	-	-	15	15	
A22	Travelling Expenses, not charged to other accounts	161	14	11	150	150	
	British Empire Exhibi- tion Pavilion	026	10	2	-	<del>500</del> 550	
C	Contingency Fund	-	-	-	500	<del>500</del> 550	
		£30,827	11	5	£31,125	£31,125	
	Less "Appeals" share of overheads	1,125	0	0	1,125	1,125	
		£29,702	11	5	£30,000	£30,000	

\* Exclusive of grant from Carnegie United Kingdom Trust.

<sup>f</sup> Exclusive of £500 specially contributed by Mr. David  
Davies, M.P.

\*\* In the 1925 Budget this £45 was included under  
Women's Organisations.

The Committee also approved of the circulation to the Union's Branches and District Councils along with the above table, the following statement showing proposed expenditure for 1926, divided into Central Expenditure on the one hand and Regional and Overseas Expenditure on the other:—

CENTRAL EXPENDITURE	£	£
A 1. Administration	2,169	
2. Intelligence	1,396	
3. Library	270*	
4. Editorial & Publicity	1,187	
5. Public Meetings	804	
6. Branches and General	<del>1,600</del>	
7. Overseas	500	+ 1755
8. Parliamentary	450	
9. Educational Organisations	662	
10. Labour Organisations	521	
11. Religious Organisations	600	
12. Women's Organisations	507	
13. Special Activities	590	
14. Clerical Services	3,364	
15. Accounts	1,800	
16. Stationery	850	
17. Postages, etc.,	1,100	
18. Office Maintenance	2,545	
19. Insurances	200	
20. Audit and Accountancy Charges	135	
21. Bank and Legal Charges	15	
22. Travelling Expenses not charged to other accounts	150	
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	20,800	
Less "Appeals" share of overheads	<hr/> 1,125	19, <del>675</del> 725
REGIONAL AND OVERSEAS EXPENDITURE		
B 1. Regional Representatives and Offices	6,950	
2. Speakers (Public Meetings)	1,645	
3. Speakers (Labour Organisations)	600	
4. Travelling Secretary for Universities and Colleges	500	
5. International Federation of League of Nations Societies	330	10,025
C CONTINGENCY FUND		<hr/> <del>300</del> 250
		<hr/> £30,000
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\* Exclusive of grant from Carnegie United Kingdom Trust

+ Exclusive of £500 specially contributed by Mr. David Davies, M.P.

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289. CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. The Secretary having read the draft minutes of the Consultative Committee, dated 14th October, 1925, these minutes together with the recommendations therein were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (38) National Canvass; (39) Broadcasting; (40) Circulation of Minutes; (41) Economics Report; (42) One Pound Membership; (43) District Council's Finances; (44) Armistice Day Leaflet; (45) Youth Section; (46) Branch Letter; (47) Public Meetings; (48) Cambridge Summer School.]

290. LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS. The resolution proposed by Mr. G.N. Barnes was amended and passed in the following form:-

THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION rejoice in the conclusion of pacts at Locarno which definitely provide for the inclusion of Germany in the League of Nations, and offer their respectful congratulations to all those whose good fortune it has been to have assisted in the elaboration of such pacts; and

in view of the statement in the Final Protocol of the Locarno agreements that the entry into force of these Treaties

"will hasten on effectively the disarmament provided for in Article 8 of the Covenant of the League of Nations"

and that the signatories

"undertake to give their sincere co-operation to the work relating to disarmament already undertaken by the League of Nations and to seek the realisation thereof in a general agreement"

the Executive Committee respectfully urge on His Majesty's Government the advisability of taking the lead in such a policy of disarmament without undue delay."

291. CONFERENCE ON INSURANCE. The Chairman referred to the Conference on Insurance which is being organised by the Labour Department and the Chairman said that temporary assistance was needed by the Labour Department for organising this Conference.

During the subsequent discussion, Mr. Worsley made a communication to the Secretary that would enable the cost of temporary assistance to be made without charge to the Union's finance. The committee

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Worsley be heartily thanked and that the necessary assistance be provided."

292. INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - NOMINATIONS.

RESOLVED: "That the following be asked to serve upon the new Industrial Advisory Committee as nominees of the Executive:- Chairman - Lord Burnham, Sir Robert Donald, Mr. G.N. Barnes, Miss Constance Smith, Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, Lady Hall, Mr. Delisle Burns, Miss Madeleine Symons, and Major Hills as an ex officio member."

It was reported that Captain Green and Mr. Lawrence Cadbury who had last year been nominated by the Executive Committee, were prepared to serve this year as employers.

293. GREECE AND BULGARIA. The Committee's attention was drawn to the announcement in the newspaper that morning of an ultimatum by Greece to Bulgaria, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the following resolution be sent to the Government, the Press and to Branches:-

'The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union trust that the Government, if it has not already done so, will immediately call the attention of the Council to the threat of war between Greece and Bulgaria.'

294. ROYAL CHARTER. Mr. Claremont reported the receipt of a letter from the Privy Council stating that the Union's Charter had been signed, and a letter from the Home Office stating that they had "received instructions to take the necessary steps for obtaining Letters Patent under the Great Seal granting a Charter of Incorporation to the League of Nations Union."

RESOLVED: "That the hearty thanks of the Committee be accorded to Mr. Claremont for the great service he has rendered to the Union in connection with the Charter."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, 29TH  
OCTOBER, 1925 AT 11.15 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Rt. Hon. G.N. Barnes, C. Delisle Burns, Viscountess Gladstone, Lady Hall, John H. Harris, Major Hills, F.N. Keen, E.W. Morton-George, T. Norris, F.G. Penman, W.J. Salmon, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley, together with the Secretary.

295. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr. Lawrence Cadbury, Mr. Claremont, Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe, Sir Arthur Haworth, the Rev. A.J.D. Ewelyn and Mrs. Runciman.
296. MINUTES. Subject to amendments to Minutes 287(e) and 288, The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held 22nd October, 1925, were approved as circulated.
297. ROTARY. The Secretary reported as follows on an interview he had had with Mr. Sydney Pascall, a Vice-President of the Rotary International (Association for Great Britain and Ireland) and Mr. Vivian Carter, its Secretary:-

"The action taken by the Rotary International last summer had resulted in very considerable progress with one side of the reciprocal arrangements set forth in Minute 74 of the Executive Committee's meeting on March 12th, 1925. More than 150 out of the 180 Rotary Clubs in Great Britain had appointed an International Affairs' representative from among their members. These representatives would join the Union, take an active part in the work of the local branch, arrange for at least one speech on the League of Nations and International Relations to be delivered to their respective Rotary Clubs every year but not endeavour to get their Rotary Clubs to become Corporate Members of the Union. (In a few cases Rotary Clubs have become Corporate Members, but the Headquarters of the Rotary movement, while raising no objection in these cases, considers any wholesale attempt to get Rotary Clubs to become Corporate Members of the Union would be inconsistent with the character of Rotary and therefore to be discouraged.)

On the other side of the reciprocal arrangements little or nothing had yet been done. Mr. Pascall accordingly proposed to call a meeting of the 150 International Affairs' representatives of British Rotary Clubs. This meeting will be held in London sometime in January. Its morning session should open with an address by Mr. Pascall on the need for and manner of Rotary's co-operation with the Union by assisting the local branch and by securing speakers for the Rotary Club on the League and International Relations. Mr. Vivian Carter and Dr. Garnett should be present to answer questions.



After the morning session there would be a luncheon at which it is hoped that Professor Murray will make a short speech surveying the political situation.

The afternoon session will be concerned with the Sixth Object of Rotary:-

"The advancement of understanding, goodwill and international peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the Rotary ideal of service."

and the Union's help towards attaining it.

The session will begin with a speech by Sir Arthur Salter on the Economic Conference proposed to be held under the League's auspices and should end with a resolution setting forth the desire of British Rotary that the assistance of the League of Nations Union and the Federation of League of Nations Societies to secure that this Economic Conference should discuss and perhaps take the first step towards obtaining an international code of business ethics.

Mr. Pascall and Mr. Carter suggested a Conference towards the end of November between three representatives of the Union and three representatives of Rotary further to discuss the proposed January meeting."

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary's report be approved and that in the event of the suggested Conference being held towards the end of November, the Union be represented by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe, and Mr. Herbert Worsley."

298. THE UNION'S PERIODICALS. Arising out of Minute 286(b) it was

RESOLVED: "That the Consultative Committee should be asked for their observations on the memorandum contained in the Minutes of the Editorial Committee of October 13th on HEADWAY and an alternative periodical."

299. COUNCIL'S VOTE 1926. The Secretary asked the Committee to make a recommendation as to the Council's Vote for 1926, and reminded them of the following resolution of the General Council on June 23rd last:-

"That Branches shall retain one-quarter (but not less than ninepence) of every Branch member's subscription and pay the balance to headquarters, who will meet the cost of the literature to which subscribers are entitled; and that the Council's Vote be increased by £5,000 per annum in order to compensate for the abolition of the threepenny capitation fee which is at present payable under Rule 12(i) and which does not form part of the Council's Vote."

This would mean that unless the scale of the Council's Vote was to be altered, the amount of the Council's Vote for 1926 should be £25,000.

RESOLVED: "To recommend that the Council's Vote for 1926 be £25,000."

300. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending 27th October, 1925, showed a Bank Overdraft on that date amounting to £2,435.6s.10d., with outstanding accounts amounting to £1,464.5s.0d.

301. GIFT FROM MESSRS. CADBURY. The Secretary reported a communication from Messrs. Cadbury announcing a promise under seal to give the Union a sum of £14,000 in the form of £2,000 a year for the next seven years. The Committee expressed its gratitude for this splendid gift and the Chairman said he would write a letter of thanks to Messrs. Cadbury on behalf of the Executive Committee.

302. LOCARNO AGREEMENTS. The Secretary reported the following communication from Mr. Austen Chamberlain:-

"In the crowd at Victoria Station, I could do no more to express my feelings than shake hands with Sir Willoughby Dickinson, but I should like to express to you, and through you to him and the other representatives of the League of Nations Union who came to greet me at the station, my warm appreciation of their kindness and my gratitude for the support given by the Union."

Mr. Austen Chamberlain had also telegraphed from Locarno, in reply to one of congratulation from Professor Murray:-

"Best thanks for your message and for the valuable support you have given to policy."

303. GERMANY AND THE LEAGUE. The Secretary reported that at the previous day's meeting of the Liaison Committee between the World Alliance and the League of Nations Union, it had been proposed, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, that both parties should hold thanksgiving services on the day of the signature of the Locarno Treaties, namely a mid-day service at St. Martins-in-the-Fields and an evening service in the City Temple.

RESOLVED: "To approve of these arrangements."

The Secretary suggested that a demonstration should be held in January to celebrate the ratification of the Locarno Treaties and Germany's entry into the League. The Union, by that time, will also have received its Royal Charter and more than likely obtained its first half-million members. He proposed to hold a meeting in the Queen's Hall, or perhaps the Albert Hall, to be addressed by Lord Grey, Mr. Austen Chamberlain and a Labour leader; perhaps Mr. Ramsay Macdonald would speak. The Committee were of the opinion that Professor Murray, as Chairman of the Executive Committee, should preside.

RESOLVED: "To approve of the suggested programme and meeting, and to ask Professor Murray to communicate with Mr. Ramsay Macdonald."

304. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VACANCIES. Major Hills reported that the special Committee, consisting of Lady Gladstone, Mr. Delisle Burns and himself, had considered recommendations to fill the five vacancies on the Executive Committee, and they unanimously recommended that the following should be invited:- Mrs. M.A. Hamilton, Miss Maxse, Mrs. Wintringham, Mr. Charles Roberts, and Sir Walter Napier.

The Committee further recommended that Mr. Percy Bigland and Mrs. Claremont be invited to accept membership of the General Council of the Union.

RESOLVED: "To approve of these recommendations."

305. DR. NANSEN'S AMENDMENT TO THE SLAVERY CONVENTION. The Secretary read a communication from Mr. A.E. Zimmermann saying he was in thorough agreement with the general tenor of the Executive's resolutions in regard to the Assembly, but suggested that if it was not too late to consider it, the Union should support Dr. Nansen's proposed amendment to the Slavery Convention, calling for an annual report to the League by the Powers on the working of systems of forced labour permitted by them.

RESOLVED: "That this be referred to the Committee on Slavery which was being constituted by the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Society upon which Union representatives had been invited to serve."

306. ARMENIA. The Secretary read a communication from the Secretary of the Armenian (Lord Mayor's) Fund, asking that the Union should make use of a pamphlet which they had just issued, bringing the story of the Armenian Settlement up to date.

RESOLVED: "That mention of this should be made in the letter to Branches, that a copy should be enclosed and that Branch Secretaries be told that they could have further copies from the Secretary of the Armenian Fund if they so desired."

#### 307. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE. Subject to an amendment in Minute 355, the Minutes of the Religions and Ethics Committee dated 21st October, 1925, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (355) Bishop of Kensington's Broadcast Sermon; (356) Peace Sunday.]

- (b) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. Subject to an amendment in Minutes 74(d) and 77, the Minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee, dated 21st October, 1925, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (73) Applications for Corporate Membership; (74) Arrangements for Armistice Day; (75) Geneva Cathedral Service; (76) Finance of the Committee; (77) Sunday School Lessons; (79) Resolutions.]

Mr. J.H. Harris suggested that a table similar to that which appears in the Annual Report showing the number of churches which have joined the Union as Corporate Members of the respective denominations, should be published quarterly.

- (c) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. Subject to Minute 74(2) being revised in accordance with the resolution of the Staff Appointments Committee held earlier in the day, the Minutes of the Committee dated 22nd October, 1925, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (72) Mr. A. J. C. Freshwater; (73) Miss Beatrice Legge; (74) Labour Department - Miss Hinton Smith.]

The Secretary reported orally upon the meeting of the Staff Appointments Committee held earlier in the day, and subject to the addition of a line "at least until the special sub-Committee on Public Meetings has reported" at the end of the first paragraph, and the addition of the words "Garden Parties" in paragraph (4) in a memorandum to be sent to Dame Adelaide Livingstone detailing her new duties, the report was approved and adopted.

- (d) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Management Committee dated 22nd October, 1925, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (67) Recognition of Branches; (68) National Canvass; (69) Military Advertisements; (70) Public Meetings Department; (71) Communication from certain Lancashire Branches.]

- (e) OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. Subject to the Overseas Committee being asked to nominate names in connection with the special Committee suggested under Minute 870(b) and to an amendment in Minute 871(1), the Minutes of the Overseas Committee dated 22nd October, 1925, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (867) Warsaw Conference Resolution on Ex-Service Men; (868) Conference Badges; (869) Lord Willingdon; (870) Meeting of the Council of the Federation; (871) Mr. Delisle Burns' Report on Warsaw Conference; (872) Institute of Pacific Relations; (873) League of Nations Union in India; (874) Overseas Budget for 1926; (875) Miss Stohr's letter; (876) New Education Fellowship; (877) L.N.U. Film; (878) Resignation of Miss Beeth.]

### 308. LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS COMMITTEE.

RESOLVED: "That a meeting of the Limitation of Armaments Committee be summoned for Thursday, November 5th, to advise the Executive as to the best action the Union can now take in regard to the question of the limitation of armaments."

309. DR. GARNETT'S VISIT TO AMERICA. The Chairman drew attention to the fact that this was Dr. Garnett's last Executive Committee before he sailed for America. Both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman took the opportunity to extend to Dr. Garnett the Executive's best wishes for his visit.

310. ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATION COMMITTEES. The Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to a communication from the Association of Education Committees. The Association had decided to address to each of the 250 Education Authorities, members of the Association, a circular letter drafted in the Union's office. This circular letter urged the Education Authorities to co-operate with the League of Nations Union at least in nine specified ways for the purpose of making known to the

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children in the schools the existence and aims of the League of Nations and the terms of its Covenant. They are:-

- (1) The issue of a circular letter on the lines of an enclosed draft.
- (2) The addition of some of the League of Nations Union's publications to the requisition list.
- (3) The distribution of some of these publications, in particular TEACHERS AND WORLD PEACE, ORGANISING PEACE, and LEAGUE NEWS to each school, so that teachers can see the nature of the publications added to the requisition list.
- (4) The organisation of courses of lectures for teachers and encouragement by the Authorities in the arrangement of Teachers' Conferences to discuss the method of League instruction. These conferences would be organised in co-operation with the Teachers' organisations.
- (5) The addition of standard works on the League to Teachers' Libraries.
- (6) Publicity in Gazettes issued by the Authorities of League of Nations Union activities, such as Summer Schools, Lectures, Essay Competitions, New Publications, the Union's Film, Wall Map, etc.
- (7) The inclusion of the Union's lantern slides or some of them in the slide collection of the Authority.
- (8) Arrangements for lectures by Union's speakers in Secondary Schools.
- (9) The issue of a statement on the League in connection with Armistice Day or Empire Day celebrations.

The circular from the Association to the Education Committees enclosed a further circular letter (prepared in the office of the Union) explaining how the schools could best co-operate with the Union. This further circular letter was to be addressed to Chairmen of Secondary Schools, Correspondents and Chairmen of Managers of Elementary Schools and Head Masters and Head Mistresses of Secondary Schools.

311. N.C.P.W. The Committee agreed to a recommendation of the Secretary that Colonel Wyatt, the Travelling Secretary for the South-Western Region, should be asked to attend the Annual Conference of the National Council for the Prevention of War at Bristol as a further representative of the Union.

312. GENERAL COUNCIL — PRELIMINARY AGENDA.

RESOLVED: "That the drafting of the Preliminary Agenda for the General Council meeting in December be left in the hands of the Chairman and Secretary."

313. NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Executive be held on November 19th."

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER  
19TH, 1925, AT 11.15 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Sir Arthur Shirley Benn; Major Clifton Brown, A. W. Claremont, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Lady Gladstone, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Mrs. Hughes-Griffiths, F.N. Keen, Mrs. W.T. Layton, Rev. A.J.D. Llewelyn, J. de V. Loder, E.W. Morton-George, Sir Walter Napier, T. Norris, F.G. Penman, Mrs. Runciman, Lady Selborne, Rt. Hon. Tom Shaw, Raymond Unwin, H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch, together with the Deputy Secretary and Mr. Mills.

314. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr. Delisle Burns, Mr. Lawrence Cadbury, Vice-Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major J.W. Hills, Mr. Leif Jones, Miss Maxse, Mrs. Strachey, Lord Queenborough, and Mr. Henry Vivian.
315. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 29th October, 1925, were approved as circulated.
316. ROTARY. It was reported that Sir Arthur Salter had been asked to address the representatives of Rotary (RIBI) on 12th January. The date of the Conference referred to in Minute 297, would be definitely fixed when a reply was received from Sir Arthur Salter.
317. GERMANY AND THE LEAGUE. The Chairman reported that Mr. Chamberlain had expressed strong views that the proposed meeting in the Albert Hall to celebrate the admission of Germany into the League, should not be held as the demonstration might be misunderstood in Germany.

RESOLVED: "That the proposed meeting be not held."

318. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VACANCIES. It was reported that Miss Maxse, Mr. Charles Roberts and Sir Walter Napier had accepted the invitations to serve on the Executive Committee, but that Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Wintringham did not feel able to accept in view of lack of time.

RESOLVED: "That the special Committee be asked to meet again as soon as Major Hills was able to attend, to make recommendations to the Executive."

319. EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF FOREIGNERS. A suggestion of the Overseas Committee that the Executive should appoint a special Committee to consider the question of the equitable treatment of foreigners and emigration and to present a report ultimately to the Federation, was considered. It was

RESOLVED: "That Lady Gladstone, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Mr. Wynch and Professor Philip Baker be asked to serve on this Committee with power to add to their numbers and that it be suggested that they should invite Lord Willingdon and Mr. T. Harvey to also serve."

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320. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending November 17th, 1925, shewed a Bank Overdraft amounting to £1,164.1s.2d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £1,582.10s.10d.
321. SUBMARINES. The Committee's attention was drawn to the letter of Mr. McKinnon, Chairman of Lloyds, in "The Times", urging that the Government should initiate a Conference for the abolition of submarines. It was reported that letters upon this subject had also been received from various Branches urging that the Union should initiate a national campaign with this purpose in view. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Committee respectfully urge His Majesty's Government to bring before the other Naval Powers, without delay, proposals for the complete abolition of armed submarines and a concomitant reduction of naval armaments."

It was further

- RESOLVED: a) "That this resolution be sent to the Government."
- b) "That it be sent to the Branches with a covering letter urging them to bring it before public meetings and so help to create public opinion in its favour."
- c) "That it be sent to the press."
- d) "That copies of the resolution be also sent to the French Society and the American Society."
- e) "That it also be sent to the Secretary of the Federation of League of Nations Societies."

The Chairman said that he would write a personal letter to both the American and French Societies.

322. LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS. The Committee considered a report of the Limitation of Armaments Committee, dated 5th November, 1925, and adopted the following resolution recommended by that Committee:-

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having regard to the preamble to the Treaties of Locarno which reads:-

"The representatives of the Governments represented here declare their firm conviction that the entry into force of these Treaties...in strengthening peace and security in Europe will hasten on effectively the disarmament provided for in Article VIII of the Covenant of the League of Nations.

They undertake to give their sincere co-operation to the work relating to the disarmament already undertaken by the League of Nations, and to seek the realisation thereof in a general agreement,"

and to the following Resolution of the Sixth Assembly of the League of Nations:-

"The Assembly in conformity with Article 8 of the Covenant requests the Council to make a preparatory study with a view to a conference on the reduction and limitation of armaments, in order that as soon as satisfactory conditions have been assured from the point of view of general security, as provided for in Resolution XIV of the Third Assembly, the said conference may be convened and a general reduction and limitation of armaments may be realised,"

And believing that the effectiveness of the World Conference on the reduction and limitation of armaments proposed by the Sixth Assembly will be very much increased if the Powers principally concerned, come to that Conference with definite plans for a proportional reduction prepared by their experts, as was done for naval armaments by the American Government at Washington

the League of Nations Union urges His Majesty's Government to instruct its naval, military and air advisers to prepare such plans.

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be sent to the Government."

It was further

RESOLVED: "To ask the following to serve on the Limitation of Armaments Committee:- Commander Cochrane, Colonel Carnegie, General Hartley, Sir Frederick Sykes, Lord Thomson."

323. GENERAL COUNCIL - PRELIMINARY AGENDA. The Committee

RESOLVED: "That a resolution on the subject of the reduction and limitation of armaments, similar to the resolution adopted above, should be drafted for the Council Agenda, and that the drafting of this resolution be left in the hands of the Chairman."

The Committee further

RESOLVED: "That the following resolution on the subject of the Hours Convention should also be placed upon the Preliminary Agenda:-

"Seeing that the Hours of Work Convention was adopted at Washington on November 28th, 1919, on British initiative and by an unusually large majority;

And seeing further that the Berne Conference of September 1924 pronounced the general ratification of that Convention to be both possible and desirable;

The General Council of the League of Nations Union respectfully urges His Majesty's Government both in the interest of British industry and in order to promote more humane conditions of labour, to press forward without further delay the necessary negotiations for obtaining such general ratification."



324. LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION FILM. It was reported that the special Committee consisting of Major Hills, Mr. Leif Jones and Mr. Worsley had met and had considered the proposals put forward by the Film Committee to amend the film so as to include the statement on educational expenditure desired by the Duchess of Atholl, Under-Secretary for Education. The Committee had agreed to the proposals and had asked the Duchess to receive the members of the Committee in order to acquaint her with the proposed modifications.

The Duchess had, however, replied that she approved the changes to be made and it was, therefore, not necessary for the deputation to meet her. It was reported that the cost of the alteration to the film would be £30.

325. REVISION OF THE COVENANT. The Committee considered the memorandum on the Revision of the Covenant, prepared by Mr. F.N. Keen. It was

RESOLVED: "That this memorandum be referred to the Amendments to the Covenant Committee."

326. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) LIAISON COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Liaison Committee of the League of Nations Union and the World Alliance, dated 28th October, 1925, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (2) Arrangements for Peace Sunday; (5) Draft Scheme of Joint Action; (6) Services to celebrate the signing of Locarno Treaties.]

(b) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The Minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated 29th October, 1925, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (77) Dame Adelaide Livingstone; (78) Labour Department - Organisation; (79) Mr. Morton-George's Communication.]

The Committee agreed that the special Committee on Public Meetings were at liberty to make any recommendations that they deemed necessary in regard to the organisation of that department.

CHAIRMAN. At this stage the Chairman had to leave the meeting and his place was taken by Viscountess Gladstone.

(c) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Industrial Advisory Committee dated 29th October, 1925, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (1) Composition of Committee; (2) Appointment of a Labour Organisations Sub-Committee; (3) International Association for Social Progress; (4) Hours of Work Convention; (6) I.L.C. Intelligence Work; (7) Night-Baking Convention.]

4(b) It was

RESOLVED: "That the Prime Minister be asked if he could receive a deputation in regard to the immediate ratification of the Hours of Work Convention."

In the event of a favourable reply it was suggested that Mr. Barnes, Mr. Cadbury, Mr. Tom Shaw, Sir Robert Donald and Major Hills should be asked to join that deputation with any other members that the Industrial Advisory Committee might suggest.

- (d) EDUCATION COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Education Committee dated 30th October, 1925, were approved and adopted, subject to recommendation 105(b) being referred to the Finance Committee should this recommendation involve an increase in the budget allowance for this section of the Union's work.

These Minutes included (99) List of Meetings - Teachers, Schools and Colleges; (100) Steps taken by Local Education Authorities; (101) Association of Education Committees; (102) League of Nations Film; (103) Esperanto; (104) Summer Schools, 1926; (105) Work in Training Colleges; (106) Place of League Instruction in the Curriculum; (107) Armistice Day.

Lantern Slides.

RESOLVED: "That the Lantern Slides and Lecture should be brought up to date immediately after each Assembly."

- (e) WELCOME COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Welcome Committee dated 3rd November, 1925, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (154) Mme. de Jouvenel; (155) Co-optation of Members; (156) Visit to Willkommen Klub, Vienna; (157) Entertainment to Signatories of Locarno Pacts; (158) Report of Finance Committee; (159) Conference on Social Insurance.

Locarno Delegates. Lady Gladstone said that the signatories to the Locarno Treaties were being invited by the Union to an afternoon reception on 2nd December. The guests would be received, on behalf of the Union, by Lord Grey of Fallodon,

- (f) MANDATES COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Mandates Committee dated 12th November, 1925, were approved and adopted, and the Committee

RESOLVED: "That the following resolution should be sent to Sir Frederick Lugard to make such use of as he would think wise:-

"That the Mandates Commission should suggest to the Council the propriety of requiring that any mandatory Power which finds it necessary at any time to suspend its ordinary laws should immediately notify the League."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, 3RD  
DECEMBER, 1925, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Mr. G.N. Barnes, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, C. Delisle Burns, David Davies, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Viscountess Gladstone, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Leif Jones, F.N. Keen, Mrs. W.T. Layton, E.W. Morton-George, Sir Walter Napier, T. Norris, Charles Roberts, Mrs. Walter Runciman, the Countess of Selborne, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch, together with the Deputy Secretary and Mr. D.H. Mills.

327. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr. Norman Angell, Major Clifton Brown, Mr. Cadbury, Sir Nicholas Grattan Doyle, Vice-Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, Major Hills, Miss Maxse, Lord Queenborough and Mr. Salmon.
328. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 19th November, 1925, were approved as circulated.
329. ROTARY. It was reported that the Conference with Rotary (RIBI) would take place on 12th January, 1926; that Professor Murray would address the delegates at lunch, and that Sir Arthur Salter would speak in the afternoon.
330. MR. DAVID DAVIES. The Chairman, on behalf of the Executive, welcomed Mr. David Davies' return to the Executive after his long illness.
331. SUBMARINES. The Chairman reported that he had written to the Secretary of the Federation and also to the French Society in regard to the Executive's resolution on the question of the abolition of submarines. Replies had been received from both M. Ruysens and M. Rudhommeaux, to the effect that it was a delicate question in that the abolition of the submarine would mean a great strengthening of the British Navy, and referred to an interview given by the French Naval Minister, M. Porel to French journalists in which it was stated that the submarine was essentially a defensive weapon and the only safeguard which secondary or small States have of resisting possible aggression by a greater Power.

Admiral Drury-Lowe had written a letter, the general conclusion of which was in agreement with the resolution of the Executive passed at its last meeting. It was

RESOLVED: "That a meeting of the Limitation of Armaments Committee be summoned for 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 15th December, 1925, to discuss this question further and to study the problem of the reduction of armaments generally."

The Chairman having reported that Lord Cecil was of the opinion that conferences on the subject were more useful than ordinary public meetings, it was agreed that a suggestion

should be made to Branches that they should hold conferences on the question of the reduction of armaments and that at these conferences it might be possible to submit a questionnaire on the subject which might be a basis of discussion.

332. HOURS OF WORK CONVENTION. Mr. Barnes promised to move, on behalf of the Executive Committee, the resolution of the Hours of Work Convention at the General Council Meeting.
333. REVISION OF THE COVENANT. The Chairman reported that the Amendments to the Covenant Committee had met and had suggested to Mr. Keen certain revisions to his memorandum.

This Committee did not think it advisable to press for any amendments to the Covenant at the present time but felt that as Mr. Keen's proposals were much in line with the Shotwell proposals and other American proposals, it would be a good plan to send the revised memorandum to the Non-Partisan Association for their comments. The Committee also recommended that the memorandum should afterwards be printed as a pamphlet which should not be regarded as setting forth the Union's policy.

RESOLVED: "That the memorandum, as re-drafted, be sent to the Non-Partisan Association and that after a reply has been received from them the Executive should consider the question of printing it as a pamphlet."

334. MANDATES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following resolution of the last meeting of the Executive, which had been sent to Sir Frederick Lugard, should also be sent to the Federation of League of Nations Societies:-

'That the Mandates Commission should suggest to the Council the propriety of requiring that any Mandatory Power which finds it necessary at any time to suspend its ordinary laws should immediately notify the League.'"

335. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending 1st December, 1925, showed a Bank Overdraft amounting to £2,058.8s.11d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £1,489.4s.9d.
336. FRANCE/MOROCCO - FRANCE/SYRIA. The Committee considered the following resolution of the Weston-super-Mare Branch:-

"That this meeting is of the opinion that the trouble between France and Morocco and France and Syria should be dealt with by the League of Nations at the earliest possible moment, and not postponed."

RESOLVED: "That a letter setting forth the situation with regard to the two matters be sent to the Secretary of the Weston-super-Mare Branch."

337. SOCIAL INSURANCE CONFERENCE. The Committee received an oral report from Lady Hall on the Social Insurance Conference and it was

RESOLVED: "That a brief memorandum on the work of the Conference be sent to the Members of the Executive Committee."

It was suggested that the names and addresses of the people who attended the Conference be given to Colonel Fisher so that they might be approached with an appeal for funds.

338. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN. The Staff retired whilst the Chairman made a communication to the Executive.

339. BYE-ELECTION - GALLOWAY. The Committee received a report on the Galloway Bye-Election.

340. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Subject to a verbal alteration in Minute No. 13, the Minutes of the Industrial Advisory Committee dated 19th November, 1925, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (10) Composition of Committee; (11) Hours of Work Convention; (12) Social Insurance Conference; (13) I.L.O. and Social Legislation Commission; (14) Night-Baking Convention.]

(b) LABOUR ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. Subject to Minute 5(a) being referred to the Editorial Committee, the Minutes of the Labour Organisations Committee, dated 19th November, 1925, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (1) Composition of Sub-Committee; (2) London Conference; (3) Summer Schools; (4) Week-end Schools; (5) L.N.U. Literature; (6) Labour speaker.]

(c) OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Overseas Committee, dated 25th November, 1925, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (881) Mr. David Davies's Return; (882) Ex-Service Men; (883) The Meeting of Council of Federation at Lausanne; (884) Mr. Delisle Burns' Report on Warsaw Conference; (885) Institute of Pacific Relations; (886) Federation Budget; (887) L.N.U. in India; (888) L.N.U. Film; (889) Nomination of Overseas Committee to serve during 1926; (890) Proposed Federation Office at Geneva; (891) Letter from Dominion Organiser of New Zealand L.N.U.; (892) American Colleges in the Near East; (893) Letter from Mrs. Beckett; (894) Mr. Gwilym Davies' Visit to America.]

Minute 285 - Institute of Pacific Relations. The Committee agreed that an endeavour should be made to get someone to represent the League of Nations Union at the proposed Conference of League of Nations Societies to be held in 1927 at Honolulu, but that it be understood that the Union would be unable to pay expenses.

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- (d) FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Finance Committee dated 16th November, 1925, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (99) Financial Statement; (100) Gould Committee; (101) East Anglia; (102) British Universities Group; (103) Composition of Committee; (104) Passing of Cheques for Payment.]

Mr. Herbert Worsley intimated that he regretted he was unable to accept membership of the Finance Committee.

- (e) LIBRARY COMMITTEE. Subject to Minute No.19 (Staff) being referred to the Finance and Staff Appointments Committees, the Minutes of the Library Committee, dated 26th November, 1925, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (19) Year Books, Staff, Shelving and Equipment; (20) Re-election of Committee; (21) Book-Selection Sub-Committee; (22) Catalogue of the Library; (23) Co-operation with Public Libraries; (24) Purchase of Sets of Books for use in Schools.]

- (f) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Management Committee dated 19th November, 1925, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (74) Recognition of Branches; (75) National Canvass; (76) Public Meetings Department; (77) Union's Film in America.]

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, 17TH  
DECEMBER, 1925, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair),  
Norman Angell, Rt.Hon.G.N.Barnes, Sir  
Arthur Chirley Benn, C.Delisle Burns,  
L.J.Cadbury, Sir Willoughby Dickinson,  
Vice-Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, Lady Hall,  
J.H.Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Charles  
Hobhouse, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, F.N.Keen, E.W.  
Morton-George, Sir Walter Napier, T.Norris,  
Mrs. Runciman, W.J.Salmon, Countess of Selborne,  
Raymond Unwin, Mrs. Oliver Strachey, Herbert  
Worsley, L.M.Wynch together with the Secretary.

341. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Lady Gladstone, Sir Nicholas Grattan Doyle, Miss Maxse, Lord Queenborough and the Rt.Hon. Tom Shaw.
342. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 3rd December, 1925, were approved as circulated.
343. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending 15th December, 1925, shewed a Bank Overdraft on that date amounting to £1434.8s.10d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £2,135.10s.4d.
344. SECRETARY'S VISIT TO AMERICA. The Secretary thanked the Committee most cordially for the leave of absence which had enabled him to accept the invitation of the American League of Nations Non-Partisan Association and to visit the United States and Canada. He counted that visit among the most exhilarating experiences of his life. The kindness and hospitality shown to Mrs. Garnett and himself he could only describe as overwhelming.
- In the course of three weeks in the United States and four days in Canada, he had been as far west as Madison, Wisconsin, and had travelled for three thousand miles through eighteen States, two Canadian provinces and the District of Columbia. He had observed a widespread interest in the results of Locarno and in the League's prompt settlement of the Greco-Bulgarian dispute, and he had found among business men and the better-educated people generally — in the middle-west as well as in the eastern States — a considerable and apparently growing feeling that the United States' entry into the League was only a matter of time.
345. GENERAL COUNCIL. The Secretary gave an oral report on the decision of the meeting of the General Council held on the previous day.

On the suggestion of Mr. Worsley it was

RESOLVED: "That Lord Grey's speech be printed in full and sent to the Branches."

General Policy. The Chairman promised to re-draft the declaration of the General Policy of the Union and submit it to the next meeting of the Executive Committee. He thought it would be a good plan to devote the main part of the next meeting to discussing it.

346. COUNT BERNSTORFF'S COMMUNICATION. The Chairman reported that in reply to a letter he had written to Count Bernstorff, commenting on the splendid spirit shown by the German divers when their help was invited to help discover the whereabouts of the ill-fated submarine M.1, Count Bernstorff had sent the following letter:-

"The German "Liga fur Volkerbund" wishes to express its cordial thanks to the League of Nations Union for the kind message of thanks it sent to the German engineers and divers, who offered assistance in the salvage of Submarine M.1.

Although the occasion is one to be deeply regretted, the German "Liga fur Volkerbund" is pleased that owing to the drawing together of our two great Nations, thanks to the Locarno Pact, an opportunity of recognition of this fact has occurred. It has every hope that the future will bring our people so near to one another that they will be able to weather all storms, which may arise.

The German Liga will use every means to further this end."

347. MEMBERSHIP. Mr. J.H.Harris suggested that the Union should insert small advertisements in the Personal Columns of THE TIMES, etc., in the beginning of the New Year, inviting people to join as gl members.

RESOLVED: "That in the event of THE TIMES publishing a letter from Lord Grey and Lord Cecil appealing for gl members a sum not exceeding £50 be spent on advertising as proposed by Mr. Harris."

It was suggested that the device of giving the address of 15B, Grosvenor Crescent, would enable Headquarters to ascertain how many members were received as a result of these advertisements.

348. OPTIONAL CLAUSE. The following resolution of the Northwood Branch was received:-

"That this meeting of the Committee of the Northwood Branch of the League of Nations Union greatly regrets the decision of the Government not to sign the Optional Clause attached to the Statutes of the Permanent Court of International Justice, and urges L.N.U. Headquarters to continue its advocacy of the proposal, explicitly in its declaration of the policy and in HEADWAY and by every other means in its power "

349. BY-ELECTIONS. Reports of By-Elections at Bury St.Edmunds and Ripon were received.

350. CANTEEN. Mr. Morton-George, on behalf of the special Committee which had been appointed to go into the question of the Canteen finances, reported that that Committee had concluded its work and found that the person employed by the Canteen Staff Committee, when the deficit was discussed, had now left their service. The Committee felt that the Staff Committee had not exercised its supervision to the full. If they had it was probable that



the financial loss would not have been incurred. Since the departure of the person referred to, the Canteen had made a profit of 25s.0d. to 30s.0d. per week. The special Committee recommended:-

- a) that the Canteen be continued;
- b) that the officers appointed by the Canteen Committee to manage the Canteen be allowed some free time during office hours to assist them to carry out their duties;
- c) that the reports of the Canteen Committee shall from time to time be placed before the Finance Committee of the Union.

The Canteen Committee hoped to repay a proportion of the sum of money which the Executive Committee had advanced to them in August of this year.

RESOLVED: "That the report be received and adopted."

351. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) EDUCATION COMMITTEE. Subject to the reference to the Consultative Committee of the recommendation contained in Minute No.114, the Minutes of the Education Committee dated November 27th, 1925, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (111) List of Meetings - Teachers, Schools and Colleges; (112) Steps taken during the Past Month by Local Education Authorities; (113) Film; (114) The Union and Adult Education Organisations; (115) Summer Schools, 1926; (116) Union's Stall at Annual Exhibition of Association of Assistant Masters; (117) International Children's Handicraft Exhibition at Tokio; (118) Proposed New School Reader on the League of Nations; (119) Communication from Sir Ernest Bain; (120) Composition of Committee; (121) Communication from Miss Jay; (122) Annual Conference of National Union of Teachers; (123) Lessons for Sunday Schools.]

The Committee recommended that Mr. T. Norris be co-opted as a member of the Education Committee.

- (b) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. Subject to a verbal amendment in the third paragraph of Minute No.85, the Minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated November 25th, 1925, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (85) Minutes of the Liaison Committee; (86) Applications for Corporate Membership; (87) Communication from Executive Committee; (88) Peace Sunday arrangements; (89) Replies to letters to Bishops recommending Corporate Membership; (90) Composition of Committee for 1926; (91) Pamphlet on Arbitration; (92) Memorial from Welsh Churches to Churches of Christ in America.]

- (c) WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. Subject to Minute No.162 being referred to the Editorial Committee, the Minutes of the Women's Advisory Council dated December 9th, 1925, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (161) Co-optations and Resignations; (162) Quarterly News Sheet; (165) Open-Air Meetings; (166) Arbitration; (163) Corporate Membership and Associateship.]

- (d) EDITORIAL COMMITTEE. Subject to the resolution in Minute No. 39 being amended so as to read

"that the pamphlet, WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION?, be included in the publications automatically sent to 21 members",

the Minutes of the Editorial Committee dated December 10th 1925, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (36) Pamphlet on Fifth Year's Work of the I.L.O.; (39) Leaflet - WHAT IS THE I.L.O.?; (40) Leaflet on Disarmament and Unemployment; (41) Renomination of Committee; (43) Mr. Garvin's Article - WHY WAR IS HELL.]

The Committee strongly recommended that the printing of the booklet on the Hours Convention prepared by Captain Small and to which Mr. G.N. Barnes had written a preface, should be proceeded with at the earliest possible moment.

- (e) OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. Subject to the reservation mentioned below "Proposed Federation Film Service", the Minutes of the Overseas Committee dated December 14th 1925, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (899) Ex-Service Men; (902) International Labour Organisation and Social Legislation; (905) Proposed Federation Film Service; (908) Proposed Federation Office in Geneva; (910) Letter from Dr. Medinger; (911) I.U.L.N.F.; (912) Proposal that Branches should subscribe to the Federation Bulletin.]

Proposed Federation Film Service. The correctness of Minute 905 was questioned, but on the subject of the substance of the Minute, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Executive is of opinion that the Federation should not undertake the organisation of the proposed Film Service."

but further

RESOLVED: "That the League Secretariat be asked if they were arranging for the filming of the Extraordinary Session of the Assembly, and if a reply was received in the negative, to urge that such a film should nevertheless be taken."

- (f) FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Finance Committee dated 15th December 1925, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (106) Financial Statement; (107) Salary Cheques; (108) Income and Expenditure.]

- (g) LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Limitation of Armaments Committee dated 15th December 1925, were approved and adopted, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the following resolution be sent to the League of Nations Preparatory Commission for a Disarmament Conference;

'That a request be sent to the League of Nations Preparatory Commission for a Disarmament Conference, urging it to invite the Governments to state what are their minimum armament needs under the following headings:-

- (a) Preserving order at home.
- (b) Preserving order in colonies and overseas dependencies and protecting these territories from invasion by uncivilised neighbours (but not from aggression by hostile civilised States); and
- (c) Protecting the country and its overseas dependencies from external aggression by foreign States, including international police duty (the enforcement by common action of international obligations in accordance with Article VIII of the Covenant).

(h) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated 3rd December, 1925, were approved and adopted

[These Minutes included (81) Mr. Gillinder; (82) Miss Grew; (83) Hours of Work.]

The Secretary reported orally on the meeting held earlier in the day.

Miss Grew. On the suggestion of the Chairman it was

RESOLVED: "That the Committee's congratulations be accorded to Miss Grew upon her appointment as private secretary to Lord Cecil, that she be thanked for her past services in connection with the Union and that a record be placed in the Minutes."

352. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. The Committee formally recognised the following 6 new Branches, 1 District, 27 Junior Branches, 57 Corporate Members, 10 Corporate Associates:-

Branches: Bedworth, Warwicks; Bluntisham, Hunts; Eowers Allerton, Yorks; Broughty Ferry, Forfarshire; Comberton, Cambs; Dolgelly (Bethel), Merioneth; Hirwaun, Glam; Holyhead (English Presbyterian), Anglesey; Laidon and Langdon Hills, Essex; Llangerbyw, Denbighs; Llwydcoed, Glam; Malin Bridge, (Sheffield) (Woodland View Primitive Methodist Church), Yorks; Hurton, Durham; Newtown (Baptist Church), Mont; Newtown (Welsh C.M.); Rhydyfelin (Ebenezer) Glam; Slangham, Sussex; Timberland and Martin, Lincoln; Tre cynon (Carmel), Glam; Tredegar (Town), Mon; West London Mission. Deletions: Ancrem, Roxburgh; Canworthy Water, Cornwall; Cinderford, Glos; Coombe Martin, Devon; Crewkerne, Somerset; Langport, Somerset; Launceston - Coads Green (North Hill and District) Cornwall; Lezant, Cornwall;

Melksham, Wilts; Oare, Wilts; Okehampton, Devon; Tavistock, Devon; Torrington, Devon; Wiveliscombe, Somerset; London Postal Services (Administrative, Executive and Clerical Grades). District Council: Gloucestershire District Council. Junior Branches: Durban Girls' College, South Africa; Acton Reynald (Westlands School), Shrewsbury; Bagp (Northern Central School) Manchester; Buttington (C. of E. School) Mont; Caersws (Council School) Mont; Catford (Co-operative Junior) Kent; Carno (Council School), Mont; Cemmaes (Council School) Mont; Clatter (Council School) Mont; Clifton (Queen Elizabeth's Hospital) Somerset; Delferwyn (C. of E. School) Mont; Erdington Secondary School, Birmingham, Warwick; Hawarden (County School) Hunts; Llanberis (District County School) Carmarvon; Llandyssil (C. of E. School) Mont; Llandyssilis (C. of E. School) Mont; Llanpyllin (Council School) Mont; Llanryglyn (Council School), Mont; Montgomery (C. of E. School) Mont; Newtown (Council School) Mont; Newtown (Penygloddfa) Mont; Oakley (Park School) Mont; Penegoes (C. of E. School) Mont; Sam (C. of E. School) Mont; Trefeglwys (Council School) Mont; Trewern (C. of E. School) Mont; Warwick (The King's High School). Corporate Members: Heath Street Women's Guild, Hampstead; Hitchin Brotherhood; St. Mary's Church, Gouthland; Finsbury Park Wesleyan Methodist Church; Market Street Congregational Church, Farnworth; Elswick Memorial Church; Cotherstone Congregational Church; Chesterfield Jalow Congregational Church; Zamcrin's College History Association, Calicut; Burslem Ex-Service Men's Institute; Highbury Congregational Church, Redland; Cliftonville Congregational Church, Brighton; Bedworth Sisterhood; Horsham Brotherhood; Batterssea Park Road U.M.C. Clapham; Milford Congregational Church; Hythe Congregational Church; Oundle Congregational Church; Newport Branch Women's Co-operative Guild, Lincoln; Warwickshire Miners' Association, Tamworth; Moat Congregational Church, East Grinstead; Great Harwood Free Church Council; Hammersmith Ruri-Decanal Conference, Chiswick; Madeley Baptist Church; West Pelton Women's "Bright Hour", Beamish; Hillhead Parish Church Girls' Auxiliary, Glasgow; Hucknall Co-operative Educational Committee; Charlton Kings Brotherhood; Masbro' Independent Chapel, Rotherham; Hollingreave Congregational Church, Burnley; Holy Trinity Church, Sittingbourne; Golcar Baptist Church; Victoria Congregational Church, Wellingborough; Bethesda Wesleyan Young Men's Class, Bradford; Frizinghall Congregational Church, Shipley; Victoria Park United Methodist College, Manchester; Wolverton Wesleyan Methodist Church; Beechen Grove Baptist Church, Watford; Whitehaven Y.M.C.A.; Mount Zion Baptist Church, Edgeside, Waterfoot; Bethel Baptist Church, Waterfoot; St. Mary's Church, Great Sankey, Warrington; Stafford Congregational Church; Bold Street Wesleyan Church, Warrington; Adnitt Road Baptist Church, Northampton; Waller Street Brotherhood, Luton; Lund Park Wesleyan Church, Keighley; Loughborough Congregational Church; Sefton Park Presbyterian Church, Liverpool; Lancaster P.S.A. Brotherhood; Hyde P.S.A. Brotherhood; Wycliffe Congregational Church, Hull; Castleton Congregational Church; Mansfield Road Baptist Church, Nottingham; West Pelton Women's Bright Hour; Chatham Women's Co-operative Guild; Bill Quay Sisterhood. Corporate Associates: Bardon Hill Women's Institute; Blockley W.I.; Brislington W.I.; Hopwood W.I.; Medbourne W.I.; Queniborough W.I.; Orford W.I.; Shildon; Sunderland Y.W.C.A. Girls' Club; St. Stephen's Bible class for Elder Girls (Enfield).

It was reported that there were now 2,173 Branches, 111 Districts, 295 Junior Branches, 1,452 Corporate Members, 210 Corporate Associates, and 502,518 members.

353. STAFF ANNUAL PARTY. The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that the Staff Annual Party was to take place on Saturday, January 23rd, 1926, and he hoped that as many members of the Executive Committee as possible would attend. The tickets which were 7s.6d. for the first and 5s.6d. for any additional tickets could be obtained from Mrs. -Ugdale.
354. HEADWAY - ARTICLE ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. Mr. T. Norris suggested that an article should be written in HEADWAY setting out the work accomplished by the Executive Committee at one of its meetings. The Chairman requested that this suggestion be made to Mr. Wilson Harris.
355. CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.  
RESOLVED: "That the office be closed from Thursday, December 24th at one o'clock until Tuesday morning, 29th December."
356. NEXT MEETING.  
RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on January 21st, 1926."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY,  
21ST JANUARY 1926, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair),  
Professor Philip Baker, Rt.Hon. G.N.Barnes,  
Major D. Clifton Brown, L.J.Cadbury, A.W.  
Claremont, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Vice-  
Admiral Drury-Lowe, Lady Hall, Sir Arthur  
Haworth, Major J.W. Hills, Mrs. Peter Hughes-  
Griffiths, Rt.Hon. Leif Jones, F.N. Keen,  
Mrs. W.T. Layton, Rev. A.J.D. Llewelyn, Miss  
Maxse, E.W. Morton-George, Sir Walter Napier,  
W. Salmon, Rt.Hon. Tom Shaw, Raymond Unwin,  
H.D.Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch,  
together with the Secretary.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Norman Angell, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Lady Gladstone, J.H.Harris, T. Norris, Charles Roberts and Lady Selborne.
2. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated December 17th, 1925, were approved as circulated.
3. LADY GLADSTONE. The Chairman was asked to express to Lady Gladstone the sympathy of the Executive Committee in her recent accident and their good wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.
4. MEMBERSHIP. It was reported that THE TIMES had published the letter from Lord Grey and Lord Cecil appealing for £1 members. This was followed by two advertisements in the "Personal" column of THE TIMES, and Headquarters could only be certain of nine new £1 members as a result of the letter and the advertisements.
5. PUBLICATIONS - Disarmament and Unemployment. It was reported that at the request of the Industrial Advisory Committee, Mr. C.G. Armon had agreed to write a pamphlet on the subject of Disarmament and Unemployment. It would be published over the signature of Mr. Armon. It was  
RESOLVED: "That in future if any person, who is not a member of the Executive Committee or on the Secretariat of the Union, is invited to write a pamphlet for publication by the Union, the Editorial Committee be asked to consider the advisability of placing on the title-page a statement that the League of Nations Union does not accept responsibility for the opinions expressed by the writer and that the article does not necessarily represent the point of view of the Union's Executive Committee."
6. BRANCH DELETIONS. The Secretary promised to enquire into the reason for the deletion of Branches in the West of England, particularly the cases of Tavistock and Launceston, and would report at the next meeting of the Committee.
7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending January 19th shewed a Bank balance of £1,970.1s.3d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £2,056.19s.7d.

8. GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee received the Minutes of the meeting of the General Council held on December 16th, 1925, and the Committee's special attention was directed to the following two references from the Council:-

(a) Minute No.193(4)

"That the Declaration of the General Policy approved by this (General) Council in January, 1922, be reviewed, revised and amplified in the light of present-day conditions.

That the Executive Committee be, and is hereby requested, to prepare the Draft of a revised General Policy, which shall be issued to Branches for consideration early in the New Year, and submitted with amendments proposed by Branches, to a meeting of the General Council to determine its final form."

(b) Minute No.193 (7)

"That the Resolution

'That HEADWAY be supplied only to subscribers of 5s.0d. and upwards, with a view to obtaining a larger proportion of the Council's quota automatically and so avoid the necessity of constant Appeals'

be referred to the Executive Committee with a suggestion that they should appoint a special committee to consider and report to the Council."

RESOLVED: i) "That the General Council's reference contained in (a) above should appear as the principal and first item on the agenda for the next meeting of the Executive Committee to be held on Thursday, February 4th."

ii) "That the Council's reference (b) above be referred to the Consultative Committee for report and recommendation."

9. ROTARY. The Secretary reported upon the conference between the League of Nations Union and Rotary, which was held in the Hotel Cecil on 12th January. There were present 140 delegates from various Rotary Clubs, and the League of Nations Union was represented by Professor Murray, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Mr. Worsley, Mr. Wynch, Dr. Garnett, Mr. Freshwater and Mr. G.A. Innes. Professor Murray spoke to the delegates at luncheon, and Sir Arthur Salter and Dr. Garnett at the afternoon session. The Conference passed the following resolutions:-

(a) That this Conference of International Peace Representatives from the Rotary Clubs in Great Britain welcomes the active co-operation now established between Rotary Clubs and branches of the League of Nations Union in special regard to the advancement of Rotary's Sixth Object, and urges the Board of Directors and the Rotary Clubs of R.I.S.I. to take all possible steps to further, by means of the Rotary Platform, public knowledge and understanding of the functions of the League of Nations as propagated by the Union.

(b) That this Conference recommends to the Board of Directors of R.I.B.I.:-

- i) That a Joint Committee composed of members of the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union and of the Board of Directors of R.I.B.I. be set up to prepare the terms of a Resolution to be brought forward at the coming Economic Conference of the League which shall urge upon the League the importance of initiating machinery whereby the Standards of Business Practice obtaining in the various branches of Industry and Commerce in the nations of the World shall be studied and compared so that all possible may be done towards removing such practices as may be conducive to international misunderstanding and illwill, and that agreements may be made between the various branches of organised industry and commerce to ensure the establishment of the greatest measure of moral responsibility and co-operation.
  - ii) That the Joint Committee be empowered to add to its numbers by the co-optation of British representatives on the International Chamber of Commerce; and
  - iii) That the Joint Committee have power to convene a further Conference representing the Union, the Rotary Clubs and Chambers of Commerce, at a date in advance of the Economic Conference, at which the terms of the Resolution shall be confirmed and the necessary steps for its proposition authorised.
  - iv) That the Conference further recommends to the Board of R.I.B.I. that, in the event of the Economic Conference of the League of Nations including representatives of international bodies as well as of national governments, consideration be given to the representation of Rotary International among the international bodies to be represented.
10. MR. J.H. HUDSON. The Secretary reported a communication from Mr. J.H. Hudson, M.P., who, owing to pressure of work, wished to resign his seat upon the Executive Committee.
- RESOLVED: "That Mr. Hudson's resignation be accepted with regret."
11. BRITISH LEGION. Admiral Drury-Lowe reported a conversation which he had had with Colonel G.R. Crosfield of the British Legion. Colonel Crosfield had suggested that (a) it would be a good thing if an active member of the Executive of the British Legion were co-opted on to the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union; (b) the British Legion be asked to suggest the name of a representative member to serve on the British Delegation to the Dresden Conference of League of Nations Societies in 1926. (If this could be done the British Legion would be responsible for his expenses.); (c) that M. Ruyssens be asked to invite the other League of Nations Societies each to include a representative member of the National Ex-Service Men's Association (if any) in their delegations to Dresden.



RESOLVED: (1) "That Admiral Drury-Lowe be asked to convey the invitation to the British Legion that they should nominate an active member of the Executive Committee of that body for co-optation to the Executive Committee of the Union."

(ii) "To accept the suggestion of the British Legion that a representative member of that body should be asked to serve on the British Delegation to the Dresden Conference, provided that his expenses were paid by the British Legion."

(iii) "That M. Ruyssens be asked to suggest to the other League of Nations Societies the idea of including a representative member of their national Ex-Service Men's Association (if any) in their delegations to Dresden."

12. BRITISH LEGION AND GENEVA SUMMER SCHOOL. It was reported that the British Legion had considered sending selected members of the British Legion to attend the Union's Summer School in Geneva. The cost would be about £200 and it was understood that the British Legion would have no difficulty in finding £100, which meant a further £100 to be provided. £50 of this had been promised anonymously on condition that the remaining £50 can be found from other sources than the General Funds of the Union. Of the remaining £50 £20 had been promised or received so that £30 remained to be found. Members of the Executive were asked to help in obtaining this £30.

13. SLAVERY. The Chairman said that, acting upon a suggestion in a speech made by Lord Cecil in the House of Lords on the question of the Slavery Convention, he had sent the following telegram to M. Albert Thomas, Director of the I.L.O. at Geneva:-

"On behalf of British League of Nations Union beg respectfully to draw your attention to Debate in House of Lords 16th December and to suggestion of Lord Cecil that the International Labour Office should consider the preparation of a Charter for certain forms of labour amongst coloured people. And further to express the hope that it may be possible for you to bring this suggestion before the Governing Body of the International Labour Office."

The Committee approved of the Chairman's action and

RESOLVED: a) "That it be suggested to the Joint Slavery Committee, upon which representatives of the League of Nations Union serve, that they should study the subject and see if they could make any suggestions."

b) "That the I.L.O. be informed that the Union were asking the Joint Committee to consider such a proposal in case any suggestions which might emanate from that Committee, might be useful to the I.L.O. authorities."

14. PRISONERS' CHARTER. The Chairman reported a communication from Miss Marjory Fry of the Howard League for Penal Reform, who asked for the Union's support to a proposal already sent to

the League, that the League should take up the question of international penal reform.

The Committee were of opinion that at the moment they were unable to support the proposal on the ground that there are many other League issues which the Union felt it more incumbent to press at the moment, and some were also of the opinion that to press such a proposal would be regarded as an interference with domestic jurisdiction. A suggestion was made that the Federation should ask the League to invite the new Institute of Private Law at Rome, to consider the question of securing from the members of the League a minimum standard of regulations for the treatment of prisoners.

RESOLVED: "That no action be taken at the present time."

15. WOMEN'S PILGRIMAGE - COMMUNICATION FROM WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE. The Secretary reported a communication from the Women's International League, urging the Union's co-operation in a campaign to be organised by the Women's International League during the spring and summer of this year, in support of arbitration and disarmament. The Secretary further reported that Miss Ainsworth, Miss Glazebrook and Miss Tynan, members of Headquarters' staff, had attended a conference on the previous Tuesday, in regard to this matter, and had reported that the campaign which was to take the form of a pilgrimage was to be a campaign in favour of arbitration, the Conference having been of the opinion that the addition of the Question of disarmament might confuse the public mind. The Conference asked the Union to nominate two representatives to the Joint Advisory Council which was organising the pilgrimage.

RESOLVED: "That the Women's International League be informed -

- (a) that the Executive is prepared to join the Committee for organising a pilgrimage for the cause of Arbitration, Security and Disarmament, a policy to which the League of Nations is already committed;
- (b) that Lady Hall and Miss A.E. Tynan (or Miss Glazebrook) be appointed delegates to represent the Executive and that these delegates be instructed that if there is any difficulty in getting the threefold object of arbitration, security and disarmament accepted, they should report to the next meeting of the Executive."

16. NATIONAL UNION OF SOCIETIES FOR EQUAL CITIZENSHIP - COMMUNICATION. The Secretary reported a communication from the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship inviting the Union's co-operation in a demonstration on equal franchise to be held on 28th February and urging

- (a) that the Union should circularise its members and branches asking them to come or send representatives to the demonstration;
- (b) that it should send two distinguished members of the Executive as delegates.

RESOLVED: "That the invitation be not accepted."

17. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated 17th December, 1925, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (85) Mr. Freshwater's Assistant; (86) Library.]

- (b) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Industrial Advisory Committee dated 17th December, 1925, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (17) Composition of Committee; (18) Hours of Work Convention; (19) Night-baking Convention; (20) Social Insurance Conference; (21) Eighth International Labour Conference; (22) L.N.U. Committee on Equitable Treatment of Foreigners and Emigration; (23) Employers' Organisations Sub-Committee.]

- (c) LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Limitation of Armaments Committee dated 19th January, 1926, were approved and adopted.

- (d) FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on the previous day were read by the Secretary and were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (2) Financial Statement; (3) Library; (4) Paris Branch; (5) Allocation of Portion of Donations to Council's Vote; (6) Gifts under Deed; (7) Passing of Cheques for Payment; (8) South African Students; (9) Mr. Mills; (10) Seal.]

18. REVISION OF THE COVENANT. The Chairman reported that Mr. Keen had amended his memorandum on Amendments to the Covenant in accordance with suggestions made by the Covenant Amendments Committee. It was

RESOLVED: "That a copy of the amended memorandum be sent to the Non-Partisan Association for their information and comments, but that the Association be told that the memorandum must not be taken as stating the considered opinion of the Union.

19. PUBLICITY. The Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to a communication received from Geneva, expressing the gratification of the Secretariat with the publicity obtained in the British press on the occasion of the League's sixth birthday. The Committee congratulated Mr. Macdonell.

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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, 4TH  
FEBRUARY, 1926 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Professor Baker, G.N.Barnes, Sir Arthur Shirley Bann, Major Clifton Brown, C.Delisle Burns, L.J.Cadbury, A.W. Claremont, David Daviss, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe, Lady Hall, Joan H.Harris, Leif Jones, F.N.Keen, Mrs.W.T.Layton, Rev.A.J.D. Llewelyn, J.de V.Loder, Sir Walter Napier, T.Norris, Charles Roberts, Mrs. Runciman, W.J.Salmon, The Countess of Selborne, Raymond Unwin, Mrs.Oliver Strachey, H.D.Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary.

- 20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Lady Gladstone, Sir Nicholas Grattan Doyle, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major Hills, Miss Maxse and Lord Queenborough.
- 21 MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on January 21st, 1926, were approved as circulated.
- 22 ROTARY. Lady Hall urged that the attention of the Rotary Movement should be drawn to the work of the L.L.O. The Secretary stated that a resumé of the Rotary Conference was at present on the table. Lady Hall promised to read the resumé and would suggest at the next meeting what further action, if any, could be taken. It was
- RESOLVED: "To ask the following to serve upon the Joint Committee of Rotary and the League of Nations Union:- Sir Arthur Shirley Bann, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major Hills, Sir Frederick Maurice Admiral Drury-Lowe and Mr. Herbert Worsley."
- 23 BRITISH LEGION. Admiral Drury-Lowe reported that he had conveyed the resolutions of the Executive Committee to Colonel Crossfield of the British Legion. The British Legion would nominate an active member of their Executive Committee who might be co-opted onto the Executive of the Union and would nominate a representative member of that body to serve on the British Delegation to the Dresden Conference of the International Federation if the Union would pay half his expenses. The Overseas Committee was making a recommendation to this effect to the Executive.
- The Secretary reported that a communication had been received from M.Ruyssens in which he stated that he would propose to the Executive Committee of the Federation that FIDAC should be included in the list of important international societies, all of whom might be invited to send representatives as "observers" (without power to vote) to the Dresden Conference.
- 24 BRITISH LEGION AND GENEVA SUMMER SCHOOL. It was reported that a sum of £19.11s.0d. had been contributed by members of the Executive and their friends towards the amount needed for sending selected members of the British Legion to attend the Union's Summer School in Geneva. A sum of £7.10s.0d. remained to be collected.

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- 25 REVISION OF THE COVENANT. The Secretary reported that the amended version of Mr. Keen's memorandum on Amendments to the Covenant was now being duplicated and it would be sent to members of the Executive for their information as well as to the Non-Partisan Association in America.
- 26 LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION POLICY. The Committee gave consideration to the Chairman's revised draft of the Union's statement of policy. Several amendments were suggested and further consideration was adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.
- 27 FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending February 2nd 1926, showed a Bank balance of £2,283.15s.10d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £2,341.4s.9d.
- 28 CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. The Committee received the report and recommendations of the Consultative Committee dated January 29th, 1926, and

RESOLVED: "That the Minutes of the Consultative Committee be received and the recommendations contained therein approved and adopted, excepting that the following recommendations in Minute 2 be referred to the Editorial Committee for consideration and report:

- (1) "That the Quarterly News Sheet should continue to be issued substantially as at present. In particular, its size and general appearance, as well as its price and conditions of distribution should remain unaltered; but it should be lightened somewhat by the insertion of cross headings, and it should discuss not only the events of the past three months but also the fundamental facts about the League, including its origins, past history and future aims."
- (2) "That the continuance of HEADWAY, substantially as at present but not necessarily at its present price, is of great importance to the cause of the League of Nations both at home and overseas,"
- (3) "That a new journal which might be called "The League of Nations Union News" is needed in order
  - a) To foster a corporate spirit among members of the Union, and to educate them to a right sense of world citizenship;
  - b) To provide more news of the doings of the Union, of its Branches and of its members, than is given in HEADWAY;
  - c) To provide those members of the Union who as yet know little of the League or are unaccustomed to connected thought or are, for any other reason, unable to appreciate HEADWAY, with fundamental information about the League and with news of its achievements from month to month;

- d) To reach an even larger proportion of the members of the Union than is represented by the eighty thousand recipients of HEADWAY;
- e) To lead as many as possible of its readers to read HEADWAY."
- (4) "That the new journal should consist of eight pages of about the size of the "Children's Newspaper", its characteristics being pictures, large print, display headlines, simple language, with Union news and League news in about equal proportions, and so far as possible arranged that the Union news can be sent without the League news to those who obtain their League news from HEADWAY."
- (5) "That HEADWAY (perhaps enlarged by an increase in the number of advertisements, but without its sub-title "The Journal of the League of Nations Union", and without the Union Notes and News) be sent by post monthly with the Union matter from the new journal to all members who subscribe 5s.0d. a year and upwards; and that the new journal be sent by post to all members who subscribe from 2s.6d. to 5s.0d. a year.

Stress was laid upon the importance of keeping all members of the Union informed about Union affairs and therefore, if Union Notes and News are removed from the new HEADWAY, of sending at least the Union matter from the new journal to members of the Union along with the new HEADWAY. That arrangement, especially if the new HEADWAY is increased in size, would prevent its being supplied to 3s.6d. subscribers. But it would be separately purchasable through news vendors as a monthly review of international affairs.

29 EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF FOREIGNERS AND EMIGRATION.

RESOLVED:- "That the report of the special committee on the Equitable Treatment of Foreigners and Emigration be deferred for consideration to the next meeting of the Executive."

- 30 MR. TOM SHAW. A communication from Mr. Tom Shaw, resigning his seat upon the Executive Committee, was read. The Chairman was requested to write to Mr. Shaw and ask him if he could not reconsider his decision.

Members of the Executive were invited to submit names of Labour Members of Parliament who might serve upon the Executive Committee.

Sir Arthur Shirley Bann was authorised to ask Mr. Pethick-Lawrence to serve.

31 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) LIBRARY COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Library Committee dated January 19th, 1926 were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (2) Report on Library; (3) Report of Book-Selection Sub-Committee; (4) Communication from the Education Committee; (5) Opening of Library late one evening.]

It was explained that it was possible to accept the recommendation of the Library Committee that the Library should be kept open on Wednesday evenings until 8 o'clock owing to the kindness of Mrs. Coote who volunteered to share the late hours with the Librarian on alternate weeks. The Committee expressed their gratitude to Mrs. Coote.

- (b) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS. The Minutes of the Religions and Ethics Committee dated January 20th, 1926 were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (3) Approach to the Jews; (4) Resignations from Committee; (5) New Corporate Members; (6) Proposal for luncheon followed by address; (7) Drawing-room Meetings; (8) Report of work in 1925; (9) L.N.U. Work in Paris.]

- (c) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated January 20th, 1926 were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (3) Application for Corporate Membership; (4) Composition of Committee for 1926; (5) Further approach to Anglican Church re Corporate Membership; (6) 1926 Message to Churches.]

The Secretary reported that on the previous day he had attended the Liaison Committee of the World Alliance and the Union and they had decided upon a definite plan in regard to approaching the Churches at their May Meetings. This recommendation would come up at the next meeting of the Christian Organisations Committee.

- (d) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Subject to a memorandum prepared by members of the Industrial Advisory Committee setting forth the points that were proposed to be placed before the Prime Minister by the deputation, recommended in Minute 23 on the Hours of Work Convention, being submitted to the Executive Committee, the Minutes of the Industrial Advisory Committee dated January 21st, 1926 were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (26) Night-Baking Convention; (27) Composition of Committee; (28) Hours of Work Convention; (29) Sub-Committee on Equitable Treatment of Foreigners; (30) I.L.O. and Social Legislation Commission; (31) Report of Labour Organisation Sub-Committee; (32) I.L.O. Lectures for Conservative and Liberal Summer Schools.]

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- (a) WELCOME COMMITTEE. Subject to it being understood that appeals for subscriptions to support the Welcome Committee should not be made except with the approval of the Secretary and for the purpose of tapping sources from which nothing could be expected for the work of the Union, the Minutes of the Welcome Committee dated January 21st, 1926 were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (3) Party to the South African Students; (4) Financial Statement; (5) Visit of Austrian Students; (6) Visit to Chinese Government Mission; (7) Formation of Hungarian Welcome Committee and Travelling Section; (8) Co-operation of new member to Committee.]

- (f) MINORITIES COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Minorities Committee dated January 27th, 1926 were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (2) Meeting of Council of Federation of League of Nations Societies; (3) Sir Walter Napier's memo on Nationality in the Succession States of Austria-Hungary.]

- (g) OVERSEAS COMMITTEES. Subject to the deletion of Minute 12(2) (b) and (c) and the amendment of Minute (2) to read that

"the duties of the Brussels Special Campaign Secretary should be clearly defined; in this connection Sir Willoughby Dickinson and Dr. Garnett were asked to redraft the conditions of appointment."

the Minutes of the Overseas Committee dated January 27th, 1926 were approved and adopted.

Communication from Dutch League of Nations Society. The Secretary read a letter from the President of the Dutch League of Nations Society thanking the Union's Officers and members of the Executive Committee for the kindness and hospitality accorded to him and Mr. van der Mandere during their stay in England studying the organisation of the League of Nations Union.

[These Minutes included (2) Lady Gladstone; (3) Ex-Service Men; (4) Meeting of 10th Federal Congress; (5) I.L.O. and Social Legislation Commission; (6) Wilson Society Film; (7) Overseas Committee's Members; (8) Proposed Federation Office at Geneva; (9) Proposal that Branches should subscribe to the Federation Bulletin; (10) Proposed Federation Film Service; (11) Federation Budget; (12) Special Campaign Department of the Federation; (14) Letter from N.C.P.W.; (15) I.U.L.N.F.]

- (h) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. Subject to Minute 3 being redrafted, the Minutes of the Management Committee dated January 29th, 1926 were approved and adopted:-



Proposed Meeting. The Secretary reported that it had been decided to hold a meeting under the joint auspices of COPEC and the League of Nations Union on April 18th in the Central Hall. The World Alliance and the Peace Society had also promised to co-operate. It was suggested that the National Council for the Prevention of War should be asked to join in.

[These Minutes included (2) Recognition of Branches; (3) Application of Wallasey Esperantista Grupo for Corporate Membership; (4) Proposed Meeting; (5) Proposed Advertising Campaign; (6) Women's Pilgrimage.]

- (1) EDUCATION COMMITTEE. Subject to the reference in Minute 4 (publication of a pamphlet by Professor C.K. Webster on "The Training of World Citizenship") and Minute 15 (proposal to publish a pamphlet in the nature of a guide to the study of the problems of international relations) being referred to the Editorial Committee, the Minutes of the Education Committee dated January 29th, 1926 were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (2) List of Meetings - Teachers, Schools and Colleges; (3) Committee of Intellectual Co-operation - Report by Dr. Garnatt; (4) Proposed publication of Prof. Webster's address on Teaching of World Citizenship; (5) Film; (6) Steps taken by Local Education Authorities; (7) Co-operation of the Union with Adult Education Associations; (8) Conference with N.U.T. Representatives - February 12th; (9) "The Teachers' World" - Special League of Nations number; (10) Memorandum on the Work of the Education Section; (11) Summer Schools; (12) Testimonial to Miss Busk; (13) Proposed League of Nations Game; (14) Proposed Almanac for use in Schools; (15) A Guide to the Study of the League of Nations.]

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 11th, 1926 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:-- Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), G.N. Barnes,  
Philip Baker, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, J.N. Harris,  
Lord Hartington, Major J.W. Hills, Miss Maxse,  
E.W. Morton-George, Lady Selborne, H. Watson, Herbert  
Worsley together with the Secretary.

32 APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of  
Mrs. W. T. Leyton, Raymond Unwin, L.M. Wyach, Sir Nicholas Gratton  
Doyle, L.J. Cadbury, Admiral Drury Lowe.

33 PROPOSED INCREASE IN NUMBER OF PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.  
The Chairman explained the object for his calling a special  
meeting of the Executive and the Committee ultimately.

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee of the League of  
Nations Union, while welcoming unreservedly the  
impending entry of Germany into the League of  
Nations and her election to a permanent seat on  
the Council, views with profound concern the  
proposal further to increase the number of  
permanent members of the Council and unanimously  
urges His Majesty's Government, in view of the  
grave perils to which the whole League would be  
exposed as the result of a sudden and uncon-  
sidered change in the fundamental constitution  
of the Council, to resist by all means in its  
power any further increase in the number of  
permanent members at the present time.

It was further

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be sent to

- (a) the Government,
- (b) the Voluntary Societies,
- (c) the Whips of the Political Parties,
- (d) the Branches."

The Chairman and Major Hollis said they would endeavour to  
see the Foreign Secretary in order to put before him the views  
of the Executive Committee and also promised to draft a state-  
ment for circulation to the Branches on the subject of the  
resolution.

34 PROPOSED SLAVERY CONVENTION. The Committee received a report  
of the Joint Committee of the League of Nations Union and the  
Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society, which had been  
set up to consider the proposed Slavery Convention. The  
Chairman was authorised to sign the report on behalf of the  
Union.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH,  
1926, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair),  
Professor Philip Baker, Rt.Hon.G.N.Barnes,  
Major Clifton Brown, C.Delisle Burns, A.W.  
Claremont, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Vice-  
Admiral Drury-Lowe, The Countess Grey, Lady  
Hall, J.H. Harris, The Marquess of Hartington,  
Major J.W. Hills, F.N.Keen, Rev. A.J.D.  
Llewelyn, J. de V. Loder, Miss Maxse, E.W.  
Morton-George, T. Norris, W.J. Selmon, Lady  
Selborne, H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley,  
A.E.Zimmer, together with the Secretary.

35. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr. L.J. Cadbury, Lady Gladstone, Sir Arthur Haworth, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Lord Queenborough, and Mr. L.M.Wynch.
36. MINUTES. Subject to amendments in Minutes Nos. 23 and 31(1) the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated February 4th, 1926, were approved as circulated.
37. SPECIAL MEETING. The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Committee held on February 11th were approved as circulated.
38. ROTARY. The Secretary reported that the Rotary International (Association for Great Britain and Ireland) had nominated the following to serve on the Joint Committee with the League of Nations Union:-

S.W. Pascall	Mr.G.C.M.Mander
Canon W.T. Elliott	Mr. Gilbert Wyle
Sir John Brunner	Dr. E.H. Stancombe.

39. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - MEMBERSHIP. The Chairman reported that he had written to Mr. Tom Shaw asking him to reconsider his decision to resign from membership of the Executive. Subsequently Sir Arthur Shirley Benn had seen Mr. Shaw who had agreed to remain a member of the Committee on the understanding that he would not be able to attend regularly.

It was reported that Mr. Pethick Lawrence had informed Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, who had invited him privately, that he was unable to consider an invitation to join the Committee.

The Chairman reported that as Lord Cavan was once a member of the Executive Committee before he became Chief of Imperial General Staff, he had approached him again, on his retirement from that appointment, with a view to his rejoining the Committee. Lord Cavan had written expressing his regret that he could not consider an invitation for 12 months or so.

Members of the Executive Committee, who were also members of the Labour Party, were asked to suggest names of prominent members of the Labour Party who might be invited to serve on the Executive Committee.

40. HOURS OF WORK CONVENTION. The Chairman reported that he had asked Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland to receive a deputation from the League of Nations Union on the question of the Hours Convention and Sir Arthur had agreed to receive the deputation at 12 noon on Monday, March 1st.

41. PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. The Chairman and Major Hills reported upon their interview with Sir Austen Chamberlain in regard to the Executive's resolution on the question of the proposal to increase the number of Permanent Members of the Council..

The Committee were of opinion that pressure should not be brought to bear on Members of Parliament to ask further questions on the subject in view of the Foreign Secretary's promise to make a further statement on the question before he left for Geneva.

The Secretary reported the receipt of a series of resolutions from the Polish League of Nations Societies, which supported the demand of the Polish Government of a permanent seat on the Council of the League simultaneously with the entry of Germany, and inviting all League of Nations Societies to support these resolutions. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to write a friendly letter to the Polish Society explaining the constitutional grounds on which the Union was opposed to an increase in the number of permanent members of the Council and emphasizing that the Union's attitude was not based on any unfriendliness towards Poland."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That the Union's Committee on the Revision of the Covenant be summoned to consider and make recommendations in regard to the method of election of non-permanent members to the Council, and that they be asked to report before April."

The Secretary reported that the resolution of the Executive had been telegraphed to Canada and representatives of New Zealand and Australian Press had been asked to telegraph it to their respective countries. The Chairman had himself telegraphed the gist of it to General Smuts.

42. BRITISH LEGION. It was reported that the British Legion had not yet nominated an active member of their Executive Committee who might be co-opted on to the Executive of the Union.
43. PROPOSED SLAVERY CONVENTION. The Committee agreed that subject to certain alterations to be inserted by the Chairman and Mr. J.H. Harris, the report of the Joint Committee of the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society and the League of Nations Union should be sent to the Federation of League of Nations Societies.
44. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending February 16th, 1926, shewed a bank balance amounting to £2,919.5s.6d., with outstanding accounts on that date amounting to £1,780.11s.8d.

The Secretary invited the attention of the Committee to Colonel Fisher's recent success in collecting donations. The Committee congratulated Colonel Fisher.

45. PUBLIC MEETINGS DEPARTMENT: The Committee considered the Interim Report of the Public Meetings Committee and the following recommendations:-

## ORGANISATION

1. that the whole work of supplying speakers for meetings of every kind should be run from one department, housed in one part of the building, under the supervision of one responsible person capable of writing and signing letters, taking prompt decisions, and controlling all papers concerned exclusively with public meetings.
2. that the department should use a proper card index to provide a reminder of pending meetings and a record of meetings arranged.
3. that letters concerning public meetings, which also deal with other matters, when received shall be marked with an "URGENT" slip so as to ensure that they reach the Public Meetings Department within an hour or so of their receipt, in order that on that day an acknowledgment can be sent to the Branch applying for a speaker, and the invitation sent to the speaker nominated; and further, that discretion be left to those responsible for the Public Meetings Department as to whether a pre-paid telegram should be enclosed to speakers when invited to accept a meeting.
4. that routine letters other than those addressed to Branch Secretaries need not for the future be signed personally by the Deputy Secretary.

## SPEAKERS

5. that the securing of speakers for all meetings shall be the concern of the Public Meetings Department alone.
6. that when an adverse report is received in regard to a speaker, great care should be exercised in sending him to a meeting again; in a case where the Union has been brought into grave disrepute by a speaker, he should in no circumstances be employed again unless with the sanction of the Chairman of the Executive.
7. that Branches be informed that as a general rule the best way of securing their local Member of Parliament to speak is to send an invitation through some leading constituent and Headquarters would do its best to assist.

## GENERAL

8. that the Executive should consider the question of the appointment of a Parliamentary Lobby representative, part of whose duties it would be to secure Members of Parliament to speak for the Union. Anyone appointed to this important task should not only possess a good knowledge of League work but equally should be acquainted with Parliamentary procedure and above all be persona grata with a certain number of Members of Parliament of all parties.
9. that a small Advisory Committee, say of three or five members of the Executive, be set up to whom all matters connected with Public Meetings should stand referred.
10. that if and when a Committee is appointed it should consider and recommend a plan for the organisation of at least one big meeting to be held in each County every year.

11. that the proposed Advisory Committee on Public Meetings be asked to consider and report upon the cost to Branches of holding public meetings.

RESOLVED: (a) That the recommendations with the exception of recommendations 8 and 9 be accepted.

(b) That recommendation 8 be referred back to the Special Committee with the request that they should reconsider it in consultation with Mr. Wilson Harris.

(c) That recommendation 9 be adjourned for further consideration by the Committee.

46. ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN. The Secretary reported that Mr. Keating of the General Advertising Company of London, Ltd., who, on January 20th, 1926, had offered to assist in the launching of an advertising campaign under certain conditions, had now written to say that unless a decision was reached before the end of the month his offer would be withdrawn.

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Keating be informed that the Committee would be unable to come to a decision before the end of the month."

47. EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF FOREIGNERS AND EMIGRATION. The Committee considered the report of the Special Committee on the Equitable Treatment of Foreigners and Emigration.

RESOLVED: "That further consideration of the report be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee."

Meantime, members of the Committee who had any amendments to propose, were asked to formulate these amendments and submit them to the next meeting of the Committee. It was decided that as the report had been circulated twice it should not be circulated again for the next meeting of the Committee.

48. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION - SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS FOR THE I.L.O. AND SOCIAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE. The Secretary reminded the Committee that they had appointed Mr. Barnes, Mr. L.R. Green and Mr. Ben Turner to represent the Union on the new I.L.O. and Social Legislation Committee of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies. This Committee would meet in Geneva on March 6th, but the Union had not formulated the policy which its three representatives were to advocate. He had, therefore, consulted Mr. Layton and Mr. F.W. Hirst and as a result of his conversation with them, had drafted the first resolution on the paper before the Committee. The other five resolutions represented the view of the Industrial Advisory Committee that would meet that afternoon. The draft resolutions were amended and it was

RESOLVED: "That unless the Industrial Advisory Committee recommends substantial alterations to the amended draft (see Annex "A") of the resolutions, the Union's delegates be asked to propose them at the meeting of the I.L.O. and Social Legislation Committee to be held on March 6th."

49. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) EDITORIAL COMMITTEE. Subject to the Resolution in Minute 51(a) being amended so as to read "to recommend the publication of Mr. Ayusawa's document on LABOUR IN THE EAST and of a further publication dealing with THE I.L.O. IN INDIA, CHINA, AND JAPAN",

the Minutes of the Editorial Committee dated February 8th were approved and adopted.

HEADWAY.

RESOLVED: "That the recommendations of the Consultative Committee in regard to HEADWAY be approved in principle and submitted to the next meeting of the General Council."

These Minutes included (49) References from the Executive Committee; (50) Pamphlet on Ex-Service Men and the League; (51) I.L.O. Publications; (54) Economic Pamphlet.

- (b) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. Subject to a verbal amendment in Minute 8 and the amendment of Minute 6(b) to read "That the Wallasey Esperantista Grupo be accepted as a Corporate Member for one year", the Minutes of the Management Committee dated February 11th, were approved and adopted.

Women's Pilgrimage. Lady Hall reported upon the meeting of the Women's Pilgrimage which she had attended, representing the Union.

These Minutes included (7) Proposed Meetings; (8) Women's Pilgrimage; (9) Recognition of Branches.

- (c) FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Secretary reported orally the following recommendations of the Finance Committee held on the previous day:-

14. EAST ANGLIA.

"That as provision has been made in this year's Budget for intensifying the Union's work in the East Anglian region

- (a) the financial recommendations of the special sub-committee be approved so far as concerns the work of the Rev. J.F. Taylor in Norfolk and Suffolk, and of Mr. J.C. Eaton in Essex.
- (b) in view of the fact that Mr. J.M. Taylor of Cambridge is unwilling to act for the Union in the Counties of Cambridge, Isle of Ely and Huntingdon as proposed by the sub-Committee, other arrangements should be made for these Counties and for the Counties of Bedford and Hertford: if it were proposed to appoint a part-time Travelling Secretary for all these Counties at a cost of approximately £250 a year including travelling expenses, this Committee would approve.

17. COUNCIL'S VOTE.

"That the work done in this and succeeding years by the Decentralised Districts in connection with the distribution of HEADWAY and the collection of and the accounting for subscriptions, be counted as part payment of their Council's Vote quotas up to £52 a year in each case."

18. LIBRARY.

"That as no fresh reason has been advanced in favour of such an appointment being made immediately, the Committee do not see their way to modify the decision at their last meeting."

19. LEASES.

"That as arrangements had been made for the transfer of the lease of 15, Grosvenor Crescent from Lord Cecil to the Union and that the new lease as well as the lease for Mr. Stainton's office at 47, Houghton Street, Southport, were ready to be executed, the Union's seal be affixed to both leases."

RESOLVED: "That these recommendations be approved and adopted."

- (d) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. The Secretary reported orally upon the Christian Organisations Committee held on the previous day.
- (e) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated February 11th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (2) Librarian; (3) Staff Committee Communication; (4) East Anglia.]

The Secretary reported orally upon the meeting of the Staff Appointments Committee held earlier in the day.

50. I.L.O. CONFERENCE - WOMAN DELEGATE. The Committee's attention was drawn to the following Resolution of the Standing Sub-Committee of the Women's Advisory Council:-

"To urge upon the Government that one of the two delegates appointed by them to attend the next I.L.O. Conference, as well as one or more of the technical advisers, should be a woman, in view of the fact that the main subject to be discussed is emigration - a subject with which women are particularly concerned - and that certain other countries, in particular the Scandinavian ones, have already nominated women delegates."

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be referred to the Industrial Advisory Committee."

51. NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED: "That the following matters be adjourned for the next meeting of the Committee to be held on Thursday, March 4th, 1926:-

- (a) Proposal that the Union should press for the third representative for India on the League of Nations being nominated from the elected members of the Legislative Council.
- (b) Further consideration of the revised draft of General Policy.
- (c) Co-operation with "Too H".
- (d) East Renfrew By-Election.



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19/2/26I.L.O. AND SOCIAL LEGISLATION  
STANDING COMMITTEE

The League of Nations Union will propose the following resolutions at the first meeting of the I.L.O. and Social Legislation Standing Committee to be held at Geneva on March 6th:-

1. Submission of I.L. Conventions to Parliament.

In view of the obligation imposed upon Member-States of the I.L.O. by Article 405 (Part XIII) of the Treaty of Versailles to bring (within twelve or eighteen months) each draft convention or recommendation adopted by the Conference "before the authority or authorities within whose competence the matter lies for the enactment of legislation or other action";

And considering that the intention of this article was to give an opportunity for the expression of public opinion upon each of these draft conventions and recommendations,

THE PLENARY CONGRESS URGES THE NATIONAL SOCIETIES

to impress upon their respective Governments the importance of submitting all draft conventions and recommendations, adopted by the I.L. Conference, for the consideration of their Parliaments or similar legislative assemblies.

2. Ministers of Labour.

In order that the work of the Annual Conference of the I.L.O. should be made as effective as possible

THE PLENARY CONGRESS RECOMMENDS THE NATIONAL SOCIETIES

to urge their respective Governments to adopt the policy - already pursued by certain States - of including the Ministers of Labour in their delegations to the Annual Conference.

3. Enforcement of Conventions.

THE PLENARY CONGRESS

BELIEVING that it is of vital importance both to the employers and the workers of every State that the international standard of labour conditions, set forth in the conventions adopted from time to time by the I.L. Conference, should be effectively applied by the ratifying States,

WELCOMES the fact that the Governing Body of the I.L.O. has recommended to its Conference the appointment of a special Committee to consider the best means of securing more specific knowledge with regard to the enforcement

of I.L. Conventions, and

INVITES the national societies to consider the best means of making the most effective use of the annual reports submitted by governments to the I.L.O. in accordance with the provisions of Article 408 of the Treaty of Versailles, and to forward to the Head Office of the Federation any recommendations they may have to make.

4. Hours of Work.

THE PLENARY CONGRESS

CONVINCED that there can be little real progress in the work of the I.L.O. without the enforcement of an effective international regulation of hours of work,

URGES THE NATIONAL SOCIETIES to use every endeavour to secure a simultaneous ratification by their respective governments of the Hours of Work Convention adopted by the I.L. Conference in 1919.

5. Native Labour.

THE PLENARY CONGRESS

WELCOMES the fact that the Governing Body of the I.L.O. (following the desire expressed by the VI Assembly of the League of Nations) has instructed the Office to draw up a Report on the question of Native Labour and the regulation of its conditions, for discussion at its next meeting in May, and

HOPES that the result of this study will be the drawing up of Conventions for the protection of coloured labour.

In proposing the above resolutions to the I.L.O. and Social Legislation Standing Committee, the League of Nations Union wishes to say at the outset that in their view the I.L.O. and Social Legislation Standing Committee would be better advised to concentrate on I.L.O. matters only (as indeed was the British proposal to the Federation's Council at Lausanne in October 1925) and should not have the wider terms of reference which the Council decided to give it. The League of Nations Union is of the opinion that for the purpose of preparing a report on the Economic Conference for the Plenary Congress, a separate ad hoc committee of the Federation should be set up. If it is decided to set up this ad hoc committee, the League of Nations Union would no doubt send in suggestions concerning the Economic Conference. If, however, the ad hoc committee is not set up and the I.L.O. and Social Legislation Standing Committee decides to proceed with the discussion on the Economic Conference, the League of Nations Union wishes to propose the following further resolution:-

6. Economic Conference.

RECOGNISING the importance of the League's Financial Conference at Brussels in 1920 as the starting point of the process which, beginning with the League's rescue of Austria and Hungary and continuing by the application of the experience

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thus obtained to the larger problem of German reparations, has led from the position four years ago when only 3% of the population of Europe enjoyed money with a fixed gold value, to the stabilisation of the currencies of the immense majority of European countries,

AND BELIEVING that this measure of financial reconstruction renders possible much more rapid progress with the economic reconstruction of Europe,

AND CONSIDERING that an Economic Conference resembling the Financial Conference at Brussels should be the first great step in this new movement,

THE PLENARY CONGRESS URGES NATIONAL SOCIETIES

to do all in their power to promote the success of the forthcoming Economic Conference, and in particular

to prepare the public mind by making widely understood and appreciated the economic interdependence of nations (as demonstrated by the history of the past six years), and the damage done to the international community by the hostile action of one State against another in the economic sphere.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 4TH, 1926, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Professor Baker, Major Clifton Brown, C. Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury, A.W. Claremont, Vice-Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, The Marquess of Hartington, Major Hills, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Leif Jones, F.N. Keen, Rev. A.J.D. Llewelyn, J. de V. Loder, E.W. Morton-George, T. Norris, F.G. Penman, Charles Roberts, W.J. Salmon, Lady Selborne, Raymond Unwin, H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch together with the Deputy Secretary and Mr. D.H. Mills.

52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir Arthur Haworth, Lady Gladstone, Miss M. Maxse, Lord Queenborough and Henry Vivian.
53. PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO THE COUNCIL. As a matter of urgency the Committee considered the situation with regard to a proposal to increase the permanent membership of the League of Nations Council and

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Committee unanimously re-affirms its earnest hope that the March meeting of the Council of the League will admit Germany as a permanent member of the Council but make no other change in the constitution of that body; and that no pledge will be given which might bind His Majesty's Government with regard to further arrangements".

- (2) "That the Executive considers that some matters in the present constitution of the Council require improvement, but points out that there are other and better ways of securing that improvement than by increasing the number of permanent members. Urges that this problem should be carefully considered by a special Commission".

It was further

RESOLVED: "That these Resolutions be sent

- (a) to the Government  
(b) to the Press  
(c) to certain members of the Parliamentary Committee.

54. MINUTES. The Minutes of the Executive Committee dated February 18th were approved as circulated.
55. HOURS OF WORK CONVENTION. The Chairman reported that a deputation had waited upon the Minister of Labour who had received the deputation most kindly and had said that before the Convention could be ratified differences of interpretation had to be discussed at the forthcoming Conference of Ministers of Labour.

56. ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN. Mr. Morton-George said that the Special Committee on Public Meetings had considered the proposal for an advertising campaign which had been referred to the Committee by the Management Committee.

The Special Committee recommended that although the moment was not opportune to embark upon an advertising campaign, it was of the opinion that when such an occasion arose the Union should have ready some scheme which could be launched at the psychological moment. With this in view the Special Committee further recommended that advertising agents should be invited to submit schemes.

RESOLVED: "That the recommendations of the Special Committee be adopted."

57. EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF FOREIGNERS AND EMIGRATION. The Committee considered the report of the Special Committee on the Equitable Treatment of Foreigners and Emigration and of the following resolutions recommended for adoption by the Executive Committee:-

The British League of Nations Union

RECOGNISING the fact that owing to Economic and other causes a perpetual movement of people has been and is taking place throughout the world from one country to another and that this movement appears more likely to increase rather than diminish in the future, and

CONSIDERING that the conditions under which access to its territory is permitted to foreigners by a State must necessarily affect (1) the States from which emigrants come and (2) other States to which the flow of emigration may be diverted in consequence of those conditions, and

BELIEVING that the resulting problems of Emigration, Immigration and the Equitable Treatment of Foreigners tend to become more and more international in character, and

HAVING REGARD to the obligations which have been undertaken by the States which have adhered to the Covenant of the League and the International Labour Organisation,

IS CONVINCED that the solution of these problems can best be found by the States concerned in co-operation with one another through the machinery of the League of Nations, and

RECOMMENDS, therefore, the adoption by all States receiving immigrants of the following general principles which should be observed in exercise of the right of the States to impose conditions regulating the admission and treatment of foreigners:-

- (1) that any limitations placed on freedom of immigration

should be framed so as not to act unfairly as between different States but so as to have due regard to the equality of States which forms the foundation of an international juridical life.

- (2) That such limitations should be based not on grounds of race or nationality as such, but should have regard to the character, circumstances and conditions of the immigrants.

Provided, however, that this shall not be understood to exclude the regulation of the number of immigrants to be periodically admitted so long as such regulation proceeds according to an objective, uniform and equitable ruling applicable to all States; nor does it exclude the imposition of limitations based on fundamental differences of civilisation, manners or moral life.

- (3) That such limitations should not be imposed unless their imposition is necessary for avoiding a danger, bona fide apprehended, to the administrative, economic, moral, social, hygienic or intellectual security of the State.
- (4) That such limitations should be objective, specific and clearly defined and should be published as widely as possible and should not be brought into operation without reasonable notice.
- (5) That such limitations should be enforced equally, openly, regularly, without caprice and with such moderation and humanity as may be required for mitigating prejudicial consequences.
- (6) That the States which are members of the League of Nations should cooperate by means of the machinery of the League for securing that any limitations placed on freedom of immigration shall be in accordance with the above principles and for minimising the risk that injustice or international friction may arise through the methods adopted for regulating immigration.
- (7) That all States should accord to foreigners once they have been duly admitted to their territories equal legal and economic rights with their own nationals in so far as is compatible with the political, economic and social security and development of the State.
- (8) That except when it is incompatible with the political, economic and social security of the State, no distinction should be made in the treatment of foreigners on grounds of difference in race or nationality.

RECOMMENDS FURTHER:-

That the League of Nations Societies should study the valuable work which is being done by the Economic and Finance Committees of the League of Nations and the Emigration Commission of the International Labour Organisation, and should call upon their Governments to adopt the principles set forth in the foregoing recommendations and endeavour to secure, through the Council of the League of Nations, their embodiment in a General Convention.

The Committee also considered the following recommendations of the Industrial Advisory Committee:-

- (a) "That resolutions 2 and 3 be omitted on the grounds that they were unnecessarily reactionary and that resolution 4 'That such limitations should be objective, specific and clearly defined and should be published as widely as possible and should not be brought into operation without reasonable notice' would provide sufficient opportunity for a full debate on the question of emigration regulations by the Federation".
- (b) "That in resolution 7 the phrase "in so far as is compatible with the political, economic and social security and development of the State" be omitted and that the whole of resolution 8 be omitted".

RESOLVED: "That resolutions 2 and 3 be omitted and the resulting text slightly re-drafted by Mr. Keen: the report be then adopted and forwarded to the Secretary of the Federation of League of Nations Societies for consideration at the next Plenary Congress".

58. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending March 2nd, 1926, showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £2,363.10s.8d., with outstanding accounts amounting to £1,786.17s.3d.
59. DRAFT POLICY. The Committee gave consideration to the revised draft of the Union's statement of policy. Several amendments were suggested and further consideration was adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

Mr. Delisle Burns was asked to suggest an amendment to the resolution on the I.L.O. and Professor Baker said he would suggest a resolution on Constitution.

60. INDIAN REPRESENTATION ON THE LEAGUE. The Committee considered a proposal from Mr. F.S. Marvin that the Union should press for the third representative for India on the League of Nations being nominated from elected members of the Legislative Council.

RESOLVED: "That no action be taken".

61. "TOC H" - CO-OPERATION. Admiral Drury-Lowe suggested that the Union should consider the question of co-operation with "ToC H". Admiral Drury-Lowe was asked to consult further with the authorities of "ToC H" and to bring up a report.
62. BY -ELECTIONS. The Committee received reports on By-Elections at East Renfrew, Cambridge and Darlington.
63. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - MEMBERSHIP. It was reported that the Secretary had been in communication with the National Council for Prevention of War and the British Legion with a view to their nominating a representative member who might be co-opted a member of the Executive Committee. The N.C.P.W. had suggested its Honorary Secretary, Miss Ruth Fry, and the British Legion its Assistant Secretary, Mr. J.R. Griffin.

RESOLVED: "That Miss Ruth Fry and Mr. J.R. Griffin be invited to accept seats on the Executive Committee".

The Chairman read a communication from Mrs. Oliver Strachey who wished to resign in view of the fact that she would be residing in the country for several months. The Chairman said he would write to Mrs. Strachey and suggest that she should inform him as soon as she was again free.

64. DISARMAMENT. The Chairman suggested that the Union should organise at the earliest possible moment a demonstration on the question of the limitation of armaments. The Committee approved of the suggestion and the Chairman said he would write to Lord Grey and ask him to make the principal speech.

65. PUBLIC MEETINGS COMMITTEE - FURTHER REPORT. Mr. Morton-George reported the following recommendations of the Special Committee on Public Meetings which had met two days previously:-

(a) Drawing-room meetings. That subject to the general conditions already accepted by the Executive Committee in their interim report on public meetings, presented by the Special Committee, Dame Adelaide Livingstone should for the future concern herself in the main with the organisation of drawing-room meetings.

(b) Speakers' Notes.

- (1) that SPEAKERS' NOTES be not further developed but be produced as at present;
- (2) that the list of voluntary speakers be examined with a view to cutting down the list;
- (3) (i) that SPEAKERS' NOTES be sent to members of the Executive who wish to receive them;
  - (ii) to those who have spoken five times or more during the previous year;
  - (iii) to such others as may be considered by the Secretary to be entitled to receive them.

(c) National Canvass. That it is not advisable to organise an effort throughout the whole country, organised by Headquarters and for one particular week, and that it would be better to encourage local and county campaigns.

RESOLVED: "That the recommendations of the Special Committee be adopted".

66. PUBLIC MEETINGS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

RESOLVED: "That the following be invited to serve upon the Advisory Committee on Public Meetings:-

Vice-Admiral S. R. Drury-Lowe  
 Viscountess Gladstone  
 John H. Harris  
 E. W. Morton-George  
 L. M. Wynch.

67. ADJOURNMENT. Consideration of reports of Committees was adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting be held on Thursday, March 11th, 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 11TH, 1926, at 11.15 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair),  
Professor Baker, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn,  
Major Clifton Brown, C. Delisle Burns, Vice-  
Admiral Drury-Lowe, Countess Grey, J.R.  
Griffin, Sir Arthur Haworth, Leif Jones,  
F.N. Keen, E.W. Morton-George, T. Norris,  
F.G. Penman, W.J. Salmon, Raymond Unwin,  
H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley, together with  
the Secretary.

68. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of L.J. Cadbury, David Davies, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Lady Gladstone, Major Hills, Miss Maxse, Sir Walter Napier and Henry Vivian.
69. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on March 4th, 1926, were approved as circulated.
70. MR. J.R. GRIFFIN. The Chairman welcomed Mr. J.R. Griffin who took his seat for the first time on the Executive Committee.
71. DISARMAMENT - PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION. The Chairman reported that both Lord Grey and Lord Cecil were in favour of holding a further meeting in addition to the one being organised jointly with COPEC, World Alliance and Peace Society but to be held on the special question of disarmament.

Lord Grey had telegraphed that he would be prepared to speak at a meeting on May 4th if Lord Cecil would also speak. There was difficulty, however, in regard to a hall as both the Queen's Hall and the Central Hall were booked for other meetings on that particular evening.

It was suggested that the meeting might be held in the City Temple if that Church could be lent for the occasion, and failing that the Committee expressed their approval of a suggestion that the meeting might be held in the late afternoon.

RESOLVED: "That the question of the time and place of the meeting be left in the hands of the Chairman and Mr. Morton-George".

It was further

RESOLVED: "That the financial aspect of the meeting be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and recommendation".

72. PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PERMANENT MEMBERS TO THE COUNCIL. The Committee agreed that the Union could not take any further useful action at the present time in regard to the situation which has arisen relative to the proposed increase in the number of permanent members to the Council. The Committee however

RESOLVED: "That when Germany had been admitted a member of the League a telegram of congratulation be sent to the Deutsche Liga für Völkerverbund".

73. DRAFT POLICY. The Committee gave further consideration to the revised draft of the Union's statement of policy.

An amended resolution proposed by Mr. Delisle Burns on the International Labour Organisation was referred for consideration to the next meeting of the Committee.

Mrs. Dugdale was asked to draft a resolution urging that the names of the delegates to the Assembly should be announced several months before the date of the Assembly.

74. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated February 17th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (10) Sunday School Lessons; (11) Liaison Committee Minutes; (12) Applications for Corporate Membership; (13) Communication from American Churches; (14) Corporate Membership; (17) Secretary of the Committee.

- (b) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Industrial Advisory Committee dated February 18th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (35) Composition of Committee; (36) Night-baking Convention; (37) Hours of Work Convention; (38) Committee on Equitable Treatment of Foreigners; (39) I.L.O. and Social Legislation Commission; (40) Annual Report; (41) H.M.G. Delegates to I.L. Conference; (42) Co-operation with Women's Guild of Empire; (43) Dr. Garnett's interview with Mr. Forbes Watson.

- (c) LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS. The Minutes of the Limitation of Armaments Committee dated February 23rd, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (5) Consideration of Memoranda; (6) International Police Force.

- (d) OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. Subject to Minute 24(3) being referred to the Finance Committee, and to Minute 28 being amended so as to make it clear that the Union's acceptance of Miss Booth's offer of voluntary service would have involved paying the expenses of her foreign travel, the Minutes of the Overseas Committee dated February 24th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

International Federation - Assistant Secretary. The Secretary reported that the Executive Committee of the Federation, meeting at Geneva, had appointed Dr. Kirchoff to be an Assistant Secretary of the Federation in place of Dr. Schlesinger.

These Minutes included (18) Ex-Service Men; (19) Meeting of Tenth Plenary Congress; (20) I.L.O. and Social Legislation Committee; (21) Overseas Committee Members; (22) Proposal that Branches should subscribe to Federation Bulletins; (23) Special Campaign Dept. of Federation; (24) Proposed Federation Film Service; (25) Proposal to Increase number of permanent members to the Council; (26) Memorandum on Federation Accounts; (27) Federation Meetings at Geneva; (28) Miss A. Booth; (29) Mr. Sackville West.

(e) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. Subject to verbal amendments in Minutes 20 and 21, the Minutes of the Management Committee dated February 25th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

(15) PEACEMAKERS' PILGRIMAGE. The Committee approved a proposal that the following resolution should be submitted for adoption by the Peacemakers' Pilgrimage:-

"We members and supporters of the Peacemakers' Pilgrimage, believing that law should take the place of war in the settlement of international disputes, and desiring to secure a sincere application of the principles of the League of Nations, desire that our country shall agree to submit all disputes to conciliation or arbitration. Further, we desire our country to show, by taking the lead in a movement towards a general reduction of armaments, that it does not intend to appeal to force, and we urge His Majesty's Government, encouraged by the united expression of the will of the British people, to persevere in working for such reduction until all obstacles are overcome".

[These Minutes included (12) Recognition of Branches; (13) Proposed Joint Meeting with COPEC, World Alliance and Peace Society; (14) Armistice Day - Proposed Demonstration; (15) Women's Pilgrimage; (16) Branches and Affiliating Societies; (17) Proposed Advertising Campaign; (18) Proposed Peace Ballot; (19) Membership; (20) Special Assembly; (21) Proposed Increase of Permanent Members to the Council.]

(f) EDUCATION COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Education Committee dated February 26th, 1926, together with the Minutes of the Film Committee dated February 13th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

RESOLVED: "To recommend to the Film Sub-Committee that Mr. Beddington Behrens be co-opted a member of that Committee".

It was reported that after the film had been successfully shown at Eastbourne to 1700 children, an attempt to show it at a meeting of 300 people, assembled in another hall, had failed. It appeared that the operator had not provided himself with a lamp of sufficient strength and that this operator had since left the service of his then employers.

RESOLVED: "That in view of this failure the Eastbourne Branch be offered the film to show again at the Union's expense".

[These Minutes included (18) List of Meetings; (19) Steps taken during past month by Local Education Authorities; (20) Report of Conference with N.U.T.; (21) Report of Film Committee; (22) Empire Day in Schools; (23) Esperanto; (24) Proposed Essay Competition on L. of N. for Juvenile Organisations; (25) Young People's Organisations; (26) London Secondary Schools; (27) University Extension Courses on International Relations; (28) Junior Branches.]

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- (g) PUBLIC MEETINGS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Special Committee on Public Meetings dated March 2nd, 1926, were approved and adopted.

A proposal that speakers and branches should be invited to pay for SPEAKERS' NOTES was referred to the new Advisory Committee on Public Meetings.

✓These Minutes included (24) Proposed Advertising Campaign; (25) Drawing-room meetings; (26) SPEAKERS' NOTES; (27) National Canyass; (28) Exhibitions; (29) Advisory Committee.✓

- (h) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. Subject to an amendment in the resolution of Minute 7, the Minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated February 18th, together with the Minutes of the meeting held on March 4th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

✓These Minutes included (6) Librarian; (7) East Anglia; (8) Mr. Mills; (12) Dame Adelaide Livingstone.✓

75. TRAFFIC IN ARMS. On the suggestion of Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Parliamentary Procedure Committee be invited to ask the Government whether armaments were being manufactured in Sheffield for the Governments of the U.S.A. and Japan and if so whether this fact has been published in accordance with the provisions of the Arms Traffic Convention".

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 18th,  
1926, at 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair),  
Professor Baker, Rt.Hon.S.M.Barnes, Major  
Clifton Brown, C.Belisle Burns, A.W.Claremont,  
Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe, Lady Hall, John H.  
Barris, Major J.W.Hills, Sir Charles Hobhouse,  
Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Leif Jones, J. de  
V.Loder, Miss Maxse, E.W.Morton-George, T.Norris,  
F.G.Penman, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Raymond Unwin,  
Henry Vivien, H.D.Watson, Herbert Worsley,  
together with the Secretary.

76. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered  
on behalf of David Davies, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, L.J.  
Cedbury, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, J.R.Griffin, Sir  
Arthur Haworth, F.N.Keen, Sir Walter Rapiet, Charles Roberts,  
Lady Selborne, Rt. Hon. Tom Shaw.
77. CHAIRMAN. In the temporary absence of the Chairman and the  
Vice-Chairman, Mr. Barnes presided.
78. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee  
dated March 11th, 1926, were approved as circulated.
79. UNION'S FILM. It was reported that in accordance with the  
resolution of the last meeting of the Committee, the Union's  
film had been offered to the Eastbourne Branch at the Union's  
expense, in view of the unsuccessful attempt to show it at a  
previous meeting, but that the Secretary of the Branch had  
written expressing gratitude for the offer which they were  
unable to accept.
80. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period  
ending March 16th, 1926, shewed a Bank Balance amounting to  
£2,981.11s.7d. with outstanding accounts on that date amounting  
to £1,764.13s.7d.
81. DISARMAMENT - PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION. It was reported that  
both Lord Grey and Lord Cecil had agreed to speak at the  
Disarmament demonstration to be held on May 5th, at the Queen's  
Hall. It was
- RESOLVED: (1) "That Professor Murray be invited to take  
the Chair".
- (2) "That an invitation be extended to the Prime  
Minister to speak or, failing him, Mr.  
Winston Churchill;"
- (3) "That an invitation be also extended to Mr.  
Ramsay Macdonald or, failing him, Mr.  
Philip Snowden;"
- (4) "That the Polytechnic hall be booked pro-  
visionally in case of the necessity for  
holding an overflow meeting".

It was reported that it was intended to ask the Ambassa-  
dors to be present and it was also suggested that an endeavour be  
made to get the Lord Mayor and other Mayors of London also to  
attend. It was also

RESOLVED: "That further arrangements in connection with the meeting be left in the hands of the Chairman and Mr. Norton-George".

82. GERMANY - ADMISSION TO THE LEAGUE. The Committee gave consideration to the recent events at Geneva and unanimously passed the following resolution:-

"The Executive Committee deeply regrets that effect has not been given to the strong British opinion in favour of the immediate admission of Germany to the League.

It sees with astonishment and indignation that Germany's admission to the League has been made the subject of secret bargains, pledges and even threats, utterly at variance with the methods and spirit of the League of Nations. It deplors the fact that this question was not dealt with from the first day of the Assembly meeting onwards by the normal and official use of the League machinery, including at all stages full public debate of the issues involved both in the Council and if necessary in the Assembly of the League. It believes that this method, which has been unflinchingly successful in the past, afforded the best chance of achieving a successful result."

It expresses its satisfaction that these secret negotiations have, at least for the time being, been defeated, and offers its respectful congratulations to the Representative of Sweden for his firm vindication of the true principles of the League.

It welcomes the appointment of a Committee, on which it hopes Germany will be represented, to consider the constitution of the Council; and calls attention to the importance of the principle that Members of the Council should be responsible to the public opinion of the whole League, and consequently to the extreme danger involved in the creation of any permanent irremovable Members whatsoever, except those few Great Powers whose continuous presence is necessary to the strength and authority of the Council.

It urges the extreme importance of removing all obstacles to Germany's entrance into the Council in September, and hopes that, in the meantime, her active co-operation with the League, wherever possible, will be invited and secured."

83. ADJOURNMENT.

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday next, March 25th, and that the following matters be adjourned for consideration to that meeting:-

- (a) Method of election of non-permanent members to the Council — report of Committee on the Revision of the Covenant.

(b) Draft Policy of the League of Nations Union:

- (i) Amendment proposed by Mr. Delisle Burns.
- (ii) Proposed Resolution on appointment of British Delegation.

(c) Executive Committee Membership -- communication from Mrs. Strachey.

*George H Barnes*

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY,  
MARCH 25TH, 1926, AT 11.15 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Philip Baker, G.N. Barnes, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, C. Delisle Burns, Vice-Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, Lady Gladstone, The Countess Grey, J.R. Griffin, Lady Hall, Leif Jones, J. de V. Loder, E.W. Morton-George, Sir Walter Napier, T. Norris, F.G. Penman, Mrs Walter Runciman, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley together with the Secretary.

- 84 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr. L.J. Cadbury, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Mr. J. H. Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major Hills, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Mr. F.N. Keen, Miss Maxse, Professor Murray, Mr. Charles Roberts, and Lady Selborne.
- 85 CHAIRMAN. In the absence of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman Mr. G.N. Barnes was voted to the Chair.
- 86 MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on March 18th 1926, were approved as circulated.
- 87 DISARMAMENT - PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION. It was reported that no reply had been received to the invitation of the Union to speak at the Disarmament demonstration, from the Prime Minister or Mr. Macdonald. Lord Cecil had agreed to make a longer speech than he previously intended and suggested that the Ambassadors should be invited to be present on the platform if the French Ambassador accepted an invitation. Lord Cecil further suggested that Mr. Winston Churchill should be asked to take a City meeting at a later date.
- 88 RECENT EVENTS AT GENEVA. Mention was made of several cases in which recent events at Geneva and the attacks on the League and the Union, in certain newspapers, had resulted in the increase of membership of the Union, and in other evidence, of increased support. There was only one case of the other kind. A communication had been received from Mr. Clayton, President of the Haslemere Branch, criticising the Executive's resolution and stating that the Committee had "therefore committed the unpardonable error of passing a vote of censure on an Honorary President and Joint President before they had been heard in their own defence." Mr. Clayton added that if "every time that the League finds itself in terrible difficulties or does not immediately adopt the course that the Executive Committee thinks desirable, that Committee, in the name of the Union, has to produce outbursts so full of envy, hatred and malice and all uncharitableness so utterly devoid of the League's spirit as this which I have before me, then it must be regarded not as a friend but as an enemy of the League, and I for one will have nothing more to do with it." Mr. Clayton further urged that the letter and resolution accompanying it, be at once withdrawn.
- RESOLVED: "That the Secretary be asked to send a brief reply to Mr. Clayton setting out the facts and suggesting that Mr. Clayton might ask his Branch, to bring the matter before the Union's General Council at its meeting to be held in June."



89 METHOD OF ELECTION OF NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS TO THE COUNCIL. The Committee received the report of the Committee on the Revision of the Covenant, which had met at the request of the Executive "to consider and make recommendations in regard to the method of election of non-permanent members to the Council and to report before April."

RESOLVED: "That in view of the decision of the League to set up a special commission to consider this particular question, the report be referred back for further consideration to the Revision of the Covenant Committee and that the Committee be asked to take into consideration further new suggestions which had been made, including the suggestion that non-permanent members should not possess an absolute veto."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Raymond Unwin be asked to join this Committee."

90 DRAFT POLICY. The Committee gave consideration to amended resolutions proposed by Mr. Delisle Burns on the International Labour Organisation for inclusion in the Draft Policy of the Union. Subject to one or two amendments proposed by the Industrial Advisory Committee the resolutions proposed by Mr. Delisle Burns were accepted.

The Committee gave consideration to a resolution for the Draft Policy urging that the British Delegation should be appointed "at least three months before the September meeting of the Assembly so that delegates may have time to go through the available information" etc.

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary and Mrs. Dugdale be asked to revise the wording in the light of the discussion, and that the revised resolution be included in the amended version of the Draft Policy to come before this Committee for final approval, together with a resolution on this subject to be sent to the Government in time for the election of the Delegation for the Seventh Assembly."

Lady Gladstone drew the attention of the Committee that the following resolution, included in the Birmingham Policy, had been omitted:—

"The British Government should also urge that in accordance with the spirit of Article 7 of the Covenant all important commissions and committees of the League.... should include women amongst their members."

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be included in the Draft Policy."

91 HOURS OF INDUSTRY CONFERENCE. On the proposal of Lady Hall it was

RESOLVED: "That the League of Nations Union expresses its extreme satisfaction at the unanimous agreement reached by the Ministers of Labour at the Hours of Industry Conference, and trusts that speedy ratification of the Washington

Convention by all five countries may be the result. It offers its warm congratulation to the five Ministers of Labour and particularly to the British Minister of Labour who took the initiative in calling the Conference together".

It was further

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Labour and also to the Press".

92. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP - COMMUNICATION FROM MRS. STRACHEY. It was reported that the Chairman had written to Mrs. Strachey asking her to reconsider her proposal to resign membership of the Committee. A communication had since been received from Mrs. Strachey regretting that for the present she was unable to reconsider her decision but that she would accept membership later on when she would be less busy, if the Committee so desired.

RESOLVED: "That Lord Home be invited to accept membership of the Executive Committee".

It was further

RESOLVED: "That the small Committee consisting of Major Hills, Lady Gladstone and Mr. Delisle Burns be asked to meet again and submit names for further co-optation".

93. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Management Committee dated March 11th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

RESOLVED: "That the Union's seal be affixed to the Certificates of Branches and Corporate Members formally recognised by the Management Committee on January 28th, February 11th and 25th".

[These Minutes included (24) Recognition of Branches; (25) Proposed Joint Meeting with COPEC, World Alliance and Peace Society; (26) Armistice Day - Proposed Demonstration.]

- b) WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. The Minutes of the Women's Advisory Council dated March 16th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (168) Open Air Meetings Campaign.]

- c) WELCOME COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Welcome Committee dated March 16th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (10) Secretary's Report; (11) Financial Statement; (12) Students Visiting England; (14) Co-operation of Branches; (17) Report on foundation of Welcome Clubs in Europe; (18) Joint Committee; (19) Co-optation of New Members.]

- (d) FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Finance Committee dated March 17th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (22) East Anglia; (23) Financial Statement; (24) Proposed New Monthly Journal; (25) East Midlands; (26) Films; (27) The Union's Film; (28) Audit; (29) Disarmament Meeting; (30) Mr. T.C. Archer; (31) Typing; (32) Library; (33) Derbyshire County Committee; (34) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

- (e) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Religions and Ethics Committee dated March 17th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (371) New Members; (372) Proposal for Luncheon Followed by Address; (373) Drawing-room meetings.

- (f) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated March 17th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

RESOLVED: "That it be suggested to the Christian Organisations Committee that it should co-opt Mr. T. Norris as a member".

These Minutes included (21) Central Hall Meeting; (22) New Members; (23) Corporate Membership; (24) Foreign Missions and Mandates; (25) Draft Leaflet on Corporate Membership; (26) Resolution of the Lower House of Canterbury Convocation; (27) Lecture to Church Army Cadets; (28) Christian Message to the Nations.

- (g) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Subject to the non-acceptance of Minute No. 47 in view of the fact that the Executive has decided (see Minute 92) to send a resolution of congratulation to the Prime Minister and Minister of Labour, also to the non-acceptance of Resolution No. 49a and to Resolution 50 being re-drafted in accordance with the Resolution of the Executive Committee included in the Draft Policy, the Minutes of the Industrial Advisory Committee dated March 18th, 1926 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (46) Composition of Committee; (47) Hours of Work Convention - Deputation; (48) I.L.O. and Social Legislation Commission; (49) L.N.U. Policy on the I.L.O.; (50) British Government's Delegates to the International Labour Conference; (51) Report of Labour Organisations Sub-Committee.

- (h) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. Subject to a verbal amendment in Minute 17, the Minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated March 18th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (14) Library; (15) Miss Eiluned Lewis; (16) Mr. Archer; (17) Mr. Everett Reid; (18) Mr. I. Edwards; (19) Miss Brain and Miss Graham; (20) Typist.]

94. DISARMAMENT AND THE I.L.O.

RESOLVED: "That a circular drawing attention to the books by Professor Baker on DISARMAMENT and by Mr. G.N. Barnes on THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE, be sent out with the next Branch Letter".

95. NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, April 15th".

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## LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY,  
APRIL 15TH, 1926, AT 11.15 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair),  
Professor Philip Baker, Rt.Hon.G.N.Barnes,  
L.J.Cadbury, David Davies, Lady Gladstone,  
John H. Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Mrs.  
Peter Hughes-Griffiths, E.W.Morton-George,  
Sir Walter Napier, T.Norris, Raymond Unwin,  
H.D.Watson, Herbert Worsley, E.M.Wynch  
together with the Secretary.

96 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe, Miss Ruth Fry, Major Hills, Mr. Keen, Miss Maxse, Lord Queenborough, Mr. Charles Roberts, Mr. Penman, Rt.Hon.Tom Shaw, Mrs. Runciman and Mr. Henry Vivian.

97 MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on March 25th, 1926, were approved as circulated.

98 DISARMAMENT - PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION. It was reported that Lord Gray, Lord Cecil and Mr. Clynes would speak at the Disarmament Demonstration to be held in the Queen's Hall on May 5th. Professor Gilbert Murray would take the Chair.

The Committee were informed that the Labour Party were organising a similar demonstration on May 3rd at which Mr. Ramsay Macdonald and Mr. Arthur Henderson were speaking.

99 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - MEMBERSHIP. The Secretary reported a communication from Lord Home regretting that pressure of other duties prevented his acceptance of the invitation to become a member of the Executive.

Dr. Garnett further reported a letter from Mr. T.K. Ward who stated that after a conversation with Mr. Rosslyn Mitchell, M.P., he was under the impression that Mr. Mitchell would accept membership of the Executive.

RESOLVED: "That the small Committee which had been appointed to consider the question of co-optations, should be asked to meet again at an early opportunity and that they should consider the name of Mr. Rosslyn Mitchell."

100 MR. PERCY BIGLAND. The Chairman referred to the death of Mr. Percy Bigland who had served as a member of the Executive since the inception of the Union, until last year.

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be requested to express to Mrs. Bigland the sincere sympathy of the Executive."

101 FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending April 13th, 1926, shewed a Bank Balance of £3,006.11s.2d. with outstanding accounts on that date amounting to £2,102.0s.8d.

102. PRIME MINISTER - COMMUNICATION. The Secretary reported that Colonel Fisher had of late been somewhat handicapped in getting money from conservatives who believed that the League had been grievously damaged by recent events in Geneva and that the Union was no longer appreciated by His Majesty's Government. The following letters had accordingly passed between Lord Cecil and the Prime Minister:-

My dear Prime Minister,

I am told that the work of the League of Nations Union in educating and informing public opinion about the League is being hampered by statements that recent events at Geneva have made the continued existence of the League doubtful. Could you say anything to allay this apprehension?

Yours ever,

CECIL.

My dear Cecil,

I have already said in public that there is no ground for thinking that the League has been seriously shaken by recent events in Geneva. Its continued existence is as well assured as it is necessary, and I hope that the Union will continue its admirable work in support of the League, which has my best wishes.

Yours very sincerely,

STANLEY BALDWIN.

RESOLVED: "That the terms of Mr. Baldwin's letter be notified to speakers and that the correspondence be published in HEADWAY".

103. RECENT EVENTS AT GENEVA. A communication from the Honorary President, Chairman and Honorary Secretary of the Sandown Branch, written in their individual capacity, and criticising the "tone of many of the documents of the Union, many of its resolutions and almost the whole of the editorial matter of HEADWAY" and particularly the resolution passed by the Union to the effect "that it views with astonishment and indignation the recent failure at Geneva" which, in the opinion of the signatories, only tended "to weaken the authority of our Government on the League and to create a spirit of discord at home which does not help to mend the spirit of discord abroad", was read together with a reply from the Secretary which had been sent after consultation with the Chairman.

RESOLVED: "That the signatories of the Sandown letter be informed that the Executive have carefully considered their letter together with the reply by the Secretary of the Union, and decided to send them a copy of the Prime Minister's letter of March 31st".

104. DRAFT POLICY.

RESOLVED: "That having regard to the following resolution of the General Council at its meeting on December 16th, 1925:-

'That the Declaration of General Policy approved by this Council in January, 1922, be reviewed, revised and amplified in the light of present-day conditions.

That the Executive Committee be, and is hereby requested, to prepare the Draft of a revised General Policy, which shall be issued to Branches for consideration early in the New Year, and submitted, with amendments proposed by Branches, to a meeting of the General Council to determine its final form".

the annexed draft ("A") of the revised General Policy be issued to Branches with a request that any amendment proposed by them must be in the hands of the Secretary of the Union in time for submission to the General Council at its Annual Meeting on June 22nd".

105. BRITISH DELEGATION.

RESOLVED: "That the following resolution be sent to the Government:-

'In view of the increasing pressure upon the time of Delegations during Assembly sessions, and of the value of previous consultation between the British and other Empire Delegations, as well as between British Delegates and His Majesty's Government's technical advisers, the League of Nations Union suggests that His Majesty's Government should consider the possibility of appointing the British Delegation at least three months before the September meeting of the Assembly'."

106. HOWARD LEAGUE FOR PENAL REFORM. The Chairman mentioned to the Committee a communication from the Howard League for Penal Reform, stating that the Swiss Government would bring their proposal for a Prisoners' Charter before the Assembly, and asking whether the Union would receive a deputation from the Howard League on this subject.

RESOLVED: "To invite Miss Marjorie Fry of the Howard League for Penal Reform, to attend the next meeting of the Executive Committee to explain how she would desire the League of Nations Union to help".

107. ROTARY. The Committee received and approved the Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Committee of R.I.B.I. and L.N.U. of March 22nd.

108. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Overseas Committee held on March 24th, were approved and adopted.

The Committee noted the appointment of Dr. Hermann Kirchoff as Special Assistant Secretary of the Federation, and thanked Mr. David Davies, to whose kindness in this matter the appointment of Dr. Kirchoff was due.

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[These Minutes included (33) Meeting of Tenth Plenary Congress; (34) I.L.O. and Social Legislation Standing Committee; (35) Federation Pamphlet; (36) Special Campaign Department of the Federation; (37) Proposed Federation Film Service; (38) Proposal to increase number of Permanent Members of the Council; (39) Federation Accounts; (40) Cablegram from League of Nations Non-Partisan Association of America; (41) Miss A. Booth; (42) Exchange of HEADWAY and Canadian Society's Bulletin; (44) International School at Geneva.]

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

[These Minutes included (30) Proposed Joint Meeting with COPEC, World Alliance and Peace Society; (31) Armistice Day - Proposed Demonstration; (32) Rev. R.G. Millburn; (33) "Arbitrate First" - Communication; (34) Recognition of Branches; (35) Easter - Closing of office; (36) Stevenage Branch Communication; (37) Office Re-decoration.]

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

International Auxiliary Language. The Committee approved the following resolution:-

"The League of Nations Union recognising that mutual intelligibility is essential for international understanding and concord, welcomes the approval by the British Association of the introduction of an International Auxiliary Language as a makeshift means of communication between people who have not learnt one another's language. It notes the findings of the British Association, that Latin would be too difficult for the purpose and that adoption of any modern language would confer undue advantages and excite jealousy. It endorses the British Association's choice of Esperanto because of

- (a) its neutrality
- (b) its simplicity
- (c) the well thought out scientific principles on which it is based.
- (d) the rapidity with which it can be acquired.
- (e) the extent to which it is already in use.

The League of Nations Union would welcome a pronouncement by the League of Nations urging the Governments of States Members to encourage the teaching of Esperanto in the schools, and a proposal that the Committee of Intellectual Cooperation be requested to suggest, if necessary, any improvements which would make Esperanto more effective as a means of communication between the nations."



[These Minutes included (32) List of Meetings; (33) Steps taken during the past month by Local Education Authorities; (34) Dr. Garnett's visit to Glasgow; (35) Resolution on an International Auxiliary Language; (36) Communication to Consultative Committee of Board of Education; (37) Communication from Association of Municipal Corporation; (38) Summer Schools; (39) Young People's Organisations; (40) Scenarios of Proposed Films; (41) Communication from Mr. Robertson; (42) Suggestion from a Bristol Schoolmaster.]

- (d) FILM COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Film Committee dated March 27th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (11) Financial Report on STAR OF HOPE; (12) Films of Anti-War Tendency; (14) Scenarios of Proposed Films; (15) Proposals of Mr. Haesler; (16) Dutch L. of N. Society Film.]

- (e) MANDATES COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Mandates Committee dated March 30th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (2) Report by Sir Frederick Lugard; (3) Memorandum on Archaeological Research in Mandated Territories.]

The Chairman said that, at the suggestion of the Mandates Committee, he would bring the memorandum on Archaeological Research in Mandated Territories, before the Committee of Intellectual Co-operation.

- (f) WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. The Minutes of the Women's Advisory Council dated March 31st, 1926, were approved and adopted.

The Committee expressed its <sup>warm appreciation</sup> pleasure at the work which the Women's Advisory Council was doing among the Societies represented on the Council.

[These Minutes included (171) Reports on Activities of Societies; (173) Appointment of Woman Delegate to I.L.O. Conference; (174) Appointment of Women Technical Advisers to attend meetings of Council; (175) Entry of Germany into the League; (177) Membership of Women's Advisory Council.]

109. MR. WILSON HARRIS. It was reported that Mr. Wilson Harris had been invited to attend the Conference on International Affairs, organised by the New York Academy of Political Science and the Carnegie Endowment Fund, and for this purpose desired five weeks' leave.

RESOLVED: "That <sup>Miss [unclear]</sup> ~~the~~ necessary leave be granted".

110. BOTHWELL BY-ELECTION. A report on the Bothwell By-Election was received.

111. CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. The Committee considered a suggestion made by the Secretary of the Tyne District Council, that the Consultative Committee should meet on May 5th, the same day as the Queen's Hall demonstration.

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Consultative Committee be summoned for the afternoon of May 5th".

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112. FEDERATION CONGRESS. The chairman reported a communication which he had received from M. Ruyskens, stating that in view of the adjournment of the consideration of Germany's application for admission to the League, the German Society had withdrawn their invitation for the Tenth Plenary Congress of the Federation to meet in Dresden this summer. M. Ruyskens thought that the League of Nations Union was the only League of Nations Society which had not been weakened by the set-back to the League occasioned by recent events at Geneva, and that therefore all the Federated Societies would benefit by a close contact with the British Society at this time. He, therefore, hoped (as did also those members of the Federation Bureau whom he had been able to consult) that the Tenth Plenary Congress might be held in Britain either in an English provincial town or in Wales.

RESOLVED: "That M. Ruyskens be informed that the Executive was of the opinion that the Congress should take place in Geneva; that M. Ruyskens be requested to ask the Bureau for its opinion on this suggestion but that if the Bureau were of opinion that the Congress should be held in England, then efforts should be made to arrange for the Congress to be held in Oxford, Cambridge or Manchester".

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, APRIL  
29TH, 1926, AT 11.15 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair),  
Professor Philip Baker, Sir Arthur Shirley  
Benn, Major Clifton Brown, C. Delisle Burns,  
L. J. Cadbury, A. W. Claremont, Vice-Admiral S. R.  
Drury-Lowe, Lady Gladstone, Lady Grey, Lady  
Hall, J. H. Harris, Major J. W. Hills, Rt. Hon. Leif  
Jones, Rev. A. J. D. Llewelyn, E. W. Morton-George,  
Sir Walter Napier, T. Norris, F. G. Penman, The  
Countess of Selborne, Raymond Unwin, Henry  
Vian, Herbert Worsley, L. M. Wynch, together  
with the Secretary.

113. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr. David Davies, Sir Arthur Haworth, Miss Maxse, Mr. Charles Roberts, Mrs. Runciman, Rt. Hon. Tom Shaw, Mr. H. D. Watson.
114. MINUTES. Subject to verbal amendments in Minutes 108(f) and 109, the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on April 15th, were approved as circulated.
115. DISARMAMENT DEMONSTRATION. It was reported that the Prime Minister had written a letter to be read at the Disarmament Demonstration to be held in the Queen's Hall on May 5th.

The question of getting other communications from Mr. Ramsay Macdonald and Lord Oxford was left in the hands of the Chairman.

The Secretary reported a communication from the Council for Representation of Women on the League of Nations, regretting that the Union had not invited a woman to speak at the demonstration.

RESOLVED: "That Mrs. Swanwick be invited to move the vote of thanks".

116. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - MEMBERSHIP. Lady Gladstone reported that the small Committee, which had been appointed to consider the question of co-optations to the Executive, had not met and suggested that as the Annual Meeting of the Council was to be held in June it would be better for them to meet after that date when the Council would have elected its thirty members of the Executive.

117. POSTAL BALLOT. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Council, at its next meeting, be asked to consider the question of a Postal Ballot for the election of the Executive Committee for 1927".

118. CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

RESOLVED: "That the Consultative Committee be asked to consider the following matters:-

- (a) Proposed new journal, and the comments of the Finance Committee thereon;
- (b) Foundation members;
- (c) The question of putting Esperanto on the Agenda of the Council;
- (d) Dr. Norwood's offer".

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119. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending April 27th, 1926, showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £8,013.4s.7d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £2,676.18s.5d.

120. ANNUAL REPORT. The Committee gave consideration to the draft Annual Report of the Executive Committee to the General Council. Certain amendments were proposed and it was

RESOLVED: "That further consideration of the report be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee".

121. HOWARD LEAGUE FOR PENAL REFORM. The Committee received a deputation consisting of Miss Gertrude Eaton, Captain Green, and Mr. Shawcrofts, representing the Howard League for Penal Reform.

Captain Green, on behalf of the deputation, said that in conjunction with the Friends' Council for International Service the Howard League for Penal Reform were trying to get before the League of Nations an idea for an international "Charter" for prisoners. They would be glad of the advice of the Executive as to the best way to get this before the League.

The deputation left copies of a suggested draft of minimum rights for prisoners in all civilised countries, and after thanking the committee for receiving them, withdrew.

RESOLVED: "That Mr. J.H. Harris, Professor Philip Baker, and Sir Walter Napier be asked to form a special Committee, with power to add to their number, to consider this matter and to report to the Executive".

122. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Management Committee dated April 15th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (40) Amistice Day; (41) Peacemakers' Pilgrimage; (42) Parliamentary Committee Attendance of Members of Headquarters' Staff; (43) Recognition of Branches.

(b) ROTARY COMMITTEE. The Committee received and approved the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee of R.I.B.I. and L.N.U., dated April 15th, 1926.

These Minutes included (2) Panels of Speakers; "League of Nations for Business Men"; Terms of Reference; (3) Report of Result of Interview with Mr. W.T. Layton; (4) Terms of Resolution for Economic Conference; (5) Co-option of members of International Chamber of Commerce.

(c) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Subject to an amendment in the resolution of Minute No. 55, the Minutes of the Industrial Advisory Committee, dated April 15th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

A suggestion of the Industrial Advisory Committee that the Joint Committee of Rotary and the L.N.U. should co-opt two members of the I.A. Committee was referred to the Joint Committee.

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These Minutes included (54) Composition of Committee; (55) Hours of Work Convention; (56) I.L.O. and Social Legislation Commission; (57) British Government's Delegates to I.L. Conference; (58) Eighth International Conference; (59) Week-end Schools; (60) Rotary Clubs.

- (d) FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Finance Committee dated April 21st, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (36) Library; (37) Accounts for 1925; (38) Trustees of Reserve Fund; (39) Financial Statement; (40) Proposed new Monthly Journal; (41) Queen's Hall and Central Hall Meetings; (42) Registry Staff; (43) Miss Palmer; (44) Decoration of Offices; (45) Canteen; (46) Federation Temporary Office in Geneva; (47) Ratification of Locarno Treaties; (48) L'Europe Nouvelle; (49) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

- (e) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated April 21st, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (32) Sunday School Sub-Committee Minutes; (33) Appeal to Sunday School Teachers; (34) Lessons for 1929; (35) Dr. Norwood - Interview; (36) Christian Endeavour Convention; (37) Foreign Missions, and Mandates; (38) New Members of Committee.

- (f) PUBLIC MEETINGS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Public Meetings Committee dated April 22nd, 1926, were approved and adopted.

Lady Hall. Lady Hall said she would be pleased to accept the invitation to serve on the Advisory Committee on Public Meetings.

These Minutes included (1) Constitution; (2) Chairman; (3) Additional Member - Lady Hall; (4) Cost to Branches of Holding Public Meetings; (5) Advertising Campaign; (6) Public Meetings Department and Accommodation; (7) Drawing-room meetings; (8) Speakers - Reports; (9) Mr. A.G. Alley.

- (g) LIBRARY COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Library Committee dated April 22nd, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (8) Staff; (9) Report of Book Selection Sub-Committee; (10) Catalogue; (11) Central Library for Students; (12) Co-optations on Committee.

- (h) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated April 15th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (23) Mrs. Downer; (24) Miss Buckler; (25) Registry and Typing - Appointments; (26) Miss Graham; (27) Miss A.M. Brain; (28) Miss Palmer; (29) Miss White; (30) Miss Spaul.

- (i) OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. The Committee considered the following resolution of the Overseas Committee, which had been held on the previous day:-

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"To agree that the Tenth Plenary Congress should be held in Britain either in Manchester or Aberystwyth, whichever place the Executive Committee thought most suitable; and that the date of the Congress should be fixed for June 28th until July 2nd unless there were strong local reasons for holding the Congress at any other date".

A communication had been received from Mr. David Davies expressing the hope that the Congress would be held in Aberystwyth. He had already arranged, tentatively, for accommodation with free hospitality either in the College buildings, or private hospitality to be provided for the delegates up to 200, and also arranged for a special train at reduced fares, to leave Paddington for Aberystwyth.

The Executive were most appreciative of the generous offer of Mr. Davies and

RESOLVED: "That if the Lord Mayor of Manchester had already been approached, and if the Manchester Council had already begun to make arrangements, that the invitation of Manchester be accepted. But if no tentative enquiries or other arrangements had been made in Manchester, the invitation of Mr. Davies for the Congress to be held in Aberystwyth be gratefully accepted".

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, MAY 6TH, 1926,  
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray, Norman Angell,  
Vice-Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, John H. Harris,  
Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Leif Jones,  
F.N. Keen, Mrs. W.T. Layton, Sir Walter  
Napier, E.G. Penman, Raymond Unwin, Herbert  
Worsley together with the Secretary,

123. CHAIRMAN. Pending the arrival of Professor Gilbert Murray the Chair was taken by Raymond Unwin.
124. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Rt.Hon. Tom Shaw, Lady Gladstone, Miss Ruth Fry Lady Selborne, and Mr. Cadbury.
125. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on April 29th were approved as circulated.
126. DISARMAMENT DEMONSTRATION - POSTPONEMENT. The Secretary reported that in view of the general strike the Disarmament Demonstration had been postponed and instead the meeting, which was at the Queen's Hall, was addressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of London and Professor Barry, D.S.O. The meeting took the form of a devotional service.
127. HOWARD LEAGUE FOR PENAL REFORM. It was  
RESOLVED: "That the Howard League for Penal Reform be asked to nominate two representatives to serve on the Union's Sub-Committee which was to discuss the best means of bringing the proposed International Charter for Prisoners before the Assembly of the League".  
  
Mr. Keen suggested that the Special Committee should ask the opinion of Judge Wadham (U.S.A.) on the subject of the proposed Charter.
128. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending May 3rd, 1926, shewed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £4,758.16s.5d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £2,500.  
  
The Secretary reported that in view of the general strike he had not carried out the Committee's resolution to invest £2,000.  
RESOLVED: "That the action of the Secretary be approved".
129. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION PLENARY CONGRESS.  
(a) Arrangements. The Secretary reported that in accordance with the decision of the last meeting of the Committee he had communicated with Sir Arthur Haworth in regard to the proposal that the Plenary Congress should be held in Manchester or Aberystwyth, and had told him of Mr. David Davies' offer. Sir Arthur Haworth recommended Aberystwyth. Mr. Davies' offer had, therefore, been gratefully accepted and the Secretary outlined the proposed provisional programme based upon suggestions made by Mr. Davies and by Captain Small, on behalf of the Federation.

RESOLVED: "That these provisional arrangements (including the proposed Government reception at which Sir Austen Chamberlain would address the delegates on Monday June 28th) be approved, unless hospitality can be arranged for an extra day (Monday June 28th) at Aberystwyth and Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Grey or some other person equally well-known to the foreign delegates, is able to visit Aberystwyth to deliver an address".

It was further

RESOLVED: "That the final arrangements be left in the hands of the Chairman and Mr. David Davies".

(b) Resolutions.

RESOLVED: "That the following resolutions be submitted to the Plenary Congress on behalf of the League of Nations Union:-

(i) ARMAMENTS.

THE PLENARY CONGRESS

OBSERVING that if the principle of mutual assistance in resisting and preventing aggression were fully operative, it would be possible to make large proportionate reductions in the armaments of States without diminishing the security of any of them;

REMEMBERING that this principle is laid down in the Covenant (Article 16), where, however, its operation is restricted by uncertainty concerning the amount of assistance which each State may be relied upon to give, and by the loophole for war left by the Covenant (Article 15);

NOTING further that this principle is embodied alike in the draft Treaty of Mutual Assistance, the draft Protocol for the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes and in the Locarno Treaty of Mutual Guarantee, however much these documents may differ otherwise;

EARNESTLY DESIRING that States Members of the League of Nations shall look upon the forces of other Members of the League, and particularly of their immediate neighbours, as ready to help their own forces afford protection against aggression whether from Covenant-breakers inside the League or from States unbound by any Covenant of peace;

URGES each of the Federated League of Nations Societies both to convince its country that DISARMAMENT (the reduction and limitation of national armaments), SECURITY (A guarantee of mutual assistance against aggression), and ARBITRATION (the peaceful settlement of international disputes, whether by arbitration, conciliation or judicial decision) are unattainable separately, and to make its country ready and eager for such sacrifices as are necessary for the attainment of these three objects.



## (ii) EDUCATION

## THE PLENARY CONGRESS

WELCOMES the desire of the Sixth Assembly of the League of Nations

"To familiarise young people throughout the world with the principles and work of the League of Nations, and to train the younger generation to regard international co-operation as the normal method of conducting world affairs". (Resolution adopted on Sept. 22nd 1925);

INVITES attention to the suggestion to that end contained in the following extract from the minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Intellectual Co-operation (Jan. 1926):

"A Conference might be summoned (which might become an annual conference) of teachers, representatives of associations of the League of Nations, educational bodies and Government delegates. This conference might compare from year to year the new steps taken in the various countries to achieve the desired end; its object would be to let each State know what the others were doing, so that they might be stimulated by each other's efforts and learn from each other's experience. Thus a beginning would be made of effecting that change in the minds of the peoples which is indispensable if permanent results are to follow from the League's political activities";

NOTES that this suggestion is shortly to be examined by a sub-committee of experts, appointed by the League of Nations Council (March 1926); and

URGES its adoption, both by the sub-committee and by the Council, as likely to promote the training of the younger generation to regard international co-operation as the normal method of conducting world affairs.

## (iii) MINORITIES

THE PLENARY CONGRESS is of opinion that for the present the best means of securing effective treatment of Minority Questions would be not so much to modify existing procedure as to ensure action by the Council in fulfilment of the guarantee imposed on it by the Minority Treaties"

IN VIEW of the fact that the Assembly of the League is not, at present, fully informed of the role which the Council is called upon to play under the Minorities treaties, EARNESTLY requests that the Annual Report on the work of the Council presented to the Assembly by the Secretary General, should contain a list of all those petitions, received by the League during the past year, which comply with the five conditions laid down in the existing procedure. The list should, in particular, indicate:

- (1) The date on which the petition was received by the League;
- (2) The country and minority from which the petition emanates;
- (3) The subject of petition;
- (4) The decision taken with regard to it".

## (iv) MINING INDUSTRY

## THE PLENARY CONGRESS

RE-AFFIRMS its conviction that world peace can exist only upon a basis of industrial peace, and that the co-operation between Governments, Employers and Workers of the World through the machinery of the International Labour Organisation affords the best possible hope for the solution of the grave industrial problems which are urgent to-day;

IT THEREFORE PARTICULARLY RECORDS its satisfaction that the International Labour Office at the request of the Seventh International Labour Conference has been conducting an enquiry into conditions of labour in the coal mining industry all over the world;

BEING CONVINCED that a permanent solution of the coal problem cannot be reached without international co-operation,

EARNESTLY HOPES that the International Labour Conference will, as soon as it is possessed of the results of this enquiry, take the appropriate action without delay.

## (v) MANDATES AND SLAVERY

Mr. J.E. Harris suggested that there should be a resolution on Mandates and a resolution on Slavery. It was

RESOLVED: "That subject to Mr. Harris' draft of these two resolutions being approved by Sir Frederick Lugard, these two resolutions also be included on the Congress Agenda".

## (vi) HOURS CONVENTION.

It was

RESOLVED: "That the Executive's resolution in regard to the Hours Convention be also submitted to the Plenary Congress".

30. GENERAL COUNCIL - ANNUAL MEETING.

(a) Annual Report. The Secretary explained that in view of the strike there were no copies of the Annual Report available

RESOLVED: "That the Annual Report be presented to the Committee so soon as copies were received from the printers".

(b) Executive Committee - Nominations.

RESOLVED: "That the small Sub-Committee on co-optations be asked to nominate not more than thirty members of the Executive for submission to the General Council for re-election to the Executive".

131. GENERAL STRIKE ARRANGEMENTS. The Secretary reported that the Chairman had addressed the members of the staff. It was

RESOLVED: "That in view of the transport difficulties the office be closed on Saturday May 8th".

132. GENERAL COUNCIL - REGISTRATION OF MEMBERS. The Chairman read a communication from Lady Selborne proposing that a Special Meeting of the Council should be called to consider alterations to Rules 27 and 31 with a view to the Council electing thirty members of the Executive Committee by Postal Ballot, and suggesting a further rule that Branch Delegates to the Council should be registered at Headquarters.

The Secretary reminded the Committee that two months' notice was required to summon a Special Meeting of the Council to alter Rules. It was, therefore, too late for a Special Meeting to take place on June 22nd or 23rd, when the Council would be meeting in Bristol. It was

RESOLVED: "That Lady Selborne be so informed and that if the Council adopted her proposal for a Postal Ballot, a Special Meeting of the Council be summoned for December to consider the necessary alterations to the Rules".

133. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Overseas Committee dated April 28th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

Plenary Congress Delegation.

RESOLVED: "That the following be asked to serve on the British Delegation to the Tenth Plenary Congress:- Mr. David Davies, Lady Gladstone, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Professor Gilbert Murray, Major J.W. Hills, Mr. George Barnes, Mr. C. Delisle Burns, Sir Arthur Haworth, Vice-Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, Sir Walter Napier, Mr. L.M. Wynch, Dr. Maxwell Garnett, Mr. Wilson Harris, Mrs. Dagdale, Captain A.E.W. Thomas, Professor Philip Baker, Mr. Herbert Worsley, Professor C.K. Webster, Mr. Gwilym Davies, a representative of the British Legion".

The Committee agreed to a suggestion that Mr. Gwilym Davies be consulted as to the most suitable persons to be added to the list in view of the fact that the Congress was being held in Wales.

∟These Minutes included (51) L.N.U. Films; (56) Composition of the British Delegation to Tenth Plenary Congress.∟

- (b) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. Subject to an amendment in Minute No. 50, the Minutes of the Management Committee dated April 29th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

∟These Minutes included (46) Peacemakers' Pilgrimage; (47) Foundation Members; (48) Recognition of Branches; (49) Recent Events at Geneva; (50) Executive Committee and Headquarters; (51) Queen's Hall Meeting - London Branches.∟

- (c) EDITORIAL COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Editorial Committee dated April 29th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (59) Labour in Japan; (61) I.L.O. Lantern Lecture; (63) International Peace Year-Book; (64) League of Nations Celebrations.

- (d) PUBLIC MEETINGS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Public Meetings Committee dated April 30th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (12) Additional Member - Lady Hall; (13) Cost to Branches of Holding Public Meetings; (14) Advertising Campaign.

- (e) EDUCATION COMMITTEE. Subject to amendments in Minutes 53, 56, the Minutes of the Education Committee were approved and adopted.

Young People's Organisations. The Committee approved the following resolution of the Young People's Organisations Sub-Committee:-

- (1) "That every Branch should assure itself that adequate provision is made through existing organisations in its neighbourhood for familiarising young people with the principles and work of the League of Nations, and for training the younger generation to regard international co-operation as the normal method of conducting world affairs; and that, in neighbourhoods where no such adequate provision exists, every Branch should either by itself or jointly with the other Branches, first endeavour to persuade young people's organisations to make this provision for their members; and that, if sufficient facilities are not thus secured, the Branch or Branches jointly should form a Junior Branch for boys and girls up to the age of eighteen".
- (2) "That in the event of the establishment of such a Junior Branch
  - (a) The method of enrolment and terms of membership be the same as for school branches.
  - (b) Special arrangements be made to provide appropriate literature, including a regular and sufficient supply of LEAGUE NEWS.
  - (c) Adults actively engaged in the management of such a Junior Branch be considered for co-optation on the District Council and on the General Council of the Union".

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be placed on the Agenda paper for the next Annual Meeting of the General Council"

These Minutes included (45) Co-optation of Education Representatives to Council 1926-27; (46) Resignations of Dr. Basil Yeaxlee and Mr. George Smith; (47) List of Meetings - Teachers, Schools and Colleges; (48) Steps taken during the past month by Local Education Authorities; (49) Communication from the World Federation of Education Associations; (50) Communication from Academy of International Law; (51) Union's memorandum to Consultative Committee to Board of Education;

(52) Mr. Gould's Report to Committee; (53) Resolution on an International Auxiliary Language; (54) Report of Sub-Committee of Young People's Organisations; (55) Report of Film Committee; (56) Mr. Haesler's Film Proposals. ✓

- (f) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. Subject to Minute 32 being referred back to the Staff Appointments Committee for redraft the Minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated April 29th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

Miss Richards.

RESOLVED: "That Miss Richards be given three months' leave of absence with pay to take effect after the Geneva I.L.O. Conference".

- (g) MINORITIES COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Minorities Committee dated May 4th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (4) Minority Procedure; (5) Resolution on Staatenlosigkeit drafted by Sir Walter Napier; (6) Russian Refugees. ✓

134. "BRIBERY AND ITS PREVENTION". A communication from the Secretary of "Bribery and its Prevention" International Congress, asking that the Union should be officially represented at the Congress was read.

RESOLVED: "That the communication be referred to the Joint Committee of Rotary and L.N.U., and that in the event of the Joint Committee agreeing, the Secretary be asked to try and find a representative".

135. WORLD COURT - AMERICAN RESERVATIONS. The Secretary reported a communication from the League of Nations Non-Partisan Association requesting that the Union should urge the Government to accept the reservations of the United States Senate to the World Court.

RESOLVED: "That subject to the approval of the Revision of the Covenant Committee, the Government be urged to accept the reservations attached by the United States Senate to the resolution of adherence on the part of the United States to the Protocol of December 16th, 1920, and the adjoined Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice".

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, MAY 20TH,  
1926, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair),  
Professor Philip Salter, Rt. Hon. G. N. Barnes,  
C. Delisle Burns, Vice-Admiral S. R. Drury-Lowe,  
Lady Gladstone, Lady Grey, Lady Hall, J. H.  
Harris, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Mrs. Peter  
Hughes-Griffiths, Rt. Hon. Deif Jones, Mrs.  
W. T. Layton, Rev. A. J. D. Lewelyn, Miss M. Maxse,  
E. W. Morton-George, Sir Walter Napier, T. Norris,  
F. G. Penman, Lady Selborne, Raymond Unwin,  
Henry Vivian, Herbert Worsley, L. M. Wrench  
together with the Secretary.

136. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr. L. J. Cadbury, Major Hills and Mrs. Walter Runciman.
137. GENERAL STRIKE. The Chairman made a statement concerning the office arrangements during the General Strike. He explained that, as the Disarmament Meeting could not be held, the Queen's Hall had been handed over to the Archbishop of Canterbury for a service of intercession, and the expenses were borne by the Union. He also referred to a letter sent by the Secretary, with his approval, to Branches, and to a second letter to Regional Representatives and certain Branch Secretaries.

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

138. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on May 6th, were approved as circulated, subject, however, to the British Delegation to the Plenary Congress being instructed to move amendments for the deletion of the words "for such sacrifices as are necessary," in the Armaments resolution, and for the amendment of the third paragraph of the resolution on the Coal Mining Industry in Minute No. 129, so as to read as follows:-

THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

REAFFIRMS its conviction that world peace can exist only upon a basis of industrial peace, and that the co-operation between Governments, Employers and Workers of the World through the machinery of the International Labour Organisation affords the best possible hope for the solution of the grave industrial problems which are urgent to-day.

IT THEREFORE particularly records its satisfaction that the International Labour Office at the request of the Seventh International Labour Conference has been conducting an enquiry into conditions of labour in the coal mining industry all over the world;

URGES that the International Labour Conference will, as soon as it is possessed of the results of this enquiry, take the appropriate action without delay.

139. DISARMAMENT DEMONSTRATION. It was suggested that the postponed Disarmament Demonstration should be held on June 28th, which was the date upon which the delegates to the Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies would be arriving in England, but Lady Gladstone observed that she had already requested Lord Grey to ask the Prime Minister to offer a dinner and reception for the delegates, on that evening.

It was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That Lord Cecil be asked to address a meeting on Disarmament at the Mansion House on the afternoon of June 28th, if such a meeting could be arranged".
- (2) "That Lord Grey and Mr. McKenna also be asked to address such a meeting".
- (3) "That in the event of the Lord Mayor, Lord Grey and Mr. McKenna falling in with this arrangement, and Lord Cecil being prevented from speaking, the arrangements for the proposed meeting nevertheless proceed".

140. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. Lady Selborne drew attention to the Executive Committee nominating its own members for re-election by the Council. It was pointed out that Rule 27 did not permit the Executive, as such, to nominate candidates for election to the Executive Committee by the Council, but that individual members of the Executive, being also members of the Council, were entitled to nominate.

RESOLVED: "That nominations for the Executive be not again submitted to the Council as from the Executive Committee".

141. PLENARY CONGRESS - DELEGATION. It was reported that Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths and the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of St. Davids, had been asked to join the British Delegation to the Tenth Plenary Congress of the Federation.

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Philip Snowden be invited to serve; and that, if he is unable to do so, Lady Hall be asked to join the British Delegation in his place".

142. MOROCCO. A resolution proposed by Sir Charles Hobhouse

"That the League of Nations be invited to endeavour to end the Riff war and to effect a settlement of the dispute"

was not accepted; but the Secretary of the Overseas Committee was instructed to inquire whether any of the European Societies were willing to propose such a resolution.

143. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending 17th May, 1926, shewed a Bank Balance amounting to £4,649.7s.5d., with outstanding accounts on that date amounting to £2,800.10s.6d.

144. GENERAL COUNCIL - AGENDA.

(a) Subject to the amendment of the resolutions concerning the proposed new journal and the Church Magazine inset (as recommended by the Finance Committee, minutes 51 and 50 of May 19th) the Committee approved the preliminary agenda to be circulated to the General Council in connection with its meeting at Bristol on June 22nd and 23rd.

(b) The draft Annual Report was considered, amended, and approved as amended for submission to the General Council, the wording of the amendments agreed upon being left in the hands of the Chairman.

The question of the non-payment of overdue subscriptions was referred to the Public Meetings Committee, and the Chairman was asked to make emphatic reference to this matter when presenting the Report to the Council. A suggestion by Mr. Penman that for the future a special account, showing the income and expenditure of publications and literature, should appear in the ~~Annual Income and Expenditure Account~~, was referred to the Finance Committee. *(Annual Report) see minute 15/1*

145. ASSEMBLY DELEGATION. Admiral Drury-Lowe reminded the Committee of a resolution which had been passed, urging that the Government should nominate its representatives to the Assembly, at least three months before the first Monday in September, and drew attention to the unsatisfactory reply of the Government to a question on that subject on April 26th.

The Chairman said he would speak to Lord Cecil on the matter as soon as Lord Cecil had returned from Geneva.

146. WHITSUNTIDE.

RESOLVED: "That the office be closed on Monday and Tuesday, May 24th and 25th".

147. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES.

RESOLVED: "That the following 13 new Branches, 11 Junior Branches, 52 Corporate Members, 9 Corporate Associates be formally recognised and that the Union's seal be affixed to the Certificates:-

Branches: Corwen (Baptist Church), Merioneths; Corwen (Welsh Congregational Church); Corwen (Wesleyan Church); Corwen (Zion C.M. Church); Crawley Down; East Bierley, Yorks; Garden City, Flints; Grayingham and District, Lincs; St. Nicholas and Sarre, Kent; Swaffham and District, Norfolk; Tadesley, Lancs; Uphire and District, Essex; Walthamstow (Primitive Methodist Circuit); West Willesden. Deletion: Polgooth and District, Cornwall.  
Junior Branches: Belfast (Royal Academical Institute); Birmingham (George Dixon Secondary Girls' School); Cardiff (Tabernacle Junior Branch); Croydon (High School for Girls); Harrow (County School for Girls); Haverstock Hill (Haverstock Central L.C.C. School); High Wycombe (Wycombe High School); Leicester (The Wyggeston Grammar School for Girls); North Finchley (Woodhouse School); Plymouth (Charles' Boys' School); Willesden (Bestreben High School). Corporate Members: Victoria Street Congregational Church, Jersey; Wesleyan Methodist Church, Arbroath; Moray Knox United Free Church, Edinburgh; Chesham Wesleyan Church; Victoria Street Wesleyan Church, High Wycombe; Booker Wesleyan Church, High Wycombe; Wesley Church, High Wycombe; Wesleyan Church, Woburn; King's School, Chester; Queen's School, Chester; New Whittington Wesleyan Church; Ellesmere Fort Wesleyan Church; Bude Wesleyan Church; Stratton Wesleyan Church; Brampton Congregational Church; Bath Street Wesleyan Church, Ilkoston; Littleover Primitive Methodist P.S.A.; Derby Psychology Club; Grange Villa P.M. Church; Stockton-on-Tees Jewish Community; West Stanley National Union of Teachers; Saffron Walden Parish Church; Hebron United Methodist Church, Staple Hill; North Camp Wesley Church, Farnborough; Nightingale Road Roman Catholic Church, Hitchin; Queens Road Baptist Church, Broadstairs; Hindley Wesleyan Church; St. Augustine's Brotherhood,



Pendlebury; Marshside Road P.M. Men's Guild, Southport; Portland Street Congregational Church, Southport; Wiswick and Aldingham Women's Liberal Association; Wilpshire Wesleyan Church; Clapham Brookwood Wesleyan Church; Clapton Branch of National F.W.T.A.; Hither Green Wesleyan Church; Croydon Beulah Baptist Church; West Norwood Brotherhood; Ealing F.M. Church; West Ealing Congregational Church; Wembley Wesleyan Methodist Church; Rushden Park Wesleyan Methodist Church; Wellington Wesleyan Church; Newcastle East End Y.W.C.A. Club; Netherfield Wesleyan Church; Oxford, St. Hilda's Hall Common Room; Handsworth Hamstead Road Baptist Church; Nuneaton Wesley Church; Bradford Practical Psychology Club; Huddersfield Crossland Moor Wesleyan Church; Hull, Brunswick Wesley Church; Leeds, Cavendish Road Presbyterian Church; Leeds United Methodist Church (Woodhouse Lane). Corporate Associates: East Tetherley W.I.; Hatch End W.I.; Meole Brace W.I.; Newbould-on-Stour W.I.; Nonington W.I.; Stretton-on-Foss W.I.; Tanworth-in-Arden W.I.; Forest Ward (Nottingham) Women's Liberal Association; Clifton Hall Mission "Women's Own".

It was reported that there were now 2,312 Branches, 367 Junior Branches, 1,879 Corporate Members, 551,842 members.

148. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. Subject to Minute 45 (Sunday School Lessons Inset) being referred to the Finance Committee, the Minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated May 12th, 1926, were approved and adopted, including the following resolutions in regard to the offer of Dr. F.W. Norwood (Minute No.47):-

- (1) "That Dr. Norwood's provisional offer be accepted".
- (2) "That a sum of £1,000 be allocated to cover the cost of Dr. Norwood's travelling and subsistence expenses and also to provide an honorarium".
- (3) "That a provisional programme, in accordance with the letter of the Archbishop of Canterbury to Dr. Garnett dated May 10th, be prepared and submitted to Dr. Norwood".
- (4) "That any further matter in regard to arrangements etc. for Dr. Norwood's tour be left in the hands of Dr. Gillie, the Bishop of Kensington and Dr. Garnett."
- (5) "That in the event of Dr. Norwood's accepting this provisional programme and confirming his offer, immediate steps be taken with the help of the District Councils and other local organisations of the Union to make definite arrangements on the lines of the provisional programme".

These Minutes included (44) Foreign Missions and Mandates; (45) Sunday School Lessons; (46) Christian Endeavour Convention; (47) Dr. Norwood's Offer; (48) Nominations for Co-optation to the General Council; (49) Corporate Membership; (50) Church Magazine Inset.

(b) FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Finance Committee dated May 19th, 1926, were approved and adopted, including the following resolution in regard to Dr. Norwood's offer:-

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 "That approval be given to these recommendations of those of the Christian Organisations Committee quoted above in their financial aspect, and, in particular, to a total expenditure of not more than £1,000 to meet the cost, including travelling and subsistence allowances and an honorarium; it being understood that money should be collected on every possible occasion during Dr. Norwood's campaign, and that the balance of these collections, after defraying local expenses, should be sent to the head office as contributions towards the cost of the campaign".

These Minutes included (51) Proposed New Journal; (52) Queen's Hall; (53) Decoration of Offices; (54) Financial Statement; (55) Advance of Wages; (56) Dr. Norwood; (57) East Midlands; (58) Church Magazine Inset; (59) Welcome Committee; (60) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

149. ADJOURNMENT. The Committee adjourned until their next meeting consideration of

- (a) The Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Covenant;
- (b) The following resolution suggested by Dr. Garnett and approved by Lord Phillimore:-

"That His Majesty's Government be requested to invite the League Committee on the composition of the Council to consider the following suggestions for over-riding the power of not more than two members on the Council to veto either the admission of new members to the Council or the amendment of the Covenant:-

'That, in cases where the Covenant provides for specified results to follow when voted or ratified by all the members of the Council and a majority of the Assembly (whether the majority be a simple majority, or a majority of two-thirds or three-quarters, and whether the vote of the Assembly has to be taken before or after or simultaneously with the vote of the Council), the same results should, in future, follow when voted or ratified by a three-quarters majority of the Council and by a three-quarters majority of the Assembly and that the Covenant be amended accordingly.'"

- (c) The following resolution suggested by Sir Frederick Lugard:-

"That in view of the fact that the Secretary General was instructed to invite the principal States, which are not members of the League, to co-operate in the preparation of a new Convention regarding Slavery and systems analagous to it; in view also of the complexity of the subject and the desirability for a full and public discussion, we consider that the course best calculated to secure the co-operation of all States whether Members of the League or not, would be to summon an International Conference to which the different States would appoint their plenipotentiaries".

G. M.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, JUNE 3rd, 1926,  
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair),  
Norman Angell, Professor Philip Baker, Rt.Hon.  
G.N.Eames, Major Clifton Brown, C.Delisle Burns,  
A.W.Claremont, Miss Ruth Fry, The Viscountess  
Gladstone, Lady Hall, John H. Harris, Sir Arthur  
Haworth, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones,  
F.N. Keen, Mrs. W.T.Layton, E.W.Morton-George,  
Sir Walter Napier, F.G.Pennan, Charles Roberts,  
Mrs. Walter Runciman, W.J. Salmon, Lady Selborne,  
Henry Vivian, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch, together  
with the Secretary.

150. APLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered  
on behalf of Mr.L.J.Cadbury, Vice-Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, Mrs.  
Peter Hughes-Griffiths, and Miss M.Maxse.

151. MINUTES. Subject

(a) to the deletion of the words "of the third paragraph"  
in the sixth line of Minute No.138;

(b) to the substitution of "report" for "income and ex-  
penditure account" in the second paragraph of Minute  
No.144(b);

(c) to it being understood that the Public Meetings Com-  
mittee, or in urgent matters the Chairman of that  
Committee, is to be consulted in regard to all arrange-  
ments for Dr. Norwood's tour;

the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on May  
20th, were approved as circulated.

152. MISS RUTH FRY. The Chairman welcomed Miss Ruth Fry on taking  
her seat for the first time as a member of the Executive.

153. PLENARY CONGRESS DELEGATION. It was reported that both Mr.  
Philip Snowden and Lady Hall were unable to serve on the British  
Delegation to the Tenth Plenary Congress, and it was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Norman Angell be invited to serve".

154. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period  
ending May 31st, shewed a Bank Balance on that date amounting  
to £3,934.18s.1d., with outstanding accounts amounting to  
£2,452.5s.11d.

155. COMMITTEE ON THE REVISION OF THE COVENANT.

(a) Constitution of the Council. The Committee received the  
report of the Committee on the Revision of the Covenant, on the  
question of the constitution of the Council and

RESOLVED: (1) "That Lord Phillimore and his Committee be  
thanked for their report and be informed  
that the Executive Committee of the Union  
notes with pleasure that that report had  
served its purpose, having been placed in  
the hands of Lord Cecil before the meeting  
of the League's Committee on the Constitution  
of the Council."

(ii) "That the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union unanimously resolves to express its approval of, and support for, the provisional decision made at its first meeting in May by the League Committee on the composition of the Council, and to re-affirm its conviction that no further permanent seats on the Council should be created except those to be allocated to Germany, Russia and the U.S.A. when they become Members of the League".

(iii) "That the resolution (ii) be sent to the Government, to the Press and to the League of Nations Societies abroad, through the Federation."

(iv) "That the resolution of the League Committee on the Constitution of the Council be circulated to members of the Executive for information."

(b) United States and World Court. The Chairman said that he would send a letter after consultation with Lord Phillimore, to the League of Nations Non-Partisan Association, explaining the reasons why the League of Nations Union could not recommend the British Government to accept reservation 5 of the United States Senate.

(c) Power of Veto. The following resolution suggested by Dr. Garnett, was referred for consideration to the next meeting of the Committee on the Revision of the Covenant:-

"That His Majesty's Government be requested to invite The League Committee on the Composition of the Council to consider the following suggestions for over-riding the power of either one or two members on the Council to veto the admission of new members to the Council or the amendment of the Covenant:-

'That, in cases where the Covenant provides for specified results to follow when voted or ratified by all the members of the Council and a majority of the Assembly (whether the majority be a simple majority, or a majority of two-thirds or three-quarters, and whether the vote of the Assembly has to be taken before or after or simultaneously with the vote of the Council), the same results should, in future, follow when voted or ratified by a three-quarters majority of the Council and by a three-quarters majority of the Assembly  
and

That the Covenant be amended accordingly .'"

#### 156. PLENARY CONGRESS.

(a) Revised Programme. The Committee considered the revised programme for the Tenth Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies.

(b) Proposed Mansion House Meeting. It was reported that Lord Cecil was unable to address the proposed Mansion House meeting on the afternoon of June 28th, and in view of other difficulties the proposal to hold a meeting at the Mansion House on that date had been dropped.

No reply had yet been received from the Prime Minister as to whether the Government would entertain the Delegates to the Plenary Congress, in London on the night of June 28th.

(c) Economic Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED: "That the Plenary Congress of the Federation be asked to pass the following resolution:-

'SINCE among the various proposals made to the Preparatory Committee of the International Economic Conference, there is one urging the adoption of "methods adapted to reducing net costs and increasing the output of industry by a more rational organisation of works and of labour" (see Economic Sub-Committee's "suggestions" to Preparatory Committee II 6),

SINCE along these lines a useful approach can be made to agreement with a view to improving existing economic conditions,

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RECOMMENDS the affiliated societies to support such an effort effectively

(a) by making strenuous efforts to educate public opinion in favour of the general idea; and

(b) by making a systematic study of its applications; and

REQUESTS the Economic Sub-Committee to continue its work to this end in consultation with the International Labour Office and any other international organisation concerned."

The Committee further agreed that it was desirable that the Economic Sub-Committee of the Federation should continue in being

- (1) to make further study of the methods adapted to reducing net costs and increasing the output of industry by a more rational organisation of works and of labour;
- (2) to co-ordinate the educational activities of the several League of Nations Societies in this field; and
- (3) to watch the work of the League's Preparatory Committee and afterwards of the Economic Conference so as to make sure of preserving the International point of view and endeavouring to ensure that interests of the world as a whole are not sacrificed to the sectional interests, as for example, of individual states, particular trades or industries, or particular groups of employers or employed.

157. GENERAL COUNCIL, BRISTOL. At the request of the Committee the Chairman said that he would invite Lord Cecil to attend the General Council Meeting at Bristol, and to make a speech.

(a) Mandates and Slavery. The Secretary reported that resolutions on the question of Mandates and Slavery, drafted by Mr. John H. Harris, had been amended as follows by Sir Frederick Lugard, and had been sent forward for inclusion on the Plenary Congress Agenda:-

MANDATES.

## THE PLENARY CONGRESS

WELCOMES the suggestion that the members of the Permanent Mandates Commission should pay informal visits to mandated territories for the purpose of acquiring information, and

TRUSTS that no impediments will be placed in their way in carrying out such visits with the advice and the friendly help of the Mandatory Powers.

RESPECTFULLY URGES that the Mandates Commission should suggest to the Council of the League of Nations the propriety of requiring that any Mandatory Power which finds it necessary at any time to suspend its ordinary laws should immediately notify the League.

SLAVERY

## THE PLENARY CONGRESS

APPRECIATES the action of the Council of the League in presenting for the approval of States, whether Members of the League or not, a new Slavery Convention, and

TRUSTS that this instrument may be so framed as to revive those Articles of the Brussels Act relating to Slavery and the Slave-trade which were abrogated in so far as the Signatories of the St. Germain Treaty of 10.9.1919 were concerned, provided that they have not become obsolete, and to provide for the abolition of all forms of compulsory labour, excepting only those which are required for paid emergency services.

IT ALSO WELCOMES the suggestion of the International Labour Office to call a Conference of Experts to consider the possibility of preparing a Convention in regard to certain forms of labour in tropical and semi-tropical territories.

(b) Slavery. The Secretary reported a communication from Sir Frederick Lugard suggesting that the League of Nations Union should adopt some such resolution as the following:-

"That in view of the fact that the Secretary-General was instructed to invite the principal States, which are not Members of the League, to co-operate in the preparation of a new Convention regarding Slavery and systems analagous to it; in view also of the complexity of the subject and the desirability of a full and public discussion, we consider that the course best calculated to secure the co-operation of all States whether Members of the League or not, would be to summon an International Conference to which the different States would appoint their plenipotentiaries."

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Mr. J.H.Harris told the Committee of a memorandum that had been sent by the British Foreign Minister to Sir Eric Drummond on this question. ~~The Chairman said that he would endeavor to get this memorandum, and raise the matter again at the next meeting of the Committee.~~ *see minute 162 above*

158. PEACEMAKERS' PILGRIMAGE. The Committee noted the following resolution adopted by the Peacemakers' Pilgrimage which embodied the sense of the resolution approved by the Executive Committee on March 11th:-

"We Members and Supporters of the Peacemakers' Pilgrimage, believing that law should take the place of war in the settlement of International disputes, urge His Majesty's Government to agree to submit all disputes to conciliation or arbitration, and by taking the lead in the proposed Disarmament Conference of the League of Nations, to shew that Great Britain does not intend to appeal to force".

Mr. Arnold Forster having called attention to the fact that His Majesty's Government was already obliged, under the Covenant, "to submit all disputes to conciliation or arbitration", the Secretary had agreed with the organisers of the Peacemakers' Pilgrimage to substitute "settle.....by" for "submit.....to" in the fifth line of the resolution.

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

159. LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS - REPORT OF COMMITTEE. The Committee considered the majority report presented by the Limitation of Armaments Committee, together with a letter from Mr. David Davies concerning the minority report which should have been circulated at the same time. Several members of that Committee who did not attend the last meeting, had taken exception to various passages in the majority report and had not been given an opportunity of signing the minority report. It was

RESOLVED:(1) "That the Committee be asked to hold a further meeting at which all those members who had attended any previous meeting of the Committee should be urged to be present, and that a further attempt be made to reach unanimity, failing which, the majority and minority reports with their signatures should be presented to the next following meeting of the Executive".

- (2) "That in the ~~meaning of~~ <sup>note</sup> statement that the views of the Executive Committee on disarmament are ~~outlined~~ <sup>outlined</sup> expressed in a forthcoming report, be ~~omitted~~ <sup>omitted</sup> from the statement of the Union's policy printed on the agenda paper of the Bristol meeting of the General Council." *(see minute 162)*

160. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) PUBLIC MEETINGS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Public Meetings Committee dated May 18th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (16) General Strike; (17) Advertising Campaign.

- (b) OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Overseas Committee dated May 18th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (60) Miss Cohen's South African Tour; (61) International School at Geneva; (62) Date and Place of Tenth Plenary Congress of Federation; (63) Composition of the British Delegation to Congress; (64) Overseas Report; (65) South Africa; (66) Canada.

- (c) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS. The Minutes of the Religions and Ethics Committee dated May 19th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (378) Minutes of Home Sub-Committee; (379) General Council; (380) New Corporate Members; (381) The late Mr. Percy Bigland; (382) New Member; (383) Letter in HEADWAY.

- (d) WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. The Minutes of the Women's Advisory Council dated May 19th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (181) Open-Air Meetings; (185) Constitution of Committee for 1926; (187) Executive Committee - Women Members.

- (e) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Industrial Advisory Committee dated May 27th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (63) British Government's Delegate to I.L. Conference; (64) Eighth International Labour Conference; (65) Captain Sander's Campaign of Meetings; (66) Composition of Committee; (67) Night-baking Convention and Workmen's Compensation Convention; (68) International Federation of L. of M. Societies; (69) Resolutions for Annual Conferences of Various Organisations; (70) Affiliation of Employers and Workers Organisation to Union; (71) Mr. Filene's Proposed International Bureau.

G. M.



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVEHOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, JUNE 17th, 1926, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Norman Angell, Professor Philip Baker, C. Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Vice-Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major J.W. Hills, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Mrs. W.T. Layton, E.W. Morton-George, Sir Walter Napier, F.G. Penman, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Lady Selborne, Raymond Unwin, H.D. Watson, L.M. Wynch, together with the Secretary.

161. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Rt. Hon. G.H. Barnes, Sir Nicholas Grattan Doyle, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, J.R. Griffin, Mr. J.H. Harris, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Miss M. Maxse, Lord Queenborough and the Rt. Hon. Tom Shaw.

162. MINUTES. Subject to the replacement of the last sentence of Minute 157 by

"The Committee attached great importance to the negotiations for the new Slavery Convention being conducted under the League's auspices and expressed regret that in these circumstances they could not see their way to supporting such a resolution",

and to the amendment of resolution 2 in Minute 159, the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on June 3rd, 1926, were approved as circulated.

163. PEACEMAKERS' PILGRIMAGE. The Committee expressed the hope that the London Federation would urge its branches to give support to the Peacemakers' Pilgrimage in the demonstration on Saturday, June 19th.

164. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES.

(a) Arrangements. The arrangements for the Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies were reported. The League of Nations Union Delegates would meet on the following Thursday.

(b) Prisoners' Charter. Sir Walter Napier reported that the special Committee to consider the proposed Prisoners' Charter had not been able to meet and it was suggested that, as it was too late to get the matter on the Agenda of the Congress, the Howard League for Penal Reform should be asked to provide a leaflet which could be circulated to the Congress delegates.

(c) U.S.A. and World Court. Mr. Norman Angell proposed that members of the British delegation should meet members of the American delegation before the Congress and explain why the Union could not recommend the British Government to accept the fifth reservation attached to the United States admission to the World Court.

RESOLVED: "that an endeavour be made to arrange such a meeting and that copies of the Minutes of the Committee on the Revision of the Covenant in regard to this matter and also a copy of Professor Murray's letter to Mr. Wickersham be circulated to members of the Delegation."

165. GENERAL COUNCIL - FINAL AGENDA. The Committee considered the Final Agenda for the Council Meeting to be held at Bristol on June 22nd and 23rd.

Lady Selborne said that if pressure of time prevented the question of the Postal Ballot being considered at Bristol she would like the proposal referred for consideration to a special Committee of the Executive.

166. LEAGUE COUNCIL - COMPOSITION. The Committee received the report of the League's Committee on the Composition of the Council which had been circulated for information.

167. ARMAMENTS. The Committee received the minority and majority reports of the Limitation of Armaments Committee and proposed certain amendments to the Majority Report.

The Chairman said he would suggest these amendments to the next meeting of the Limitation of Armaments Committee after which the report should again be brought before the Executive.

168. MEMBERSHIP. The Committee considered the following resolutions proposed by Mr. Penman:-

"Seeing that for the year 1925 the total number of subscriptions received by the League of Nations Union was 256,841 less than the number of members recorded at the end of that year, and that the number of renewal subscriptions received represented only 40% of the recorded membership at the beginning of the year, and that only 2,497 names were struck off the membership register, it is resolved as follows:-

1. That this Committee do call for returns of membership from all Branches of the Union on December 31st, 1926, and at the end of each subsequent year.
2. That the Headquarters' membership records and the published membership figures be revised annually in the light of these returns.
3. That intimation of this resolution be given to all Branches, and that Branch Officers and Committee be urged to do their utmost to get in touch with lapsed members and to add new members during the next six months in order to avoid the possibility of the Union having to announce a decrease in membership which might involve a serious loss of prestige.
4. That with the same end in view the Management Committee be asked to consider the desirability of temporarily suspending the publication of monthly membership figures until the register has been thus revised.
5. That all Regional and District organisations of the Union be asked to hold conferences of Branch representatives during the month of July, to consider the serious membership situation and to report on their difficulties and their suggestions for meeting the same.
6. That the recommendations of this Committee arising from the consideration of these reports be brought before the Consultative Committee early in October next.
7. That arrangements be made for a campaign in the early Autumn to bring the work of the Union more vividly to the minds of our members, and that Branches be asked to arrange special meetings to be addressed so far as

possible by members of this Committee and of the Headquarters' staff familiar with the Union's widespread activities.

8. That arrangements be pressed on so that every Branch may be attached to some District Council or other local organisation, whose officers may co-operate with the Union's Regional representatives in maintaining that personal contact with Branch officers which will help and encourage them to greater efficiency in all essential matters."

It was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Penman's proposals be referred to the Management Committee and that Mr. Penman be invited to attend this meeting."

169. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) PUBLIC MEETINGS COMMITTEE. Subject to no communication being addressed to Union speakers in regard to confidential reports as suggested in Minute 125, the Minutes of the Public Meetings Committee dated June 1st, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (20) Proposed Advertising Campaign; (21) Drawing-room and Gardens Meetings; (22) Hyde Park Meetings; (23) Additional Speakers; (24) Headquarters' Panel of Speakers; (25) Reports on Speakers.]

- (b) WELCOME COMMITTEE. Lady Gladstone reported orally that the Welcome Committee desire to co-opt the following as additional members

Mr. Norton-George  
Mr. Fletcher  
Commander Edwards

RESOLVED: "That these gentlemen be invited accordingly".

- (c) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Management Committee dated June 10th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (33) Plenary Congress; (54) General Council; (55) Recognition of Branches; (56) Dr. Norwood's Campaign.]

- (d) FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Finance Committee were approved and adopted except Minute 67, consideration of which was deferred until the minutes of the Welcome Committee dated June 9th, 1926, were available for consideration at the same time.

[These Minutes included (62) Financial Statement; (63) Labour Department; (64) Half-yearly Review of Salaries and Wages; (65) Staff Pensions; (66) Special Income and Expenditure Account in respect of Publications; (67) Welcome Committee; (68) East Midlands.]

- (e) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEES. Subject to the resolution in Minute 37 being referred back for further consideration, and the replacement of the first resolution in Minute 38 by

"That Miss Richards be invited to remain in the service of the Union, for the purpose of taking a complete holiday during a period not exceeding three months from the date on which she ceases to discharge the duties of her present office",

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the Minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated June 10th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (37) Library; (38) Labour Department; (39) Mr. Fanshawe's Article in HEADWAY; (40) Half-yearly review of salaries and wages; (41) Miss Graham; (42) Voluntary Workers; (43) Registry.]

170.

DR. NORWOOD.

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee's appreciation of Dr. Norwood's most generous offer be recorded".

G.M.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, JULY 8TH,  
1926, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Norman Angell, Professor Philip Baker, C. Delisic Burns, L.J. Cadbury, A.W. Claremont, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Lady Gladstone, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Leif Jones, E.W. Morton-George, Mrs. Runciman, The Countess of Selborne, Herbert Worsley together with the Secretary.

171. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir Arthur Haworth, Lord Hartington, Miss Maxse, Charles Roberts.
172. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated June 17th, 1926, were approved as circulated.
173. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending July 5th shewed a bank balance on that date amounting to £3,071.3s.0d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £2857.3s.11d.
174. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN. On the motion of Professor Murray it was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That Major Hills be elected Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year".

175. GENERAL COUNCIL - MINUTES. The Committee received and approved the Minutes of the General Council held at Bristol on June 22nd and 23rd. The Committee

- RESOLVED: (a) "That in view of the decision of the Tenth Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies the resolution 202(c) (International Auxiliary Language) be not sent to the League of Nations".
- (b) "That the Minute and resolution 202(e) relating to HEADWAY and NEWS SHEET be referred to the Editorial and Consultative Committees for report".
- (c) "That the invitation to Churches and Branches, using the Church Magazine Inset, (Minute 202(g)) to contribute towards the cost of it accompany the Autumn issue of the Inset"
- (d) "That Minute, 202(f) relating to the Postal Ballot be referred for consideration and report to the Management Committee of which Lady Selborne should be a member for this purpose".

It was suggested that the Management Committee, when considering the question of a Postal Ballot, should also consider the methods of election, nominations and whether names on the Ballot paper should be in alphabetical order.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CO-OPERATIONS.

RESOLVED: "That the following be invited to accept co-optation to the Executive Committee:-

A. Duff Cooper, M.P.	Sir Walter Napier
Miss Ruth Fry	F. G. Penman, M.A.
J. R. Griffin	W. J. Salmon
R. F. Hudson, M.P.	Raymond Unwin
Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths	Henry Vivian
F. N. Keen, LL.B.	H. D. Watson, C.I.F.
Mrs. W. T. Layton	The Hon. Mrs. Wilson-Fox
J. de V. Loder, M.P.	L. M. Wynch, C.I.E., C.B.E.

RESOLVED: "That the proposal to co-opt Mr. Tom Shaw and Mr. A. E. Zimmern be deferred until it has been ascertained whether these gentlemen are prepared to serve and attend the meetings of the Committee".

177. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION - COUNT BERNSTORFF. The Secretary gave an oral report of the meetings of the Tenth Plenary Congress at Aberystwyth, and reported the receipt of several letters from members, including Lady Askwith and Sir Valentine Chirol, resigning membership of the Union because Count Bernstorff had been invited to speak at the public meeting in Aberystwyth during the Congress Meetings. The Chairman promised to write a letter to Sir Valentine Chirol explaining the Union's attitude and it was

RESOLVED: "That an adaptation of this letter be sent to other correspondents who had threatened resignation".

It was further

RESOLVED: "That an expression of the Committee's warmest appreciation and thanks be conveyed to Mr. David Davies for his generosity which contributed so largely towards making the Conference such a splendid success; and that the thanks of the Committee be also conveyed to Sir Felix Pole and Mr. R. H. Nicholls, C.B.E. (G.W.R.)"

178. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) WELCOME AND FINANCE COMMITTEES. The Committee considered extracts from the Minutes of the Welcome Committee meeting of June 9th, and Finance Committee meeting of June 16th, containing reports of the joint meeting of the sub-committee appointed respectively by these two Committees and

RESOLVED: (a) "That for the remainder of this year the Welcome Committee should estimate the cost of any particular piece of work it is asked to do and obtain the necessary authority for the expenditure before definitely undertaking the work;

(b) that the Welcome Committee should endeavour, in co-operation with the Appeals Department, to find new sources of income. Some or all of the money obtained from these new sources should be earmarked for Welcome Committee purposes;

(c) that the Welcome Committee should make a careful estimate of the sum required for its work next year and that the Finance Committee, when preparing the budget for 1927, should take this estimate into consideration".

- (b) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated June 16th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

✓These minutes included (54) Church Magazine Inset; (55) Dr. Norwood's Campaign; (56) Sunday School Lessons; (57) Corporate Membership; (58) Bulletin for Church Magazines; (59) New Member of Committee; (60) Nominations for Co-optation to Council; (61) Children's League of Peace and Goodwill.✓

- (c) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. Subject to the deletion of the second paragraph of Minute 62, the Minutes of the Management Committee dated June 24th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

✓These Minutes included (60) Recognition of Branches; (61) Dr. Norwood's Campaign; (62) Membership; (63) Anniversary Meeting; (64) Executive Committee.✓

- (d) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Subject to the amendment of Minute 77 so as to read

"It was reported that Dr. Garnett had not prepared a report on Mr. Filene's proposals for an International Bureau for Industrial Research since the scope of the Bureau was not yet defined, so that the Union could not yet co-operate with it",

and to the replacement of the last three sentences of the second paragraph of Minute 78 by the following:-

"A salary of £500 would not be available for any applicant for this post since Mr. Mills received this salary in the capacity of Assistant Secretary to the Union and since his present post would probably be filled by promotion, the ultimate vacancy being filled at a salary not exceeding £350. A stenographer would be appointed as assistant to Mr. Mills",

the Minutes of the Industrial Advisory Committee dated June 24th, 1926, were approved and adopted. The Committee

RESOLVED: "That there be conveyed to Mr. Mills an expression of the Committee's appreciation of the skilful and devoted manner in which he had discharged the duties of Secretary to the Executive Committee, together with the Committee's best wishes for the success of his new work and for his enjoyment of it; and that Mr. Mills, when Secretary to the Industrial Advisory Committee, continue to retain the title of Assistant Secretary to the Union".

✓These Minutes included (74) Composition of Committee; (75) Conservative Congress Conference; (76) Affiliation of Employers' and Workers' Organisations to the Union; (77) Filene's Proposed International Bureau; (78) Appointment of a Secretary to the Committee; (79) Eighth International Labour Conference; (80) Proposed L.N.U. Conference; (81) Revision of the L.N.U. Pamphlet LABOUR AND THE LEAGUE.✓

- (e) EDUCATION COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Education Committee dated June 25th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (59) Nominations to Committee; (60) List of Meetings; (61) Steps taken during past two months by Local Education Authorities; (62) National Union of Teachers' circular to Local Associations; (63) Report of Conference of London Junior Branches; (64) Junior Branches in Derby; (65) Branches in Public Schools; (66) World Federation of Education Associations; (67) Cambridge Summer School; (68) Report of Film Committee; (69) Board of Education's suggestions for Teachers; (70) League Medals.]

(f) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated June 24th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (46) Library; (47) Labour Department; (48) Rev. R. Sorensen; (49) Assistant to Secretary.]

The Committee further approved and adopted the following Minute of the Staff Appointments Committee held earlier in the day:-

ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY. The Committee considered applications from Mr. Gordon Bagnall, Mr. John Eppstein, Mr. Walter B. Rudbach, and Mr. Nicholas Wood, received in response to the following notice sent to members of the Union's staff:-

"Applications are invited from members of the staff for appointment as Assistant to the Secretary at a salary of £500 a year. Besides rendering personal assistance to the Secretary of the Union, he will be responsible for keeping the minutes of the Executive Committee.

Applications should reach me not later than Monday, July 5th.

A.J.C. FRESHWATER.  
29.6.26.

The Committee

RESOLVED: "That Mr. John Eppstein be appointed as Assistant to Dr. Garnett for an experimental period of six months from October 1st, 1926".

It was

RESOLVED: "That Lady Hall be invited to accept membership of the Staff Appointments Committee".

C.M.



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, JULY 15TH,  
1926, AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Norman Angell, Professor Philip Baker, Rt.Hon.G.N.Barnes, C.Delisle Burns, A.Duff Cooper, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Vice-Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, Lady Gladstone, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, R.F.Hudson, Leif Jones, E.W.Morton-George, Sir Walter Napier, F.G.Penman, W.J. Salmon, Lady Selborne, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, H.D.Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary.

179. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Miss Ruth Fry, Major Hills, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Mr. F.N.Keen, Major General Sir Frederick Maurice, Charles Roberts and Mrs. Wilson-Fox.
180. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on July 9th, 1926, were approved as circulated.
181. EXECUTIVE CO-OPTATIONS. It was reported that acceptances had been received from all who had been invited at the last meeting to accept co-optation to the Executive Committee.

The Chairman welcomed Mr.Duff Cooper and Mr. R.F. Hudson upon taking their seats for the first time on the Executive Committee.

Lady Gladstone mentioned that the Women's Advisory Council had asked her to suggest names of women for co-optation to the Executive.

RESOLVED: "That the question of further co-optations to the Executive be placed on the Agenda for its next meeting".

182. COUNT BERNSTORFF - ABERYSTWYTH MEETINGS. The Committee discussed further correspondence relating to Count Bernstorff's speech at Aberystwyth, and the Committee

RESOLVED: "That the Union's attitude in regard to this matter be included in the next issue of SPEAKERS NOTES and that the question of what reference shall be made to the subject in HEADWAY be left in the hands of the Chairman and Mr.Wilson Harris".

183. LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS - REPORT OF COMMITTEE. The Committee received the Majority Report of the Limitation of Armaments Committee. The Chairman explained certain alterations of phrasing which were to be made in the typed copies of the report before it was signed. The Committee

RESOLVED: "That the Reports of the Committee on the Limitation of Armaments be published in the usual way as a pamphlet".

184. POLITICAL ORGANISATION OF THE UNION. The Committee considered a memorandum from Mr. Penman on the subject of the political organisation of the Union.

RESOLVED: "That this memorandum, except paragraphs 5 and 6, with which the Committee did not agree, be referred to the Consultative Committee for report".

185. UNION PAMPHLETS. It was suggested that the Union's pamphlets similar to the Amaments pamphlet - should be circulated to Members of Parliament and Parliamentary Candidates.

The Secretary said he would suggest to local Branches that they should arrange for this.

186. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The Chairman reported that the Staff Appointments Committee, which had met earlier in the day, proposed setting up a special Committee, consisting of two members of the Staff Appointments Committee and two members of the Staff Members Committee, to consider and report upon the question of grading and methods of appointing members to the staff.

The Minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated July 8th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (52) Miss Richards; (53) Assistant to the Secretary; (54) Communication from Staff Members Committee; (55) Miss Burton.]

- (b) PUBLIC MEETINGS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Public Meetings Committee held on Tuesday, July 13th, 1926, were read by the Secretary and were approved and adopted.

RESOLVED: "That the Management Committee be requested to consider whether the Union is making the fullest use of publicity and advertising in its work".

[These Minutes included (38) Dr. Norwood's Campaign; (39) Drawing-room Meetings; (40) Works' Meetings; (41) Open-air meetings; (42) Advertising Campaign - Mr. R. T. Lang.]

- (c) OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Overseas Committee held on July 14th, 1926, were read by the Secretary and were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (70) Miss Spaul's Visit to India; (71) Resolutions of Aberystwyth Congress; (72) Meeting of Council and Executive of Federation at Salzburg; (73) Communication from Dr. Nossig; (74) Conference of L. of N. Societies in Pacific.]

- (d) WELCOME COMMITTEE. Lady Gladstone reported that the Welcome Committee which had held its meeting on the previous day, were of the opinion that the dinner which it was suggested should be given to the delegates of the Imperial Conference should take place, if possible, early in November, and that it should be made self-supporting. The following names were suggested as speakers:-

The Prime Minister (or Sir Austen Chamberlain or Lord Cecil)  
Mr. J. H. Thomas (or Mr. Snowden or Miss Margaret Bondfield)  
Lady Violet Bonham-Carter (or Lord Grey)

RESOLVED: "That the Committee's suggestions be approved and that further arrangements be left in the hands of the Welcome Committee".

7. BIRTHDAY MEETING. The Secretary reported a communication from Lord Cecil in which he stated that he was prepared to speak at the Union's Birthday Meeting on Thursday, October 21st.

8. "NO MORE WAR" MOVEMENT. The Secretary reported a communication from the "No More War" Movement, requesting that the Union should appoint a representative to serve on the deputation to the Russian

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Charge d'Affaires in order to bring to his notice the question of the "imprisonments for the refusal of military service now taking place in Russia and the rigorous sentences that are being imposed".

RESOLVED: "That as the Committee considers this to be outside the Union's scope, it regrets it is unable to appoint a representative on this deputation".

189. NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PREVENTION OF WAR. A communication from Miss Ruth Fry, the Honorary Secretary of the National Council for Prevention of War, requesting that the N.C.P.W. should be kept as closely informed as possible of the Union's activities during Armistice Week and that the Union should appoint a representative to serve on the N.C.P.W. Organising Committee, was read. She requested that Mr. Mills should serve.

RESOLVED: "To agree to Miss Fry's request".

190. PEACEMAKERS' PILGRIMAGE. The Secretary reported a communication from the Peacemakers' Pilgrimage, suggesting that societies, which co-operated in the Peacemakers' Pilgrimage, should agree to their representatives remaining as members of the Council as a skeleton organisation to consider future work.

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Weston should attend the next meeting of the Pilgrimage Council which is to receive the report and balance sheet of the Peacemakers' Pilgrimage and that the question of further co-operation on this Committee be referred to the Women's Advisory Council".

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY,  
JULY 29TH, 1926, AT 11 a.m.

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PRESENT: Major J.W. Hills (in the Chair), Professor Philip Baker, Rt.Hon.G.N.Barnes, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, A. Duff Cooper, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe, Miss Fry, Lady Hall, John H. Harris, R.F. Hudson, Rt.Hon. Leif Jones, Mrs. W.T.Layton, E.W.Morton-George, Sir Walter Nafier, F.G. Penman, Mrs. Walter Runciman, W.J. Salmon, Lady Selborne, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch together with the Secretary.

191. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr. L.J. Cadbury, Mr. A.W. Claremont, J.R.Griffin, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Miss M. Maxse, Mr.Charles Roberts .
192. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on July 15th, 1926, were approved as circulated.
193. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending 25th July, shewed a bank balance to date amounting to £4,022.16s.6d., with outstanding accounts amounting to £3,029.14s.4d.
194. EXECUTIVE CO-OPTATIONS.

RESOLVED: "That Lady Violet Fonham Carter, Lady Elvedon and Miss Constance Smith be invited to accept co-optation to the Executive Committee".

It was further

RESOLVED: "That letters, expressing the Committee's thanks, be sent to Sir Nicholas Grattan Doyle, Rev. A.J.D.Llewelyn and Mr.T.Norris who had served on the Committee in the previous year".

195. AFFILIATION - RECOMMENDATION OF INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.  
The Secretary reminded the Committee that at its last meeting it had accepted a recommendation of the Industrial Advisory Committee that Headquarters of Employers' and Workers' Organisations should be invited to become affiliated to the League of Nations Union for a fee of two guineas a year (with a reduction of one guinea for organisations of under 1,000). This fee would entitle organisations to representation on the Council, all literature and the free use of the Library and the Intelligence Section of the Union.

The Secretary asked leave to explain that the proposal which he had originally submitted to the Industrial Advisory Committee contemplated the affiliation of large Trades Unions, such as those whose incomes run into many hundreds of thousands of pounds a year. He had suggested that the affiliation fee should be ten guineas with five guineas for smaller Unions. The Committee had, however, suggested two guineas and one guinea. It seemed to the Secretary unwise to create a new and possibly different category of affiliated societies at a guinea each with greater rights and smaller obligations than the 2,000 Corporate Members who paid only 1s.0d. less. Corporate Members are not entitled to representation on the Council and are obliged to endeavour to secure that every individual in the corporation should become an individual

member of the Union, while the conditions laid down for affiliation demanded no similar pledge. Moreover, there was the effect upon the voting strength of the Council to be considered. Under Bye-Law G(v) the representatives of affiliated bodies must not exceed 10% of the representation to which Branches are entitled. The actual number of Branch delegates at the Council meetings is sometimes considerably less than 10% of the maximum possible number; so that Branch delegates might possibly be out-voted by representatives of affiliated societies if affiliation were made too easy.

Already about a dozen letters had been sent to representatives of organisations on the Industrial Advisory Committee inviting that their respective organisations should become affiliated to the Union.

RESOLVED:(a) "That the following be asked to serve on a sub-Committee to consider the question and to report to an early meeting of the Executive:- Rt.Hon. G.N.Barnes, Lady Hall, Mr.R.F.Hudson, Mr.Morton-George, Lady Selborne, Mr.Henry Vivian, Mr.L.M. Wynch".

(b) "That effect to the decision taken at the last meeting of the Executive be meanwhile suspended".

196. ALABAMA ROOM - PROPOSAL TO PRESENT PICTURE. The Chairman reported the circumstances in which Lady Mary Murray had purchased a painting at a cost of £50 to be presented to the Alabama Room in Geneva. It was suggested that members of the Union might care to contribute towards the cost of the picture.

The Chairman said he would write to Lady Mary suggesting that the presentation be made as from herself and Professor Murray.

197. INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE - IDO. A communication from the Ido Centre suggesting that the Union might like to hear a lecturer on the subject of Ido, as an international language, and offering to present books to the Union's Library on the subject, was read.

RESOLVED: "That the Ido Centre be thanked and informed that whilst the Union gratefully accepts the kind offer of books it cannot undertake to find an audience for the proposed lecture".

198. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES - RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received the resolutions of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies which had been presented to the Foreign Secretary by a deputation from the Executive Committee two days previously.

Mr. Worsley reported upon the visit of the deputation to the Foreign Secretary.

RESOLVED: "That the Foreign Secretary be thanked for receiving the deputation".

199. THE UNION AND THE SEVENTH ASSEMBLY.

(a) Arrangements. The Secretary reported upon arrangements he had made for publicity connected with the Seventh Assembly, and also named, for the Committee's information, the members of the Staff it was proposed to send under varying conditions to the Assembly for one week.

The Committee approved generally of the arrangements and made the following further suggestions:-

- (i) that the possibility of supplying news to the provincial Press and the Sunday Press be examined;
- (ii) that arrangements be made for delegates to the Assembly to be interviewed by officers of the Union for publicity purposes;
- (iii) that the B.B.C. should be asked if it could arrange for a broadcast talk once a week on the work of the Assembly. In this connection it was suggested that it might be possible to arrange for someone to relay from Geneva.

It was also

RESOLVED: "That the information Section of the League be urged to arrange for the filming of topical material including certain sessions of the Assembly in order that these may be included in the usual weekly bulletins at cinema theatres."

(b) Admission of Germany - Resolution. A resolution proposed by Mr. Raymond Unwin was amended and adopted as follows:-

"The League of Nations Union welcomes the prospect of the admission of Germany to the League of Nations during the coming meeting of the Assembly and hopes that His Majesty's Government will continue to press that discussion on the work of the Committee on the Composition of the Council shall take place in public; and relies on all possible publicity being accorded to future discussions on this point".

It was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary, Lord Cecil, to the Press and to the Branches".

200. FEDERATION OF EUROPEAN UNDERSTANDING. A communication from Dr. Nossig on the Question of "Federation for European Understanding" was reported. Dr. Nossig's proposal was based somewhat on the lines of Pan Europa founded by Coudenhove, except that it should not be a purely continental federation but should have the co-operation of Great Britain. The attention of the Committee was drawn to an interview which officers had had with Lord Cecil on the subject and took notice of the fact that Dr. Nossig's proposal had been before the Executive on previous occasions.

RESOLVED: "That no action be taken".

201. DR. NORWOOD'S CAMPAIGN. The Secretary reported an interview he had had with Mr. Keating of the General Advertising Company of London, Ltd., concerning the expenditure of £500, which Sir Jesse Boot had given to the Union for the purpose of advertising Dr. Norwood's campaign.

RESOLVED: "That arrangements for the disposal of this money be left in the hands of Major Hills, Mr. Morton-George and the Secretary".

202. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Religions and Ethics Committee dated July 13th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (387) Minutes of Home and Foreign Sub-Committees; (388) New Members; (389) Armistice Day Celebrations; (390) New Corporate Members; (391) Report of Progress.

- (b) WELCOME COMMITTEE. Subject to action in Minute 20 (reception of Overseas Delegates) being left in the hands of the Chairman, the Minutes of the Welcome Committee dated July 14th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (29) Entertainment of Delegates to Federation - Visit of Overseas Minister; (30) Residential Hospitality for Foreigners; (31) Afternoon Parties; (32) Financial Situation.

- (c) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Subject to the deletion of the last four lines from "With a view..." to "...throughout the world" of the resolution in Minute 91, and to the proposed pamphlet on INDIA AND THE I.L.O. being submitted to the Editorial Committee before printing, the Minutes of the Industrial Advisory Committee dated July 15th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (84) Secretary of Committee; (86) Composition of Committee; (87) I.L. Conference - 9th Session; (88) Mines' Eight Hour Bill in relation to Washington Convention; (89) Minimum Wage Conference; (90) International Federation of L. of N. Societies; (91) Coalmining; (92) Publications.

- (d) FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Finance Committee dated July 12th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (71) Financial Statement; (72) Canteen; (73) Signing and Endorsing Cheques; (74) Staff; (75) Passing of Cheques for Payment; (76) Budget for 1927.

- (e) MINORITIES COMMITTEE. On the recommendation of the Minorities Committee it was

RESOLVED: "That the Advisory Committee of the Refugee Section of the I.L.O. be asked to examine the legal position of persons deprived of nationality, and to consider what steps can be taken to assure them adequate protection".

It was decided that the Minutes of the Minorities Committee of July 21st, 1926, come up for consideration at the next meeting of the Executive.

- (f) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated July 21st, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (64) Membership of Committees; (66) Sunday School Lessons; (67) Report of Sub-Committee on Magazine Inset; (68) Church Congress, Southport; (69) Resolutions adopted by Free Church Annual Conferences; (70) Corporate Membership.

- (g) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. Subject to Resolution 70(1)(b) being amended so as to read "the number of persons who have paid at least one subscription during the previous calendar year", and to resolution 79 being amended so as to read

(i) "That the attention of the Dominion Societies be drawn to the fact that the question of arbitration is being placed on the Imperial Conference Agenda;

(ii) That in view of this, the Union should send copies of the Report of the recent Peacemakers' Pilgrimage",

the Minutes of the Management Committee dated July 22nd, 1926, were approved and adopted.

Mr. Worsley - co-optation. Mr. Worsley said he regretted he was unable to accept the invitation of the Management Committee to become a member of that Committee.

[These Minutes included (68) Recognition of Branches; (69) Anniversary Meeting; (70) Membership; (71) District Councils; (72) Renewal subscriptions; (73) Postal Ballot; (74) Mr. Worsley; (75) Publicity and Advertising; (76) Washington Hours Convention; (77) International Federation - Communication from Foreign Secretary; (78) GOPEC Circulars; (79) Pilgrimage.]

(h) LIBRARY COMMITTEE. Subject to the deletion of the word "perpetual" in Resolution 17(c) the Minutes of the Library Committee were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (15) Report of Book-Selection Sub-Committee; (16) Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux; (17) Special Concessions to Speakers - Books for Readers Abroad - Surplus Duplicates for Branch Libraries - Absence of Chairman.]

(i) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated July 15th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

The Secretary reported that at a meeting of the Staff Appointments Committee held earlier in the day they had considered applications for the post of travelling Secretary for the Southern Region and recommended

"The appointment, at a salary of £350 a year for six months as from October 1st, of Mr. J.W. Stewart, M.A., LL.B., (Edinburgh University) late Organising and Travelling Secretary of the League of Nations Union for the N. and N.E. of Scotland (May 1923 to July 1925) and now Headquarters Secretary of the International Migration Service, Geneva".

RESOLVED: "To approve of this recommendation".

203. PROFESSOR MURRAY.

RESOLVED: "That the best wishes of the Committee for the success of his visit to America and for his safe return be conveyed to Professor Gilbert Murray".

204. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES.

RESOLVED: "That the following 8 new Branches, 24 Corporate Members (including 13 Churches at reduced rates), 7 Corporate Associates be formally recognised and that the Union's seal be affixed to the Certificates:-

Branches: Messrs. Ingall, Parsons, Clive & Co., Birmingham; Cardiff Jewish; Pendref Wesleyan, Denbigh; Framlingham; Ferndale Tabernacle; Old Radnor; Silian Bethel; Rawdon; Skelmsmoregh; Tenby Parish Church; Worksop. Deletions: Tewkesbury Men's Own Brotherhood; Whitchurch, nr. Bristol; Wolverhampton, Parkfield Primitive Methodist Church. Corporate Members: Saltash Wesleyan Church; Seacombe Wesleyan Church, Wallasey; Wolsingham Wesleyan Methodist Church; Bethel United Methodist Church, Failsworth;



Horwich Independent Methodist Church; Littleborough Greenhill Primitive Methodist Church; Littleborough Parish Church; Summit Congregational Church, Littleborough; Culcheth United Methodist Church, Newton Heath, Manchester; St. Chrysostom Church, Manchester; St. Paul's United Methodist Church; Newton Heath, Manchester; Zion Congregational Church, Stretford Road, Manchester; Newchurch Unitarians, Newchurch-in-Rossendale; Bagslate Wesleyan Church, Rochdale; Gravelhole Wesleyan Chapel, Rochdale; Lower Broughton Wesleyan Church, Salford; Hareholme Primitive Methodists, Waterfoot; Hathern Baptist Church; Hathern Parochial Church Council; Young People's Guild, Clement's Hall, London; Hucknall Traders Association; Riddington Wesleyan Church; New Briggate Synagogue, Leeds; New Leeds Hebrew Congregation; St. Sepulchre St. Primitive Methodist Church, Scarborough. Corporate Associates: Gately Mothers' Meeting; Alfriston Women's Institute; Newsley and Laughton Women's Institute; Sandford-on-Thames W.I.; Wateringbury W.I.; Stroud Urban Women Citizen's Association; Utkinton W.I.

It was reported that there were now 2,350 Branches, 1,982 Corporate Members, 274 Corporate Associates, 561,859 Members.

205. BANK HOLIDAY.

RESOLVED: "That the office be closed on Saturday morning, July 31st and Monday, August 2nd".

206. CHRISTMAS CARD.

RESOLVED: "That the Editorial Committee be asked to consider the question of a Christmas Card".

207. NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, October 7th".

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14TH,  
1926, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major J.W. Hills (in the Chair), Professor Philip Baker, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Delisle Burns, A.W. Claremont, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, R.S. Hudson, Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, F.N. Keen, Mrs. W.T. Layton, Miss Maxse, E.W. Morton-George, Sir Walter Napier, F.G. Penman, W.J. Salmon, Miss Constance Smith, H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch, together with the Secretary.

208. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were received from Norman Angell, L.J. Cadbury, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, Lieut-Colonel Clifton Brown, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Miss Ruth Fry, Sir Arthur Haworth, Leif Jones, General Maurice, Charles Roberts, Lady Selborne and Henry Vivian.
209. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on July 29th were approved as circulated.
210. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The financial statement for the period ending 11th October, 1926, shewed a bank overdraft to date amounting to £1,344.12s.1d., with outstanding accounts amounting to £2,645.0s.5d. The Chairman mentioned that the financial position was £536 better than the corresponding period last year; and that, in order that the Union's finances may be in as favourable a position at the end of the year as at the beginning, the amount of Council's Vote and membership subscriptions collected in the last three months of this year should be approximately equal to that collected last year in the same period, viz: approximately £5,000.
211. FEDERATION OF EUROPEAN UNDERSTANDING. The Secretary reported both on Dr. Nossig's scheme for a Federation of European Understanding, and on Count Coudenhove's Pan-Europa Congress. Sir Willoughby Dickinson stated that the Council of the Federation at Salzburg had decided to place on the agenda for next year's Plenary Congress in Germany, the question of continental and other groupings within the League. It was
- RESOLVED: "That a memorandum on plans for continental and other groupings within the League be prepared for consideration by a Sub-Committee to be appointed to consider and report to the Executive.
- It was noted that the Secretary-General of the Federation was also preparing a memorandum which would be circulated to the constituent societies.
212. ALABAMA ROOM - L.N.U. PRESENTATION. The Chairman reported that Admiral Drury-Lowe had made the presentation of Mr. Austin's picture as from certain members of the Union and the artist. The gift was gratefully received by the President of the Republic and Canton of Geneva, supported by several Geneva Councillors.
213. FURTHER CO-OPTATIONS. The Committee noted with special satisfaction that Lady Violet Bonham-Carter and Miss Constance Smith had accepted invitations to join the Committee, and regretted that Lady Elveden had been unable to do so. It was

RESOLVED: "That no further co-optations be made at present".

214. AFFILIATION OF WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS ORGANISATIONS. In the absence of Mr. Barnes, Lady Hall stated that the Sub-Committee would probably recommend that all Trades Unions and other workers and employers organisations should be invited to become Corporate Members of the Union, and that the Headquarters of certain Trades Unions, workers and employers organisations should be affiliated to the Union for an annual fee, the amount of which was not yet settled. The Committee deferred making its report until Mr. Barnes and Mr. Hudson should have investigated the matter and reported to the next meeting of the Committee.

215. THE SEVENTH ASSEMBLY OF THE LEAGUE.

(a) Education of Youth. The Committee had under consideration the 'Experts' Report on the instruction of children and youth in the existence and aims of the League of Nations. The Secretary reported that action was already being taken upon it in this country, Lord Bustace Percy having decided to call a conference of local Education authorities. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Education Committee be requested to give this matter immediate and careful consideration, having regard to the education of youth in Universities and Colleges, as well as in all kinds of schools.

(ii) That the Experts' Report be circulated to Branches of the Union".

(b) Mandates. The Chairman recapitulated the progress of the deliberations in the Council and in the Assembly of the League in regard to the two proposals of the Mandates Commission that a new and fuller questionnaire should be sent out to the Mandatory Powers, and that the Commission should have authority to hear petitioners. The Chairman added that Sir Frederick Lugard had kindly promised to attend the next meeting of the Mandates Committee which was to be held on October 19th, after which a report would be presented to the Executive Committee

RESOLVED: "That Sir Anton Bertram and Sir Walter Napier be invited to serve on the Mandates Committee".

(c) Admission of Germany. The Secretary reported that the following telegram was sent on September 8th to the German League of Nations Society, and had been gratefully acknowledged:-

"League of Nations Union offers warmest congratulations to Liga für Völkerbund on unanimous admission of Germany to League and Council. We welcome German co-operation in work of peace and reconciliation. GILBERT MURRAY".

(d) Publicity. The Secretary reported that the general publicity was not so great as in 1925 owing to the absence of any prolonged crisis in 1926 to compare with the Mosul controversy. On the other hand in 1926 there was hardly a single attack to answer, a great change from 1925, 1924 and 1923. The Secretary quoted the following figures to show the increase in the activity of the Union's Publicity Department in 1926, compared with the two previous years:

	1924	1925	1926
Number of articles sent out by Department during September	58	39	84
Number of resulting cuttings	87	54	101
Number of "follow-up" articles sent out in first ten days of October.	16	7	33

Nothing had been done to arrange special interviews between officers of the Union and delegates to the Assembly for reasons which the Secretary explained and the Committee accepted.

216. LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT. The Secretary mentioned that communications had been received from General Maurice, suggesting the postponement of the issue of the report until the work of the Third Commission of the Assembly had been considered, and from Admiral Drury-Lowe, advocating immediate publication. The Chairman said that the Disarmament Committee would meet on Thursday, October 21st, to consider these communications. It was

RESOLVED: "That, without further reference to the Executive the report be issued, either as it stands or with such slight amendment as the Disarmament Committee may decide upon at next Thursday's meeting; that, in the meanwhile, not more than five hundred copies of the present draft report be printed for sale at the Queen's Hall meeting on October 21st; that the report be entitled ARMAMENTS, THEIR REDUCTION AND LIMITATION; that the qualifications of the members of the Committee be stated in the prefatory note; and that, if possible, the publication be issued at threepence".

217. QUEEN'S HALL MEETING. It was reported that the demand for tickets for this meeting had so far been very disappointing. It was

RESOLVED: "That, in addition to the publicity measures already taken, leaflets should be issued to certain Church Corporate Members with the request that they should be distributed."

218. COMMUNICATION FROM INFORMATION SECTION. The Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to a series of charts published by the Information Section of the League. The League of Nations Non-Partisan Association had already guaranteed to purchase £300 worth of these charts, and he hoped the Committee would agree to the Union spending £200 to secure a supply. If this were done the actual cost price of these charts would be very much less than if no guarantee were given. It was proposed to resell them to schools and to Branches.

RESOLVED: "To agree to purchase a supply of these charts to the value of £200."

219. DR. NORWOOD'S CAMPAIGN. The Secretary reported that the Campaign had already begun in Yorkshire, and that 980 new members had joined in five days. It was suggested that the Campaign should be cumulative, and the Secretary stated that special enrolment cards were in use for Dr. Norwood's meetings by which it would be clearly seen how many new members had joined. These figures would be announced progressively throughout the Campaign.

No special arrangements had been made for a trained journalist to accompany Dr. Norwood, but he would always <sup>pay</sup> with him the Union's representative for the region in which he was working. The Committee were of the opinion that, if it were financially possible, great advantage would be obtained from having a well organised and connected system of reporting, and it was left to the Chairman and Secretary to examine the possibilities of this and report.

220. NEWS SHEET - Executive Committee, London Federation. The Committee considered the following resolution from the Executive Committee of the London Federation:-

"That the Executive Committee of the London Federation, having received reports from Branches of the serious difficulties likely to be experienced in distributing the proposed monthly issue of the "News Sheet", as well as of the greatly increased cost to Branches if the present numbers supplied to members are to be maintained, requests the Executive Committee of the Union to defer the publication of the proposed monthly issue until Branches have had an opportunity of considering and reporting on these two points".

The resolution of the General Council (No.206) was read. It was

RESOLVED: "That, in addition to the usual quarterly issue in December, authority be given for the issue of a News Sheet in October and November; and that, before the December meeting of the General Council a report be presented to the Executive showing the findings of the Consultative Committee and the orders received from Branches for the monthly issue".

221. MILITARIST DEMONSTRATIONS - Mawdsley Street Congregational Church, Bolton. The Committee considered the following resolution:-

"That this meeting views with alarm the tendency on the part of responsible public bodies to encourage and organise demonstrations of a militarist character which are instrumental in fostering emotions directly contrary to the League of Nations spirit, and urges all members of the Union to register their protest against any attempt to continue such a harmful policy".

RESOLVED: "That no action be taken".

222. GENERAL COUNCIL - Date of Meeting.

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the General Council be held in London on Tuesday, December 14th".

223. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) MINORITIES COMMITTEE. Consideration of the minutes of the Minorities Committee was deferred until after the next meeting of the Minorities Committee.

(b) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Industrial Advisory Committee, dated September 16th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (97) Trades Union Congress; (98) Mines Eight Hours Bill; (99) Hours Convention; (100) Minimum Wage Conference; (101) Affiliation Proposed Scheme; (102) Publications; (103) Publicity; (104) Essay Competition.

(97) Trades Union Congress. The Committee expressed its gratification on the resolution of the Trades Union Congress at Bournemouth on September 9th.

(98) Mines Eight Hours Bill. It was

RESOLVED: "That the correspondence between Major Hills and the Minister of Labour on the question of the effect upon the ratification of the Washington Hours Convention of the passing into law of the Mines Eight Hours Bill, be published in the home and foreign press".

(100) Minimum Wage Conference. The Committee expressed its pleasure at the programme for the Conference to be held in the London School of Economics in February.

RESOLVED: (i) "That facilities be given for the students of the College to attend the Conference;

(ii) "That seats be reserved for delegates".

(c) WELCOME COMMITTEE. Lady Gladstone reported upon the meeting of the Welcome Committee held on October 8th. The Minutes of this Committee will be circulated for the next meeting of the Executive.

RESOLVED: "That apart from the dinner to which delegates of the Imperial Conference had been invited, the Welcome Committee be asked to arrange opportunities for more intimate discussion between Dominion statesmen and prominent officers of the Union on the present aspect of the Mandates question and other branches of the League's activities".

(d) FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Secretary reported that at its meeting on 13th October, a draft Budget had been adopted for presentation to the next meeting of the Executive.

(e) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the meeting of the Staff Appointments Committee held on 29th July, 1926, were approved as circulated.

These Minutes included (63) Staff Members Committee; (64) Travelling Secretary - Southern Region; (65) Miss Graham.

The Secretary reported upon the meeting of the Staff Appointments Committee held earlier in the day. The Executive Committee confirmed the appointment of Mr. J.B. Bullock as Travelling Secretary for the Southern Region for six months, in place of Mr. Stewart. The Committee also confirmed the appointment of Miss E. Slack, as Secretary to Dame Adelaide Livingstone.

Lady Gladstone reported that the Joint Committee of the Staff Appointments Committee and the Staff Members Committee had had its first meeting.

It was reported that Mr. Morton-George had, owing to pressure of work, resigned his position on the Staff Appointments Committee, and he was warmly thanked by the Committee for his services.

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Worsley be added to the Staff Appointments Committee, but that Mr. Morton-George be asked to continue to serve on the Joint Committee until the conclusion of its work."

224 CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. The Secretary stated that the next meeting of the Consultative Committee was to be held on the afternoon of October 21st. He hoped that as many members of the Executive Committee as possible would attend, as this would be greatly appreciated by Branch representatives.

225 PROFESSOR GILBERT MURRAY-- Portrait. The Secretary reported that Mr. A. B. Sava had kindly presented to the Union the original of his sketch of Professor Murray.

RESOLVED: "That the gift be gratefully accepted, and that the thanks of the Committee be sent to Mr. Sava."

226 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Executive Committee be held on October 21st, at 11 a.m."

*Frank Bell*

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, 21ST  
OCTOBER, 1926, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major J.W.Hills (in the Chair), Professor Philip Baker, Rt.Hon.G.M.Barnes, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, L.J.Cadbury, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Lady Gladstone, J.R.Griffin, F.H.Keen, Mrs. W.T.Layton, E.W.Morton-George, Sir Walter Napier, F.G.Penman, Lord Queenborough, Charles Roberts, Miss Constance Smith, Henry Vivian, R.D.Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Pox, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary.

227. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were received from Sir Arthur Shirley-Benn, A.W.Claremont, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Sir Arthur Haworth, Miss Maxse, Mrs. Runciman and W.J. Salmon.
228. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on October 14th, were approved as circulated, subject to the substitution of the words "arrangements be made" for the words "the welcome Committee be asked to arrange opportunities" in the resolution in minute 223(c).
229. GROUPINGS WITHIN THE LEAGUE. Referring to Minute 211, the following Committee was appointed to consider and report to the Executive upon the continental and other groupings within the League:-

Lord Phillimore (Chairman)  
Professor Philip Baker,  
J.R.M.Butler,  
Sir Willoughby Dickinson,  
Major J.W. Hills,  
R.S. Hudson,  
W.T.Layton,  
Miss Maxse.

230. CO-OPERATION TO THE EXECUTIVE. On the proposal of the Chairman it was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. A.L. Shepherd, M.P. be invited to serve on the Executive Committee".

231. MANDATES. Major Hills gave an oral report of the meeting of the Mandates Committee on October 19th. It was stated that an examination of the first sixty out of the one hundred and eighteen questions in the Mandates Commission's proposed questionnaire showed that they included only one question which had not been answered by all the British Mandatories in their last report. It was further stated that the Imperial Conference were due to discuss Mandates on this day (October 21st).

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to discuss with Lord Cecil what steps, if any, the Executive could take to make its views known to the Dominion Premiers."

232. QUEEN'S HALL MEETING. The Chairman reported that the following letters, to be read at the meeting on the Limitation of Armaments in the Queen's Hall that evening, had been received from the Prime Minister and from Lord Grey:-



10, Downing Street,  
Whitehall,

20th October, 1926.

Dear Sir,

I am indeed glad to be able to record that, since your last meeting, one great event has taken place, and I am sure you have welcomed it with the same pleasure as has been felt in other countries of Europe. Germany has been admitted as a full member of the League and the Treaties of Locarno, which have already contributed so much to the settlement of the problems outstanding from the War are now actually in force. So far as the question of Disarmament is concerned, I can only reiterate the firm intention of His Majesty's Government to do all that is within their power to contribute in bringing the discussions which are now proceeding at Geneva to a fruitful conclusion. His Majesty's Government remain as ever firm in their intention to support the League and the principles for which that great organisation stands to-day.

I will conclude by wishing the League of Nations Union every success in the efforts which they are making, firm in the conviction that those efforts will reinforce the policy of peace which it is the wish and endeavour of His Majesty's Government to pursue in Europe and in the world at large.

Yours faithfully,  
STANLEY BALDWIN.

Mulberry House,  
37, Smith Square,  
S.W.1.

October 16th, 1926.

My dear Hills,

I am very sorry that an engagement at Newcastle makes it impossible for me to be at the League of Nations Union meeting on Thursday. I should have been most interested to hear Lord Cecil's account of what has taken place at Geneva, of which he can speak with such intimate knowledge and so much authority.

The entry of Germany into the League of Nations is a fresh and most welcome security for future Peace, and will promote friendly relations within the League. It is in this atmosphere that confidence between nations must grow, a confidence of which the concrete expression will be reduction of Armaments.

Believe me,  
Yours sincerely,  
GREY OF FALLODON.

A note, asking Mr. Ramsay MacDonald for a similar letter did not reach his house until after he had left for Africa.

233. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The financial statement for the period ending October 18th, 1926, shewed a Bank Overdraft to date amounting to £1,396.3s.3d., with outstanding accounts amounting to £2,120.5s.3d.

234. BUDGET. The draft Budget for 1927 (attached D.S.712a) shewing a proposed expenditure of £33,000 (exclusive of £500 specially contributed by Mr. David Davies, M.P. for the Overseas Department)

was approved for presentation to the General Council.

In reply to enquiries as to why the expenses of the Appeals Department were not shown in the Budget, the Secretary explained that, by a resolution of the General Council, the expenses of this department were a first charge upon the money it was able to collect. This was fully reported in the Annual Report for 1925, but was not included in the Budget, which only included items of expenditure for which the sanction of the General Council was asked. It was

RESOLVED: "That a full estimate of any expenditure not covered by the draft Budget be prepared for the next meeting of the Finance Committee".

The Committee expressed its satisfaction at the accurate estimates that had been prepared in the previous year, and at the way in which expenses had been kept below the estimated level.

### 235. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Finance Committee, dated 13th and 20th October, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (77) Budget for 1927; (78) Appeal; (80) Financial Statement; (81) Expenditure for 1927; (82) Canteen; (83) Passing of Cheques for Payment; (84) Essex Federal Council; (85) Liverpool District Council.]

(77) Budget for 1927. Lady Gladstone stated that though the Finance Committee had felt itself obliged not to make a separate allocation of £753 for the Welcome Committee for which the latter body had asked, on receiving instructions from the Finance Committee to prepare an estimate of the resources it would need in 1927, the Welcome Committee would certainly continue its work on the understanding that it would receive special grants when the occasion demanded.

(84) Essex Federal Council. The Committee expressed its great satisfaction at the success of the meeting held at Chelmsford on October 16th to inaugurate a Federal Council for the Union in Essex. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the congratulations of the Committee be conveyed to Colonel Fisher, to Mr. Eaton and to Alderman Thompson; and

(2) "That the Chairman be asked to write to Lord Lambourne and to the Bishop of Chelmsford in the same sense."

(85) Liverpool District Council. The following resolution, received from the Liverpool and District Council was considered:-

"This meeting of the Liverpool and Merseyside District Council of the League of Nations Union has learned with regret the terms for the employment of Colonel Fisher in the organisation of provincial appeals, as required by Headquarters; it places on records its conviction that these terms are inequitable and contrary to the wider interests of the League of Nations Union and resolves to call the attention of the General Council of the Union at its next meeting to this matter with a view to the laying down of more reasonable conditions".

The Secretary explained the terms upon which Colonel Fisher worked. The Branches, even if they paid Headquarters the total sum required out of the Council's Vote, were still unable at the present time to meet all the budgetted expenditure of the Union. Hence Colonel Fisher was primarily employed to collect money to cover the necessary expenditure not provided for by the Council's Vote. The arrangement actually in force was that Colonel Fisher's salary and out-of-pocket expenses were first deducted from the money obtained by him in any particular area; the remainder being divided equally between the Branch or District concerned and Headquarters. Naturally a Branch or District was free to use all or part of the money handed to it by Colonel Fisher in this way to pay its quota of the Council's Vote; but, unless the remaining half were in any case to be directly available for the use of Headquarters, the whole value of Colonel Fisher's department would be negatived. The Secretary stated he would see Mr. Minto that afternoon and report again.

- (b) WELCOME COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Welcome Committee, dated October 8th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (36) Lady Gladstone's Reception; (38) Secretary's Report; (39) International Club-Sub-Committee; (40) Report of Sub-Committee dealing with dinner to Dominion Premiers; (41) Filene Scheme; (44) Budget for Financial Year 1927.]

- (c) WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. The Minutes of the Women's Advisory Council, held on 13th October, 1926, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (200) Reports of Representatives; (202) Pilgrimage Council; (203) Open-air Meetings Campaign; (204) L.N.U. Members renewal subscriptions; (206) Articles in Journals; (207) Membership of Women's Advisory Council].

It was reported that at the Conference held on October 13th the majority of the national bodies who had taken part in the Joint Pilgrimage Council had felt obliged to withdraw, but that it was proposed to keep a Committee in being to work for arbitration and the other objects of the Pilgrimage. It was

RESOLVED: "That the League of Nations Union should not be represented on this Committee; but that the co-optation of Miss Courtney on the W.A.C. should preserve a link between the Union and this Committee if and when it is constituted."

- (d) STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee, dated 14th October, 1926, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (67) Travelling Secretary, Southern Region; (68) Secretary to Dame Adelaide Livingstone; (69) Revision of Salaries.]

236. PEACE SOCIETIES. It was pointed out that there were a number of societies working in different ways for international peace in this country, a fact which caused a certain dissipation of effort, though the Committee agreed that it was generally impossible to absorb them into the League of Nations Union. It was

RESOLVED: "That it be a standing order to the Management Committee to keep itself informed of the aims and work of other Societies concerned with international peace; to maintain such co-operation as is practicable with them; and to report the proposed formation of any new society of that character".

237. SLAVERY CONVENTION. Mr. Harris explained that since the Slavery Convention had been accepted by the Assembly, the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society were forming a small sub-Committee whose object was to prepare a memorandum which would be used by a deputation to Geneva. The purpose of this deputation would be to discuss with the director of the International Labour Office a Convention governing the conditions of coloured labour to follow upon the Slavery Convention recently accepted by the Assembly. Their Society would be grateful if the Union could appoint representatives on this sub-Committee. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Rt.hon.G.M. Barnes and Lady Hall be appointed to serve on the Joint Committee with the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society",

238. OPIMUM. The Secretary explained that he had had a visit from Mrs. Moorhead, the Secretary of the Opium Research Committee of the Foreign Policy Association, U.S. She had suggested that since British public opinion had hitherto been singularly apathetic regarding the use of opium in British Crown Colonies, the Union should keep itself fully informed, especially during the next few months, of the steps taken by certain Crown Colonies whose revenue was largely derived from the sale of opium exported from India. In view of the Indian Government's decision to abolish the export of opium within ten years, the Crown Colonies in question would have to decide between finding new sources of opium supply or the imposition of new taxes. The French and Dutch Governments were in like case but meant to defer action until the British Crown Colonies had set a precedent.

RESOLVED: "That an Opium Committee be appointed and that the following be invited to serve on it:-

Lady Astor (or her representative) H.W. Peat, Sir James Currie, Mr. Gillies, Lady Gladstone, Mr. Wilson Harris, J.H. Harris, Dame Edith Lyttelton, Mr. Kenneth McLennan, Mr. C. Roberts, Mr. Silcocks, Mr. Cecil Wilson, E.G. Alexander".

239. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Executive Committee be held on November 4th at 11 o'clock."

*J. Harris*

## DRAFT BUDGET FOR 1927.

D.S.712A  
18.10.26.

Proposed Expenditure for 1927 (as adopted at a Special Meeting of the Finance Committee on 13th October, 1926) together with the corresponding amounts authorised for 1926.

Budget Reference Numbers	Proposed for 1927	Authorised for 1926	
A.1	Administration	2,169	2,169
A.2	Intelligence	1,395	1,396
A.3	Library	300	270
A.4	Publicity	1,222	1,187
A.5	Public Meetings	804	804
A.6	Branches and General	1,730	1,735
A.7	Overseas	580*	580*
A.8	Parliamentary	450	450
A.9	Educational Organisations	665	662
A.10	Industrial Organisations	955	521
A.11	Religious "	850	600
A.12	Women's "	515	507
A.13	Special Activities	705	590
A.14	Clerical Services	3,525	3,384
A.15	Accounting Services	1,050	1,000
A.16	Stationery	800	850
A.17	Postages, etc.	1,150	1,100
A.18	Office Maintenance	2,575	2,545
A.19	Insurances	300	200
A.20	Audit, Bank and Legal Charges	150	150
A.21	Travelling Expenses not charged to other accounts	150	150
		22,052	20,850
B.1	Regional Representatives and Offices	6,950	6,950
B.2	Speakers (General) less receipts	1,700	1,645
B.3	" (Labour)	625	600
B.4	Universities and Colleges	600	500
B.5	International Federation of League of Nations Societies	380	330
C	Contingency Fund	10,255	10,025
		637	250
		<u>£33,000*</u>	<u>£31,125*</u>

\* Exclusive of £500 specially contributed by Mr. David Davies, M.P.

*James Hill*

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, 4TH  
NOVEMBER, 1926, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major J.W.Hills (in the Chair), Professor Philip Baker, Rt.Hon.G.N.Barnes, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, C.Delisle Burns, Lady Gladstone, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, R.S.Hudson, Leif Jones, Mrs. Layton, Sir Walter Napier, F.G.Panman, Charles Roberts, Mrs.Walter Runciman, Miss Constance Smith, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, H.D.Watson, The Hon.Mrs.Wilson-Tox, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynen together with the Secretary.

240. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr.L.J.Gadbury, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Miss Ruth Fry, Mr. J.R. Griffin, Sir Arthur Haworth and Miss M.Maxe.
241. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on October 21st, 1926, were approved as circulated.
242. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending 1st November, 1926, showed a Bank Overdraft to date amounting to £1,215.11s.4d., with outstanding accounts amounting to £2,543.6s.6d.
243. DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN. The Secretary stated that in his last letter to branches he had suggested the creation of a special group in each branch to study the problems of the reduction and limitation of armaments, with special reference to the forthcoming Disarmament Conference. This group should enable the branch to answer objections and to press the local Member of Parliament to ask in the House of Commons for "Disarmament as a way to economy as well as to peace". The Committee proposed that this group should also write letters to the Members, in order to co-ordinate the work undertaken by branches. It was
- RESOLVED: "that a special Sub-Committee be constituted to consider and advise upon the conduct of a campaign to promote the success of the forthcoming Disarmament Conference; and that the Chairman (Major Hills), Professor Baker and Mr. Vivian be appointed to serve on this special Disarmament Campaign Sub-Committee".
44. MANDATES COMMISSION. The Committee considered proposals made by the Mandates Committee at its meeting on November 2nd, together with office memorandum (O.S.191) dealing with the questionnaire of the Mandates Commission of 1926 and the British Empire Reports.

The Chairman gave an account of conversations he had had with the Secretary of Foreign Affairs and with Lord Cecil. The desire of these Ministers was not to diminish the authority and efficiency of the Mandates Commission but to ensure that any disciplining of a Mandatory Power, should it be required, would be done by the Council and not by the Commission. After some discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the proposals made by the Mandates Committee at its meeting on November 2nd, be referred back to that Committee with a request for revised proposals to be made in the light of the Executive Committee's discussion and to include the main

points of the office memorandum (O.S.191); and that the Committee be asked further to consider and report upon a memorandum to be submitted by Professor Baker".

245. CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision upon Resolutions (a)(3), (b), (c) and (e), the resolutions of the Consultative Committee were approved and adopted:-

It was

RESOLVED: (a) (3) HEADWAY AND NEWS SHEET. "That the General Council be not recommended to alter the name of HEADWAY; and that the proposal to print UNION NOTES AND NEWS separately for inclusion with the copies of HEADWAY sent to members be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report".

(b) SUMMER SCHOOL FEES. "That the following resolution be referred to the Education Committee for examination and report:-

'To explore the possibility of providing for an increased number of free places and/or bursaries at the next year's Summer School at Oxford!'

(c) POLITICAL ORGANISATION OF THE UNION. "That the following resolution be placed on the Agenda of the General Council on December 14th.-

'That the value of the Union's influence on individual members of Parliament would be greatly strengthened if the work of the existing Parliamentary Committee were supplemented by continuous influence from the constituencies. And to that end this Committee urges more rapid progress in the formation of District and Federal Councils.'

(e) LONDON FEDERATION CONFERENCE ON OCTOBER 18th. "That the following resolution be referred to the London Federation for consideration and report:-

'That when an important Conference of this sort is arranged in London, it is desirable that it should last a whole day and that notification of it be sent to all Branches.'

246. MINIMUM WAGE CONFERENCE. The Committee having before it the request of its sub-Committee "That authority be asked of the Executive Committee to pay expenses of speakers who might ask for them", it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That authority be given to pay the travelling expenses of one speaker from Scotland".

(2) "That any proposals which may be made by the sub-Committee for the payment of expenses of other speakers be submitted to the Finance Committee".

247. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The following resolution from the Liverpool and Merseyside District Council was read:-

"This Meeting of the Liverpool and Merseyside District Council of the League of Nations Union is hereby placing on record their profound satisfaction at the entry of Germany into full membership of the Council and Assembly of the League of Nations, and earnestly desires to urge the Executive Committee and all individual members of the League of Nations Union to increase their efforts in the education of public opinion and in the obtaining of new members, as the best means of counteracting any tendency towards the grouping of rival powers which may develop in the League".

RESOLVED: "That the Liverpool and Merseyside District Council be informed that its resolution is in entire conformity with the convictions of the Executive Committee".

The following resolution from the Clapton Park Congregational Church Branch was also read:-

"That this meeting urges the Government to ratify at once the 1919 Washington Convention as interpreted at the meeting of Ministers of Labour held in London in March of this year".

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary be asked to inform the Clapton Park Congregational Church Branch of the Campaign now being undertaken to secure ratification of the Convention".

248. EIGHT HOURS CONVENTION. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That a special Branch Letter, asking Branches to pass resolutions in favour of the ratification of the Convention, be despatched on 5th November".

(2) "That the Chairman be empowered to approve a memorandum on this subject to be forwarded with a letter giving the names of the members of the Industrial Advisory Committee, to Members of Parliament, in order to reach them on November 10th."

249. DINNER FOR DOMINION PREMIERS. The Chairman reported that the dinner given to the Dominion Premiers and Delegates of the Dominions to the Seventh Assembly of the League on November 2nd, at the Hotel Cecil, had been an unqualified success. A letter of congratulation from Lord Cecil was read. It was

RESOLVED: "That the most cordial thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Lady Dickinson, Miss Hargesson and Mrs. Talbot for their assistance in arranging the dinner; and that Dame Adelaide Livingstone be congratulated upon the efficiency of its organisation".

Mr. Barnes was anxious that such functions organised by the Union should not, in future, be restricted to those able to purchase expensive tickets, and suggested that apart from such dinners, more homely receptions with light refreshments which all classes could attend, should be organised to enable supporters of the Union to meet distinguished visitors.



250. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) MANDATES COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Mandates Committee dated 18th October, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (2) Note of German Movement for a Mandate; (3) Pamphlet on Mandates Commission; (4) Mandates Commission Questionnaire and Petition Procedure.

- (b) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Religions and Ethics Committee dated 20th October, 1926, together with memorandum S.G.1465, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (395) Home and Foreign Sub-Committees; (396) Memorandum on Work of Committee; (397) Conference of Living Religions Within the Empire; (398) Report of Progress.

- (c) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated 20th October, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (74) Membership of Committee; (75) Church Congress, Southampton; (76) Appointment of Temporary Chairman; (77) Corporate Members; (78) Armistice Literature; (79) Resolution of Federal Council of Evangelical Free Churches; (80) Catholics and the League; (81) Church of England - support of the Union; (82) Peace Sunday; (83) Advertisement in Baptist Handbook.

The Secretary reported that with the approval of the Chairman letters had been sent to all Church of England Bishops at present conferring at Lambeth, asking for the name of a clergyman who might devote his whole time to working for the League of Nations Union. One suggested name had already been received from the Bishop of Oxford.

- (d) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Industrial Advisory Committee dated 21st October, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (108) Publicity; (109) Composition of Committee; (110) Hours Convention; (111) Minimum Wage Conference; (112) Affiliation - Proposed Scheme; (113) Lunch-hour Meetings; (114) Place of meeting.

- (e) LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the meetings of the Limitation of Armaments Committee dated October 21st and November 2nd, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (22) Resolution on Report of Committee passed by Executive Committee; (23) Armaments Report; (23) Progress Towards General Conference.

- (f) JOINT COMMITTEE OF STAFF STANDING COMMITTEE AND STAFF APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE. The Report of the Committee (S.G.1457) was considered. It was

RESOLVED: "That the report be approved and adopted subject to the Finance Committee's approval of its financial clauses".

- (g) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 83 and 85, the Minutes of the Management Committee dated 28th October, 1926, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (82) Recognition of Branches; (83) Postal Ballot; (84) Queen's Hall Meeting; (85) Public Meetings; (86) Editorial Committee, Publicity and Advertising; (87) Peace

Societies; (88) International Enquiry into Mining Standards;  
(89) Tyneside District Council Finances ✓

83. Postal Ballot. It was

RESOLVED: "That the General Council be recommended to approve of a Postal Ballot being conducted as follows for the purpose of choosing the names of thirty members of the Union to be proposed to the Council for election to the Executive Committee in 1927;—

(a) On 14th December the General Council should decide that next year (or perhaps for an experimental period of three years) only thirty names should be placed before the General Council at its Annual Meeting for election, and that these thirty names should be selected beforehand by members of the General Council by means of a Postal Ballot.

(b) Before the end of January, letters would be sent to Branches and other local organisations entitled to representation on the Council, as well as to individual members of the Council, giving them the names of the existing members of the Executive Committee who would be prepared to serve again, with short particulars (not exceeding fifty words) of their qualifications; and inviting the members of the Council to propose for nomination the names of any other members of the Union, provided that their nomination be accompanied by a signed statement, that the person or persons nominated would be prepared to accept membership of the Committee and to attend regularly its fortnightly meetings as well as by particulars not exceeding fifty words of the qualifications of each candidate.

(c) On March 1st the last of the valid proposals would be received at Head Office. Ballot papers would then be prepared setting forth the names of the candidates proposed, together with not more than fifty words of qualification.

(d) On 25th March the ballot papers would be sent to Branches and other local organisations entitled to representation on the Council for transmission to their representatives as well as to individual members of the Council. The ballot paper would be accompanied by a statement concerning the method of voting and a notice that ballot papers must be signed and returned to the Head Office not later than April 30th.

(e) On 1st May the last of the valid ballot papers will be received at Head Office. Volunteers will be invited to count the votes. The names of the thirty candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be printed on the final Agenda paper for the Annual General Meeting.

(f) Not before May 15th the final Agenda paper containing the names of the thirty persons nominated for election on the Executive Committee will be circulated to bodies entitled to representation on the Council and to individual members of the Council. The thirty names need not be included in the preliminary Agenda paper sent out three weeks before the

Annual General Meeting but must be included in the final Agenda paper sent out one week before the meeting.

(g) Not before May 22nd the Annual General Meeting will take place and the General Council will elect from among the thirty nominated persons ~~not more than thirty~~ members of the Executive Committee. *35 2/4/26*

85. Public Meetings. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Public Meetings Committee be dissolved and that the consideration of matters affecting public meetings be added to the terms of reference of the Management Committee".

(2) "That members of the Management Committee who have hitherto belonged to the Public Meetings Committee ~~be asked to~~ give special care to all questions affecting public meetings".

*35 2/4/26.*

*(should form group and elect)*

- (h) OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. Subject to the following resolutions upon Minutes 81 and 83, the Minutes of the Overseas Committee dated October 28th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (77) India; (80) Conference of League of Nations Societies in the Pacific; (81) Lane Bequest; (82) Composition of Council of League of Nations (Aberystwyth Resolution); (83) Report of the Salzburg Meeting.]

81. Lane Bequest. It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee".

83. Meeting of Federation of League of Nations Societies at Salzburg. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the resolution passed by the Council of the Federation urging the member Societies to press their respective Governments to take action on the recommendations of the Educational Experts concerning the instruction of children and youth on the existence and aims of the League of Nations, be referred to the Education Committee".

(2) "That the report on the plight of the many people in Central Europe whose nationality is not recognised, made at the Salzburg meeting, be referred to the Minorities Committee".

- (i) LIBRARY COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Library Committee dated October 29th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (20) Opening of Library on Wednesday evenings - Association of special libraries and information bureaux; (21) Resignation from Library Committee; (22) Report of Librarian; (23) Books for Offices of Federation at Brussels; (24) Catalogue; (25) Industrial Advisory Committee; (26) Central Library for Students; (27) Report of Book-Selection Committee; (29) Book Supports.]

It was

RESOLVED: "That the cordial thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Sir Alfred Davies for the grant of £250 made to the Library with the consent of the Charity Commission, and that he be informed that this Committee very willingly agrees to the conditions attached to the grant".

(J) EDUCATION COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 79 and 81, the Minutes of the Education Committee, dated October 29th, 1926, were approved and adopted.

[These Minutes included (73) Co-optation of Dame Katharine Nurse and Miss Aida Matheson; (74) List of Meetings; (75) Steps taken by Local Education Authorities; (76) Reports of Film Committee; (77) Report of Experts' Committee; (78) Report from Dr. Garnett on Gregynog Conference; (79) Constitution of British Universities' League of Nations Society; (80) Branches in Public Schools; (81) Crystal Palace Demonstration; (82) Examination Papers in History; (83) I.L.O. in school Teaching; (84) Summer Schools; (85) Junior Corporate Associates; (86) Maps, Designs, Pictures and Posters and Schools; (87) Extract from Miss Holtby's Report on Tour in S. Africa.]

79. Constitution of British Universities' League of Nations Society. It was

RESOLVED: "That, having regard to the resolution contained in Minute 168 of the Sixth Annual Meeting of the General Council held in Liverpool in June 1925, providing for the constitution of the British Universities' League of Nations Society by agreement between the Executive Committee of the Union, the University and College Branches of the Union, and the International Universities' League of Nations Federation, and for its representation on the General Council of the Union, the Executive Committee approves of the following constitution, passed at Bangor by the University and College Branches of the Union and approved by the International Universities' League of Nations Federation:

1. The Branches of the League of Nations Union in British Universities and Colleges form a British Universities' League of Nations Society which is also the British Group of the International Universities' League of Nations Federation.
2. The aims of the B.U.L.N.S. shall be consistent with those of the L.N.U. and of the I.U.L.N.F. and may be briefly stated as follows:
  - to promote international understanding,
  - to study international relations, and
  - to make known the existence, aims and activities of the League of Nations and the terms of its Covenant.
3. The B.U.L.N.S. shall take no partisan action in matters of public policy.
4. The B.U.L.N.S. may admit other societies in British Universities and Colleges provided that they accept the aims set forth above. In considering applications, the B.U.L.N.S. shall as far as possible be represented in every British University and College by one society only.

5. The E.U.L.N.S. shall be represented as such on the General Council of the L.N.U.

6. No rule in Part A of this constitution can be altered without the approval of the Executive Committee of the L.N.U.

X and that by recognising the E.U.L.N.S. as a District Council under the Union's rule 18, the Executive Committee provides for the representation of that Society on the General Council of the Union;

provided always that a University or College Branch of the E.U.L.N.S., which is not recognised as a Branch of the Union, or the E.U.L.N.S. on its behalf, shall pay to the Union the same capitation fee in respect of each of its members as is paid by Branches of the E.U.L.N.S. which are recognised as Branches of the Union."

81. Crystal Palace Demonstration. The Secretary stated that the London Regional Federation were considering but had not decided to organise a demonstration for young people at the Crystal Palace in June 1927 and might want the help of the Executive Committee or of officers of the Union to secure the presence of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. It was

RESOLVED: "That if it be found possible to secure the presence of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, he should be asked to attend a meeting organised by the League of Nations Union as a whole and not by one of its Regional or District Federations".

251. PENAL REFORM COMMITTEE. It was

RESOLVED: "That Colonel D. Turner be invited to become a member of the Sub-Committee on Penal Reform (see Minute 127 of May 6th) and that the necessary authority be sought from the Prison Commissioners".

252. GA FAIRN OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL. It was

RESOLVED: "That an advance not exceeding £300 be made to the Northamptonshire Federation to defray the cost of their forthcoming campaign on condition that £100 be repaid in August 1927, and the remainder retained by Headquarters out of the County's Share of the sum collected by Colonel Fisher from Northamptonshire."

255. SUBSTITUTE MEMBER OF COMMITTEE. The Committee had before it a letter from Miss Ruth Fry suggesting that owing to her enforced absence for three months, one of her colleagues should take her place on the Executive Committee in order to preserve contact between the League of Nations Union and the National Council for the Prevention of War. The Secretary stated that Mr. Mills' membership of the Executive Committee of the N.C.P.W. was keeping the two organisations in touch.

RESOLVED: "That it would be contrary to the practice of the Committee to allow an absent member to nominate a substitute".

*James Bell*

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1926, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major J.W. Hills (in the Chair), Professor Philip Baker, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, C. Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury, Vice-Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, Lady Gladstone, Lady Hall, R.S. Hudson, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, Mrs. W.T. Dayton, J. de V. Loder, E.W. Morton-George, Sir Walter Napier, F.G. Penman, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Lady Selborne, A.L. Shepherd, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch together with the Secretary.

254. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Rt. Hon. G.N. Barnes, J.R. Griffin, J.H. Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Charles Roberts and W.J. Salmon.
255. MINUTES. Subject to the substitution of the words "should form a group and should" for the words "be asked to" in Minute 250(g) 85(2), and subject to the following further amendments and decisions, the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on November 25th, 1926, were approved as circulated:-
- Minute 250(g)-83(g). Postal Ballot, was amended to read
- "Not before May 22nd the Annual General Meeting will take place and the General Council will elect members of the Executive Committee from among the thirty nominated persons".
- Minute 250(h)-83. Overseas Committee. It was
- RESOLVED: "That the Overseas Committee be asked to examine and report upon the organisation of the Standing Committees of the Federation of League of Nations Societies, with special reference to the question whether disarmament is included in the terms of reference of one or more of these Committees".
- Minute 250(j)-81. Crystal Palace Demonstration. It was
- RESOLVED: "That at some future date H.R.H. the Prince of Wales be invited to attend a meeting organised by the League of Nations Union as a whole".
256. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending 15th November, 1926, shewed a Bank Overdraft to date amounting to £387.7s.8d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £2,975.9s.1d.
257. PRELIMINARY AGENDA OF GENERAL COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 14TH. It was
- RESOLVED "That the Preliminary Agenda be approved".
258. LANE REQUEST. The Committee considered the request of the League of Nations Society of Ireland with the recommendations of the Overseas Committee:-

- (a) That in view of the appeal from the Irish League of Nations Society a small deputation be appointed to wait on the authorities of the National Gallery and to ascertain from them whether they would be willing to respond to this appeal, and if so

- (b) The Executive should consider what action, if any, the Union could take in order to assist in facilitating the transfer of the pictures".

Captain Thomas having stated that the Secretary of the Irish League of Nations Society had told him that the Irish Society would be greatly helped if the League of Nations Union would take this matter up, no matter with what success, and the Chairman having explained that the issue was not a dispute between the British Government and that of the Irish Free State, but between the National Gallery and the Corporation of Dublin, and that he and Mr. Barnes had been two members of the Committee of three which had already reported to the British Government on this matter, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the question of the ultimate allocation of the pictures involved in the Lane Bequest is not a matter in which the League of Nations Union can properly intervene".

- (2) "That the Chairman be asked to communicate this decision to the League of Nations Society of Ireland."

259. COMMUNICATION FROM WHITE STAR LINE. Dr. Garnett reported an interview with Mr. Workman of the White Star Line. The White Star Line are desirous of developing tourist traffic between this country and the U.S.A. and to that end invited the co-operation of the Union to organise parties of tourists from this country to the U.S.A. The White Star Line offered a free place for a Union conductor to proceed with each party of twenty-five and to accord the Union a commission of 5% on all passages booked through the Union. The cost of tickets to cover the return journey, tourist class, between this country and the U.S.A., travelling by express liner to New York, and sailing, after eleven days in the United States from Boston, would be about £62; but a shorter stay in America, omitting the visit to Washington, might be covered at a cost of about £50. It was explained that, though this proposal was not expected to bring in income for the Union more than sufficient to cover the administrative costs, it might be the beginning of a development that would materially increase the Union's funds. Meanwhile, it should assist the cause of the League of Nations by enabling members of the British League of Nations Union to see what is being done for the cause of the League in part of the United States, and by enabling members of the Non-Partisan Association and other Americans to meet them. It was

RESOLVED: "That the matter be further explored with a view to arranging for experimental parties to visit the United States at Easter and in July and August next".

260. INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OF THE TRAFFIC IN ARMS. The following resolution from the Leamington Branch was read:-

"This meeting of the Leamington Branch of the League of Nations Union believes that, as the International Control of the Private Manufacture of Arms, Munitions and War Material would largely contribute to the Peace of the World, the Treaty for the Control of the Traffic in Arms should be ratified by the British Government at as early a date as possible".

It was

RESOLVED: "That the above resolution, re-drafted by the Chairman, be included in the Preliminary Agenda of the General Council on December 14th, and that the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Leamington Branch".

261. AFFILIATION OF WORKERS' AND EMPLOYERS' ORGANISATIONS. The report of the sub-Committee was presented and, after amendment, was adopted as follows:-

- (i) That in order to facilitate the co-operation of industrial organisations (including associations of employers, trades unions and co-operative societies) with the Union, any such organisation which signifies in writing its general agreement with the objects of the Union, and which promises to pay an annual subscription of two guineas (which will entitle any one person nominated by the organisation to receive HEADWAY, the journal of the Union, and such other publications as are sent to annual subscribers of £1 or over), may be accepted as an Industrial Associate of the Union; provided that every application for admission as an Industrial Associate before being granted shall be submitted to the Executive Committee".
- (ii) That firms and branches of Trades Unions should be invited to become Corporate Members at the ordinary fee of £1 per annum".
- (iii) That Branches be invited to encourage Corporate Members and Industrial Associates attached to them to be represented at their meetings".

262. PENAL REFORM SUB-COMMITTEE. After receiving an interim report from this Committee it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the objects of the Charter of Minimum Rights for Prisoners, prepared by the Howard League, be approved, but that no action be taken concerning the means for giving effect to this Charter pending the final recommendation of the Sub-Committee".

(2) That Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, Mr. L.J. Cadbury, Lady Hall, Mrs. W.T. Layton and Mr. H.D. Watson be invited to join the Penal Reform Sub-Committee".

Professor Philip Baker gave notice that he wished to retire from the Committee owing to pressure of work.

263. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) MANDATES COMMITTEE. On the recommendation of the Mandates Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That the statement, amended as annexed to these minutes, be issued to Branches and to the League of Nations Societies in Mandatory States, which Societies shall be invited to express their opinion upon the statement".

Further consideration of the Minutes of the Mandates Committee dated November 17th, 1926, was adjourned until December 2nd; and the Mandates Committee was asked to meet in the meanwhile and further to consider the suggestions

- (1) of Sir Walter Napier, that representatives of Mandatory Powers should be absent from the Council of the League when territories under their mandate are under consideration, and
- (2) of Professor Baker (O.S. 191) concerning visits of members of the Mandates Commission to Mandated Territories.



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

[These Minutes included (87) Essex Federal Council; (88) Liverpool District Council; (89) Financial Statement; (90) Expenditure not included in the Budget; (91) Report of Joint Committee of Staff appointments and Staff Standing Committee; (92) Communication from White Star Line; (93) Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux; (94) HEADWAY; (95) Entertainment Allowance; (96) Composition of Committee for 1927; (97) Passing of Cheques for Payment, and the following:-

94. HEADWAY. The Committee considered

- (1) Resolution (a)(3) contained in Minute 245 of the Executive Committee

"That the General Council be not recommended to alter the name of HEADWAY and that the proposal to print UNION NOTES AND NEWS separately for inclusion with the copies of HEADWAY sent to members be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report".

- (2) Estimates for the production, on calendered paper, of five thousand copies of HEADWAY (20 pages), and eighty-three thousand copies of HEADWAY (20 pages) with a four page UNION NOTES AND NEWS supplement bound in the centre; the five thousand copies being intended for sale through regular trade channels, e.g. bookstalls, and the eighty-three thousand for circulation to members of the Union.

The Committee, after noting that the use of calendered paper will make it possible to print illustrations in HEADWAY and finding that (on the assumption that the present circulation of HEADWAY neither increases nor diminishes and that no profit will be made on the sale of the five thousand copies a month sold through regular trade channels,) the future production of HEADWAY, according to these estimates, would diminish the Union's profit by approximately £600 a year.

RESOLVED: "To recommend the Executive to proceed with the publication of HEADWAY on calendered paper, with and without the supplement, in the manner set forth in the above mentioned estimates".

It was further

RESOLVED: "That the automatic increases of wages, payable under the accepted Report of the Joint Committee, (Executive Committee Minute No.250(5), and Finance Committee Minute No.31) take effect as from January 1st in the case of persons who have received no increase of wages since the previous 1st January, and from July 1st in the case of those who have received no increase of wages since the previous 1st July".

- (c) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. Subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the Management Committee dated November 11th, 1926, were approved and adopted:-

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(95) Public Meetings. The second paragraph of this Minute was amended to read:-

"Dr. Morwood's Campaign was continuing satisfactorily; 4,000 new members had been enrolled as a result of his meetings in Yorkshire and over 400 had joined at a single meeting at Bolton".

These Minutes included (92) Recognition of Branches; (95) Tyneside District Council Finances; (96) Editorial Committee, Publicity and Advertising; (97) Public Meetings; (98) Dinner to Dominion Premiers; (97) Communication from White Star Line.

(d) MINORITIES COMMITTEE. Consideration of the Minutes of the meetings held on July 21st and November 5th, 1926, was deferred to the next meeting.

264. CONTINENTAL GROUPINGS COMMITTEE. On the proposal of the Chairman it was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. A. Watts be invited to join the Continental Groupings Committee".

*J. M. Hall*

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20.11.26.STATEMENT OF THE ATTITUDE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION WITH REGARD TO THE  
PROCEDURE FOR CARRYING ON THE MANDATES SYSTEM.

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

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

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

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

As regards the two points raised at the Forty-First Meeting of the League Council on September 4th, 1926, namely the List of Questions which the Mandates Commission of the League proposed to address to the Mandatory Powers, and the Procedure with regard to Petitions, the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union concludes that the British Mandatory Powers entertain no objection in principle to the List of Questions because the normal Reports supplied by the British Mandatory Powers in past years cover more ground than is covered by the proposed List.

\*Article 7 appears to mean paragraph 7 of Article 22 of the Covenant.

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

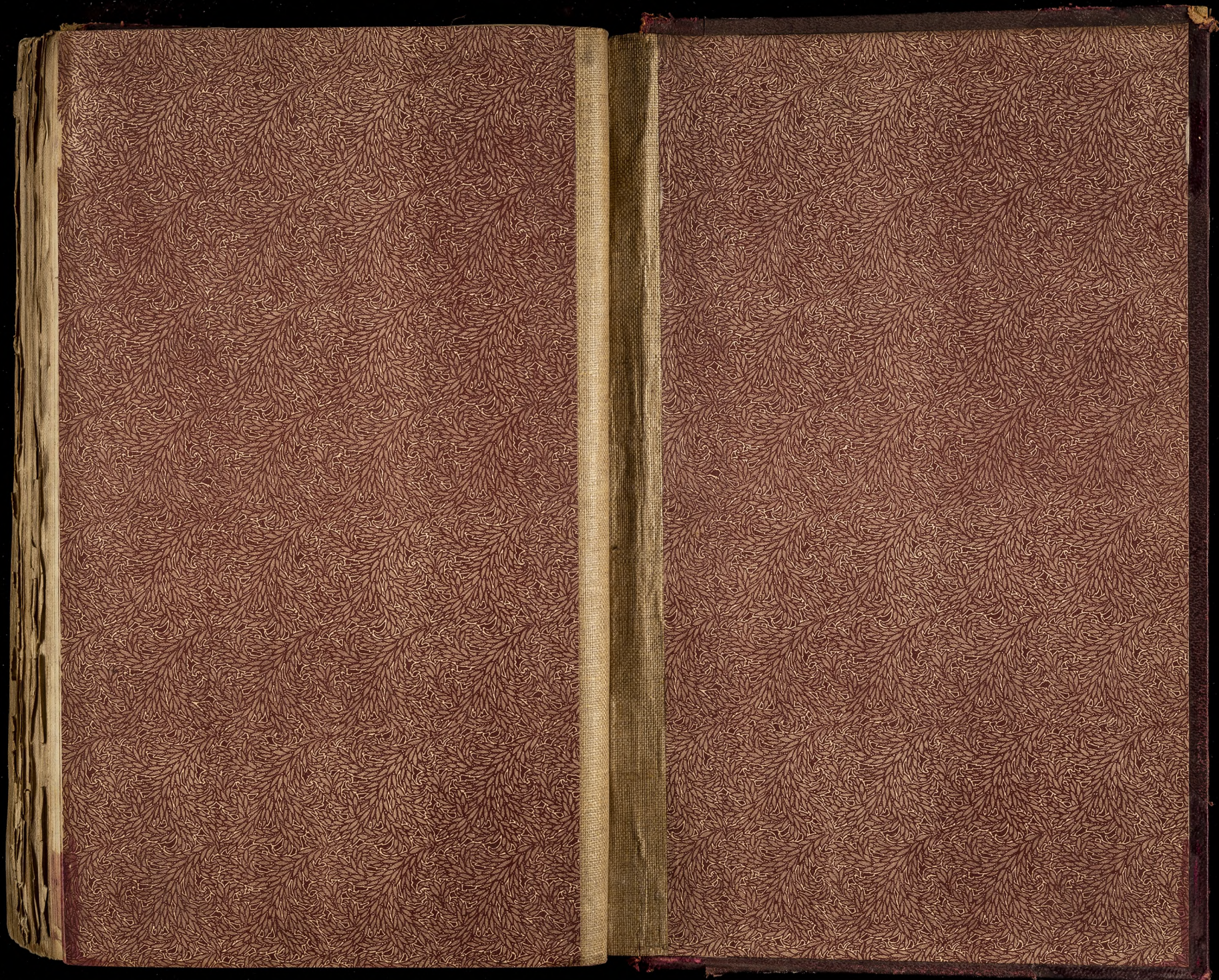
The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union believes that the secretarial work involved in the Mandates Reports might be lightened both for the Mandatory Powers and for the Mandates Commission by the adoption of some such uniform scheme of reporting as is suggested by the List of Questions proposed by the Mandates Commission.

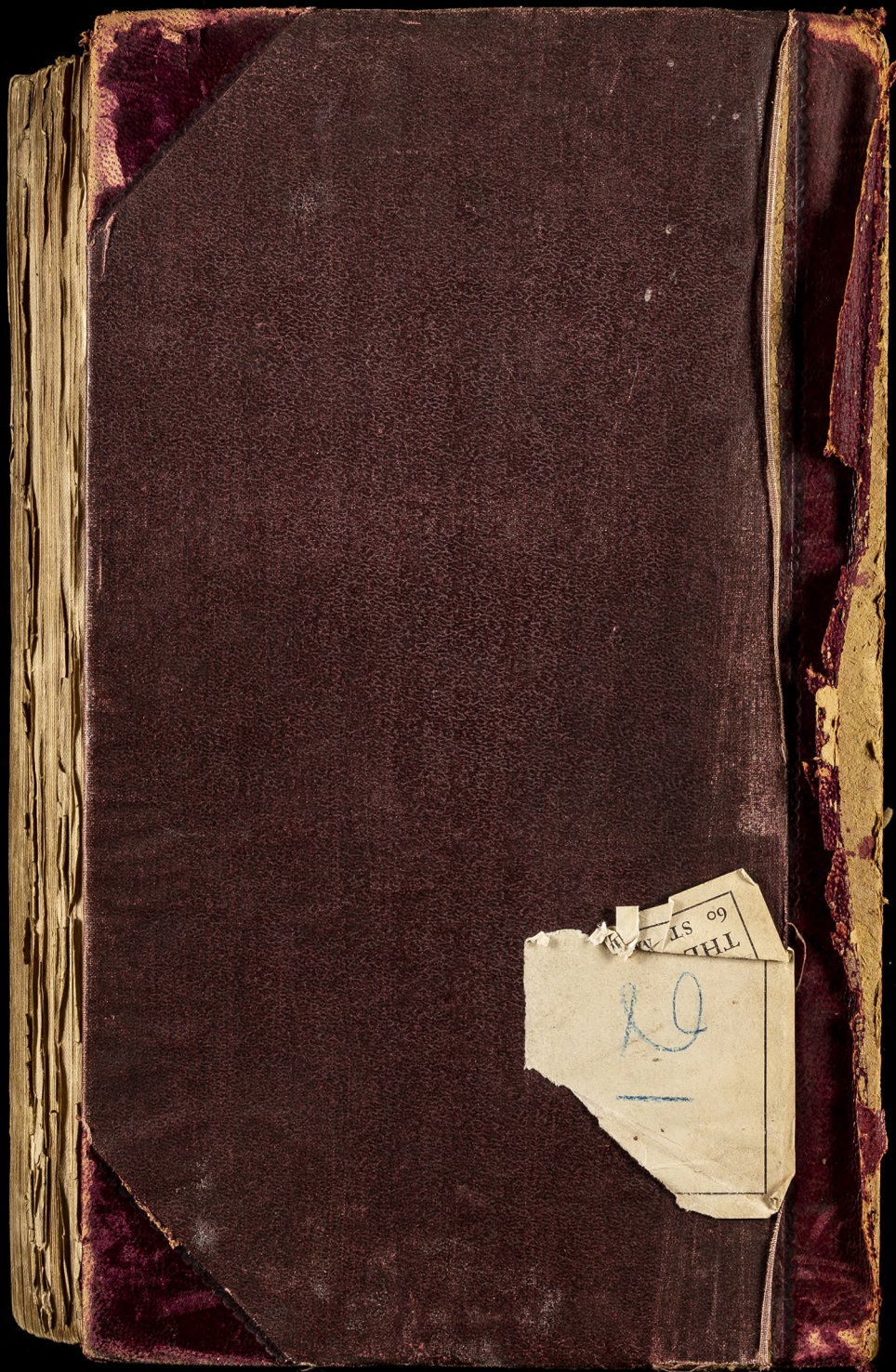
As regards Procedure for Petitions, the Executive, while insisting that all the existing rights and powers of the Mandates Commission in respect of Petitions should be preserved unimpaired, recognises that the ultimate responsibility for supervising the carrying out of the Mandates lies with the League Council. Therefore in cases where the Mandates Commission receive a petition, and, after hearing the commentaries of the Mandatory Power, are not satisfied with the explanations given, it is desirable that the Commission should so report to the Council. The Council could then, after consultation with the Commission, take such action as it thought proper.

The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union desires to put on record its firm conviction that His Majesty's Government, fully recognising the duties imposed upon the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations both by the Covenant and by the terms of the Mandates, will continue as a Member of the Council and as a Mandatory Power to collaborate with the Commission and to support its authority as loyally in the future as they have done in the past.

Finally, the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union notes with the greatest satisfaction the following statement made by Viscount Cecil of Chelwood in the House of Lords on November 17th, 1926:

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





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