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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, 17th
JANUARY 1924 AT 10.30 a. m.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); G.N.Barnes, Reginald Berkeley, Mrs A.W.Claremont, A.W.Claremont, David Davies, Lady Denman, Mrs Ogilvie Gordon, John H.Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, John W.Hills, David Hunter, F.N.Keen, Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe, Oswald Mosley, E.W.Morton-George, Mrs Walter Runciman, Raymond Unwin, Graham White and L.M.Wynch: together with the General Secretary and D.H.Mills.

M I N U T E S

13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr Baillie-Weaver, the Viscountess Gladstone, Mr J.F. Green, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Lord Queenborough, Prebendary Rudolf, and Mr Aneurin Williams.
14. MINUTES. Subject to a verbal alteration in minute 6, the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on January 10th 1924 were approved as circulated.
15. REPARATIONS. The Committee considered two memoranda of the sub-Committee which was asked to meet and prepare a memorandum on Reparations for submission to the new Government. After the first (pink) memorandum was drafted further information was received and the second (blue) memorandum was drafted. It was

Resolved:- 1. That in view of the fact that the two Committees of Experts were now meeting in Paris, the Committee does not think it advisable at the moment to ask the Government to receive a deputation.

2. That a special meeting of the Executive Committee be held on Thursday, January 24th to consider the blue memorandum, together with Mr David Davies' memorandum circulated to the Executive for the meeting on December 20th.
3. That the office be asked to circulate in time for the next meeting a precis of M.Herriot's speech in the French chamber on Foreign Affairs, together with M.Poincare's reply.
4. That Major Gen. Sir Frederick Maurice's memorandum on recent observations in the occupied area, be also adjourned for consideration to the next meeting of the Committee.

15. CO-OPERATION WITH WORLD ALLIANCE. The General Secretary reported that in accordance with the express wish of the Christian Organisations Committee, the Chairman of that Committee (Dr Gillie) and he had discussed with the Chairman of the Executive of the British Council of the World Alliance (Dr Garvie), the scheme prepared by the Christian Organisations Committee for co-operation between the Union and the World Alliance.

Dr Gillie and the General Secretary recommended that this scheme be approved in the following form which Dr Garvie was prepa-
to recommend his Committee to accept:-

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1. That a Joint Committee of the LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION and the WORLD ALLIANCE FOR PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP THROUGH THE CHURCHES be formed to consider and advise upon all subjects of mutual interest to both Societies.

Note:- The terms of reference to this Joint Committee will need careful consideration by both societies, but they should be as wide as possible. The Joint Committee will be advisory in the sense that its decisions will take the form of recommendations to which effect will not be given until they have been confirmed by the Executives of the two Societies. But it may be hoped that, as confidence grows, the Joint Committee will be entrusted with authority in minor matters even though its major proposals may always have to be ratified by the two Executives.

2. That the provisional Christian Organisations Committee of the Union be replaced by the proposed Joint Committee to be formed as follows:- that the Executive Committee of the British Council of the World Alliance nominate twelve members (or such other number as may from time to time be agreed upon between the Union and the World Alliance) for appointment, after agreement with the Executive Committee of the Union, as members of the Joint Committee.
3. That the twelve (or other agreed number of) persons thus appointed shall co-opt one-half of their number of additional persons after approval of the additional names by the Executive Committees of the two Societies.
4. That the Joint Committee thus constituted shall meet regularly, and as a rule in the office of the League of Nations Union who shall provide secretarial and clerical assistance.
5. That as soon as possible after each meeting of the Joint Committee, the unconfirmed minutes shall be submitted for approval and adoption by the Executive Committee of the two Societies.
6. That among the steps to be taken by the Joint Committee to secure the active co-operation of Christian congregations in furthering the objects of both Societies, the Joint Committee while leaving it open to individual congregations to become either affiliated congregations of the World Alliance or Corporate Members of the League of Nations Union shall endeavour to secure that such congregations shall be thus associated with both societies. Each Society shall undertake to report to the Joint Committee the name of any congregation becoming affiliated to the one society or becoming a corporate member of the other. The Joint Committee shall then issue an invitation to that congregation to become fully associated with both societies.
7. That effect shall be given to these suggestions so soon as they shall have been approved by the British Council of the World Alliance and the General Council of the Union.

Resolved:- "That this scheme be approved and forwarded to the World Alliance in response to Miss Gwendoline Hill's letter of ~~January 24th 1924.~~"

December 20th 1923

17. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS. The minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated 2.1.24, together with the recommendations, including the foregoing minute (16), contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (233) Composition of Committee; (234) World Alliance; (235) Corporate Members; (236) Corporate Members; (237) Mr W.O. Bishop; (238) Free Church Circular letter.]

- (b) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS. The minutes of the Committee of Religions and Ethics dated 8.1.24, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

As Lady Gladstone had stated that she was unable to serve on this Committee, Mr L.M. Wynch agreed to take her place.

[These minutes included (185) Mr H.R. Lewis; (186) Secretary to Committee; (187) Constitution of Committee; (188) Ethical Union; (189) Chairman and Vice-Chairman; (190) Savoy Chapel; (191) Public meeting; (192) Universal Brotherhood.]

- (c) OVERSEAS. Subject (1) to the Finance Committee approving of the recommendation in minute 561; (2) to the addition of the words "or his nominee" after "Dr Garnett" in minute 558; and (3) to the following resolution on the Compulsory Jurisdiction Protocol, the minutes of the Overseas Committee dated 9.1.24, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

558 (7) Compulsory Jurisdiction Protocol. It was

Resolved:- "That ~~the Committee consider the question of asking~~ the Government to receive a deputation in regard to the ratification by Great Britain of the Compulsory Jurisdiction Protocol of the Permanent Court of International Justice. If the Government agreed to receive such a deputation, the deputation should mention the resolution of the General Council."

[These minutes included (555) Federation Business; (558) Delegates to Commission of Federation; (558)7 Compulsory Jurisdiction Protocol; (561) Expenditure for Overseas; (562) Literature; (565) Speakers in France and Italy; (566) Miss Koritchener's scheme; and (567) South Africa.]

- (d) FINANCE. Subject to minute 399 (London Regional Federation) being adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, the minutes of the Finance Committee dated 16.1.24, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted. It was further

Resolved:- "That a letter of thanks be sent to Mr H.D. Watson C.I.E. for his generous offer to pay to the Union the sum of £1,000 in respect of the year 1924 to cover the cost of another collector (or other collectors) of funds to be appointed to assist the Appeals Department on condition that if more than £6,000 be obtained by these means the cost of the collector or collectors shall be the first charge upon such excess, the amount to be paid by the guarantor being reduced accordingly, and also provided that the Union shall endeavour to secure guarantors for a further £4,000 on similar conditions; it being

understood that Mr Watson should furnish his guarantee by depositing forthwith in the office of the Union a promise under seal to pay £1,000 in thirteen half-yearly instalments beginning 1st January 1924,"

[These minutes included (398) HEADWAY contract; (399) London Regional Federation; (400) Mr H.D.Watson; (401) Overseas; (402) Labour meetings; and (403) Office Cleaning.]

18. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES. On the suggestion of Mr David Davies it was

Resolved:- "That the Financial Statement as supplied to this Committee from time to time should include particulars of the Union's assets and liabilities."

19. RUSSIAN SUB-COMMITTEE.

Resolved:- "To approve of the following names to act as a nucleus of a Russian sub-Committee,"

Mr Michael Farbman, Mr Marshall (Chairman of B.E.C.O. S. Ltd.) and Mr Roden Buxton.

20. PRESENTATION TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS OF RESOLUTIONS FROM INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS. The Committee received the report of the sub-Committee which had been asked to consider the situation created by this decision of the Council of the League and to make recommendations to the Committee. The sub-Committee drew the attention of the Executive to the following resolution of the Council of the League held in December:-

"The Council of the League, while confirming the principles laid down in July last in its decision that the documents of non-official associations should not be forwarded to Governments by the Secretary-General of the League, in order that the members of the Council might be informed of the nature of any communications addressed to the League by non-official international associations, instructs the Secretary-General to prepare and present to the Council at the beginning of each of its meetings, a list of any such communications which he may have received, stating the international organisations from which they emanate and the subject to which they refer. Each member of the Council will thus be aware that resolutions or petitions have been received, and will be able, should they so desire, to obtain cognisance of their terms."

Resolved:- "That a letter be sent to the Council expressing the Committee's appreciation of this resolution and that meantime the Union should acquire some experience of the method of the working of this resolution with a view to raising the matter again should this method prove unsatisfactory."

That the attention of the Executive be drawn to this resolution and that it be suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Council from the President.

It was also decided to recommend to M.Ruyssen that he should send copies of the relevant resolutions of the Federation to each member of the Council.

21. LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS.

Resolved:- "That the following be requested to serve on a standing sub-Committee for the Limitation of Armaments:-

Major J.W.Hills, Mr David Davies, Major Gen. Sir Frederick Maurice, Major Gen. the Rt.Hon.J.E.B.Seely, Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe, Captain Berkeley, Mr Philip Baker, and Mr H.A.L. Fisher.

22. CHINA. Mr David Davies stated that he had received a memorandum on the subject of China from Brig.General Bruce, and it was agreed that this matter should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Committee and that the memorandum should be circulated.
23. MR ANEURIN WILLIAMS. The General Secretary reported to the Committee that Mr Aneurin Williams was very seriously ill and the Chairman promised to write a letter to him.
24. MR L.J.CADBURY. It was reported that Mr L.J.Cadbury had written accepting a seat upon the Executive Committee.
25. PROFESSOR C.K.WEBSTER. The General Secretary reminded the Committee that Professor Webster had agreed to join the Committee until Christmas, but he had now returned to Aberystwyth, and the General Secretary wished to know whether the Committee now desired him to ask Sir Arthur Steel Maitland to serve.

Resolved:- "That a letter be written to Professor Webster urging him to remain a member if it were at all possible."

26. GEORGIA. The Committee considered a proposal from the Chairman of the Georgia Committee who suggested that the Union should ask Mr Ramsay Macdonald, in the event of his becoming Prime Minister, to make a withdrawal of the Red Army for Trans-Caucasia and the ~~restriction~~ ^{restoration} of Georgia's complete independence one of the conditions of British recognition of the Moscow Soviet.

Resolved:- "That the Chairman be asked to reply regretting that the Union did not see its way to act on this suggestion."

Gilbert W. Murray

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15,
GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 24th
1924 AT 11.30 a.m.

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29.1.24.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); H.Baillie-Weaver,
G.N.Barnes, Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, Lady Bonham Carter,
Viscount Cecil, A.W.Claremont, David Davies, Lady Denman, Sir
Willoughby Dickinson, J.F.Green, John H.Harris, J.W.Hills, Sir
Charles Hobhouse, F.M.Keen, Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe, Sir Frederick
Maurice, E.W.Morton-George, Oswald Mosley, Lady Mary Murray, Mrs
Walter Runciman, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian and L.M.Wynoh: together
with the General Secretary and D.H.Mills.

M I N U T E S

27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Captain Berkeley, Mrs Claremont, the Viscountess Gladstone, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lord Quesenborough, Prebendary Rudolf, General Seely and Mr Graham White.

28. MR ANEURIN WILLIAMS. The Chairman referred to the death of Mr Aneurin Williams, and attention was drawn to a letter from Mrs Claremont to the fact that Mr Williams wrote an article in the ~~November~~ 1914 number of the "Contemporary Review" on proposals for a League of peace and mutual protection among nations. He had assisted in all the deliberations of the original group which in May 1915 became the League of Nations Society. In 1917 Mr Williams acted as Honorary Secretary to the Society and continued to do this until that Society joined with the League of Free Nations Association. He was the donor of about £500 which kept the work afloat until larger sums were needed.

Both Sir Willoughby Dickinson and Mr J.F.Green paid tribute to the fine work which Mr Williams had done for the cause of the League and in regard to his enthusiasm for it.

The General Secretary reported that Mr Vivian had represented the League of Nations Union at the funeral and that a wreath had been sent as from the Union.

The Chairman was asked to write a letter of sympathy on behalf of the Committee to Mr Williams' son and daughter.

29. MINUTES. Subject to the deletion of resolution (1) in minute 15, and verbal alterations in minutes 16, 17(c), 20 and 26, the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated January 17th 1924 were approved as circulated.

30. LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS.

Resolved:- "That the sub-Committee on Limitation of Armaments appointed the previous week (minute 21) be asked to consider and report upon the Treaty of Mutual Assistance, and that Lord Cecil and Sir Charles Hobhouse be added to this sub-Committee."

31. COMMITTEE PROCEDURE. The Chairman proposed to try the experiment of re-arranging the order of the Committee's business so that the large political issues should be discussed by the Committee immediately after the minutes of the previous meeting, and the reports of standing sub-Committees be taken later on the agenda.

In view, however, of the imperative need for disposing of these reports in order that the business of the meeting might be carried on, he further proposed that the reports should always be taken promptly at 12.30 p.m.

The Committee unanimously approved of these proposals.

32. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending January 23rd 1924 showed a Bank balance amounting to £10,540.9.1 with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £1,250.

In accordance with the decision of the last meeting of the Committee that a statement of the Union's assets and liabilities be furnished from time to time the General Secretary presented the following particulars of assets and liabilities excluding (1) monies in above statement; (2) HEADWAY and other literature still to be supplied to members; and (3) accounts with Branches.

<u>LIABILITIES.</u>		<u>ASSETS</u>	
Rent to March 1924	£225.0.0	Furniture	£1200.0.0
Rent for one year to March 1925	900.0.0	Promises under deed	17864.0.0
Repairs and executing covenants of lease	1400.0.0	(including £3,375. now due from the Income Tax Commissioners of the balance of Lord Cowdray's last annual gift).	
Notices to staff	3150.0.0		
Rent of Regional Offices	175.0.0		
Goods and services ordered but not invoiced	500.0.0		
	£6350. 0.0		£19064.0.0

Excess of Assets over Liabilities £12,714.0.0.

33. REPARATIONS. The Committee considered the question of Reparations in the light of the following memoranda which had been circulated:

1. Memorandum by Mr David Davies.
2. Blue memorandum revised by the Chairman.
3. General Maurice's memorandum on "Recent observations in the Occupied Area."
4. Note by Mr F.N.Keen.
5. (i) Precis of M.Herriot's speech.
(ii) " " M.Poincaré's reply.

Resolved:- That the Reparations sub-Committee with the addition of Lord Cecil be asked to furnish a further report setting forth precisely the steps by which the British Government could endeavour to reach a practical solution of the whole problem of reparations and inter-allied debts;

that this memorandum should also point out in particular how the League should participate in the solution and the advantages of bringing in the League;

that the Government be not asked to receive a deputation on this subject until the sub-Committee's report has been received and considered by this Committee; and

that the same sub-Committee be asked to report on the best means of persuading Germany to apply for membership of the League.

34. CHINA. The Committee considered a memorandum on the League of Nations in China by Brig.Gen. C.D. Bruce, and it was

Resolved:- "That this be referred to the Reparations sub-Committee when it drew up its report on security, and that the sub-Committee be asked to invite General Bruce to attend that meeting."

35. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) MINORITIES. The following resolution of the Minorities sub-Committee held January 22nd 1924 was approved and adopted:-

"That the Union's delegates to the Minorities Commission of the Federation be instructed to urge upon the Commission at its meeting at Zurich on 29th and 30th inst. the importance of emphasising through the voluntary Societies the significance of the recent decisions of the Permanent Court on the question of Polish Minorities."

- (b) OVERSEAS. Consideration of the report of the Overseas Committee dated 23.1.24 was adjourned for consideration to the next meeting of the Committee.

- (c) MANAGEMENT. The General Secretary reported orally the following minutes of the Management Committee held earlier in the day:-

- (3) Headquarters Salaries and Wages. The General Secretary reported that a reply in the terms of the Committee's resolution of December 20th, and including an offer to place the fullest information before any member of the Union who might visit this office for the purpose, had been sent to Mr Watson who had written on behalf of the joint meeting of the Southgate, Wood Green, Enfield, and Edmonton Branches, in answer to their request to be furnished with a detailed statement of Headquarters salaries and wages. A further communication had been received from him regretting that the statement sent to him did not furnish the information required, and making a criticism that the League of Nations Union required a larger personnel to run its Headquarters than a business organisation of very much larger dimensions. The letter also regretted that the Branches were unable to accept the invitation to send representatives to this office to receive the information they desired.

Resolved:- "That Mr Watson be informed that it would be contrary to the practice of the Union to send a list of salaries and wages, ~~but that he would be pleased to place any information~~ before any member of the Union ~~if they~~ ^{who} would call at the office."

- (4) Recognition of Branches. 32 Branches, 6 Junior Branches, 2 Districts, 60 Corporate Members, and 19 Corporate Associates were formally recognised.

It was reported that there were now 1,627 Branches, 138 Junior Branches, 57 Districts, 575 Corporate Members, 29 Corporate Associates and 340,745 members, of whom 9,000 members had joined since December 20th 1923.

- (5) Proposal to Incorporate by Royal Charter. The Committee received a report of the sub-Committee which had met to consider a proposal that the Union should become incorporated by Royal Charter. The report recommended that the General

Secretary should discuss the matter with Mr D.W.Evans of Cardiff when next he visits London in order to learn how best to approach the Privy Council in the matter.

- (8) London Regional Federation. The Committee considered a recommendation of the Finance Committee that the following provisional agreement for regulating the financial relations between the London Regional Federation and the Headquarters of the Union during 1924 be adopted. The provisional agreement had been reached by the Vice-Chairman and Treasurer of the Federation and the General Secretary of the Union:-

"Out of the £30,000 required for Headquarters in 1924, Branches and districts outside the Metropolitan area are to raise £15,260 and the remainder has to be raised by or through Headquarters and the London Federation. Owing to the geographical position of Headquarters it is necessary that in the Metropolitan area Headquarters and the Federation should co-operate as closely as possible in the raising of funds for the use of Headquarters and of the Federation. As a general rule, in the Metropolitan area, Headquarters should seek to obtain money in the City and from big businesses, while the Federation and Metropolitan branches should operate through the rest of the area.

The Federation might hope to secure £3,300 net for Headquarters outside the City and big businesses, and might obtain as much as £5,000. But to render this possible branch secretaries and treasurers must receive more stimulus and help than has hitherto been given them. To this end, Mr Strutt should, for the future, spend the greater part of his time outside his office visiting branches and helping them, among other things, to collect money. Such a change, especially in conjunction with contemplated developments on the administrative work of the Federation, would necessitate the Federation receiving from Headquarters very considerable help with their office work. Captain Thomas (whose salary is £400 a year) might be available, and, if experience showed that less costly assistance would suffice, Captain Thomas' place might be taken by a competent woman (such as Miss Rackstraw) who would be willing to work in return for her expenses only. Mr Hubbard and Mr Snelling knew Captain Thomas, and would heartily welcome his help. The cost of it (£400 a year) would be the first charge upon the donations obtained for the central fund by or through the Federation and the Metropolitan branches.

These donations shall be paid to Headquarters and the balance of them, after the first charge of £400 a year has been met together with the "half-net subscriptions" from London Metropolitan branch members payable under Rule 12 (iii), shall constitute a "Divisible Fund." The first £5,000 of this "Divisible Fund" shall be allocated as follows:-

- (a) the first £1,000 to London Regional expenses as follows:-

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Salary of Mr Strutt	£425
Wages of Miss Mason, typist	130
Office charges (including rent, rates, light, heat, cleaning and general overheads)	200
Postages	50
Stationery and office requisites	50
Travelling	45
Contingencies	100
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(b) 90 per cent of the remainder to the central fund, and 10 per cent of the remainder to the London Regional Federation.

Any amount by which the "Divisible Fund" exceeds £5,000 shall be allocated.

(c) one half to the central fund.

(d) one half to the London Regional Federation who shall determine what proportion thereof shall be returned to Headquarters for the central fund.

Any statement of the amount raised for the central fund in London should include not only the amount raised by or through the Federation and the Metropolitan branches, but also the amount raised by Headquarters in the City and from big businesses.

The whole amount of the donations (except such as are specifically given for other allocation as provided in Rule 12 (iv) received by the Metropolitan branches, less only membership subscriptions (reckoned at the rate of £1 in the case of donations of £5 and upwards from persons who are not already annual subscribers of £1 or more, and at a smaller rate to be decided later in the case of donations of less than £5) shall be paid to the Federation's account with Headquarters at least until the "Divisible Fund" amounts to £5,000."

On this provisional agreement the General Secretary has noted that, in the event of a similar arrangement being made for future years, payments to Headquarters under Rule 12 (iii) in respect of members of London branches should be kept outside the "Divisible Fund"; and the Treasurer of the London Federation has noted that the expenditure of the £1,000 proposed in sub-paragraph (a) will be subject to the control of the London Regional Council.

Resolved:- "To recommend to the Executive Committee to accept this proposal and the General Secretary's note at the end of it."

This report, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

26. OVERSEAS COMMITTEE - CONSTITUTION. The following names recommended by the Overseas Committee to constitute that Committee for the ensuing year were approved, together with a suggestion that the Y.M.C.A. be invited to nominate a successor to Mr Harry Holmes:-

David Davies, Esq. M.P.	Miss Grace Mitchell
Rt.Hon.Sir W.H.Dickinson, K.B.E.	Miss B.L.Hutchins
Mrs Whale.	Miss Ruth Rouse
Sir Howard d'Egville, K.B.E.	Mrs Cunningham Smith
H.R.L.Bellot, Esq. M.A., D.C.L.	Brig.Gen. C.D.Bruce, C.B.E.
Professor A.E.Zimmern	Henry Vivian, Esq. M.P.
G.H.Stuart Bunning, Esq. O.B.E., J.P.	P.W.Chandler, Esq.
F.N.Keen, Esq. LL.B.	Viscountess Gladstone
W.J.TreSeder Griffin, Esq. M.A.	Mrs Oliver Strachey
The Rev.J.H.Rushbrooke, M.A., D.D.	Sir Walter Napier, D.C.L.
Rt.Hon.G.N.Barnes	Professor C.K.Webster, M.A.
Alfred Shortt, Esq. M.P.	Rev. Herbert Dunnico, J.P.
Professor W.H.Pringle, M.A., LL.B.	M.P.
Mr T. Williams.	Sir Wyndham Deedes.

Gilbert Murray

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, 7th
FEBRUARY 1924 AT 11 A.M.

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PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); G.N.Barnes, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Percy Bigland, Lady Bonham Carter, Mrs A.W.Claremont, Mrs Ogilvie Gordon, J.F.Green, Sir Charles Hobhouse, F.N.Keen, Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe, E.W.Morton-George, Lady Mary Murray, Charles Roberts, A.Whitehead, and L.M.Wynch: together with the General Secretary and D.H.Mills.

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37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr Baillie-Weaver, Mr L.J.Cadbury, Viscount Cecil, Mr David Davies, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, the Viscountess Gladstone, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major J.W.Hills, Lord Queenborough, Prebendary Rudolf, General Seely, Mr Henry Vivian and Mr Graham White.
38. MINUTES. Subject to an amendment in minute 28 and to the resolution in minute 35(c)(3), the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated January 24th 1924 were approved and adopted.
39. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE. The Chairman reminded the Committee that as Mr Clynes and Mr Snowden now held offices under the Government their seats on the Executive Committee would be rendered vacant. He therefore suggested that their places should be filled by representative Labour Members.

The General Secretary read a communication from Professor Webster in which Professor Webster stated that as his duties compelled him to be in Wales he would be unable to attend more than two or three meetings of the Committee this year. It was

Resolved:-

1. To accept Professor Webster's resignation with regret.
2. To ask the Chairman to recommend three Labour Members of Parliament for co-optation.
3. To invite Mr Ormsby Gore and Captain Elliot to accept seats upon the Committee.

40. REPARATIONS. The General Secretary reported that although a meeting of the Reparations sub-Committee had been called for the previous Tuesday, absence from town of several of the members prevented that meeting taking place. The sub-Committee was being called for 11.45 a.m. on Tuesday morning next, February 12th so that its proposals might come before the Executive at a meeting to be held on Thursday, February 14th.

For the guidance of the sub-Committee the Executive expressed the opinion that the Prime Minister should be asked to receive a deputation from the Union as soon as possible; that the deputation should confine itself to the main problems of European policy and expressing readiness of the Union to strengthen the hands of the Government on such points as the occupation of the Ruhr; the settlement of the whole three-fold problem of Reparations, Inter-Allied Debts, Security of Frontiers (including Limitation of Armaments); the restoration of the ~~the~~ legality in Europe; the work of the International Labour Organisation with special reference to the conventions of the eight-hours day and of white lead; and that instead of going into details on each question the deputation should be prepared to hand in memoranda if required.

The sub-Committee should therefore endeavour to plan such a deputation and to prepare such memoranda which may be handed in to the Prime Minister if required.

41. THE LATE ^{EX-}PRESIDENT WILSON. At this stage the Committee adjourned in order to attend a Memorial Service to the late ex-President Wilson of the United States, at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

The Committee resumed business on its return from the Service.

The Chairman reported that he had sent a telegram of sympathy to Mrs Wilson on behalf of the Executive Committee. It was

Resolved:- "That a letter of condolence be sent to the Non-Partisan Association."

42. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) OVERSEAS. The minutes of the Overseas Committee dated January 23rd 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted; and Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe was appointed to represent the Union on the Armaments Commission of the Federation.

The General Secretary reported that the Lyons Conference would commence on June 28th.

It was

Resolved:- "That the following be asked to serve on the Dominions sub-Committee:-

Rt. Hon. Earl Buxton, Rt. Hon. Viscount Cecil, J. D. Chomley, C. A. B. Champion, S. L. Furniss, J. Sanderson, R. R. Pilkington, G. Raymond, Leo Weinthal, Major J. W. Hills, Major the Hon. Ormsby Gore, P. Horsfall, Gerald Spicer, and Loring Christie.

[These minutes included (571) Assistant Secretary of the Federation; (575) Constitution of Committee; (576) Overseas Expenditure; (579) Chair of International Relations; and (582) Canadian Society]

- (b) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated January 24th 1924 and February 5th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

Mr Henry Lascelles. The General Secretary asked as a matter of urgency that the Executive Committee should approve of the appointment of Mr Henry Lascelles as an Appeals Collector at a salary of £400 per annum for the first six months.

Resolved:- "To approve of this appointment."

Mr Alfred Corner. The General Secretary reported an interview he had had with Mr Corner a business man who wished to help the Union.

Resolved:- "That Mr Corner be asked to see the Chairman, Lord Queenborough, and Mr Morton-George, and that a report be submitted."

[These minutes included (3) Mr Macdonell (4) Miss Tynan; (5) Mrs Neville; (6) Miss Mair; (7) Miss Rackstraw; (8) Captain Thomas; (9) Miss Stonedale; (10) General Secretary; and (11) Publicity Department]

(c) WAGES AND OVERTIME. The Committee received the following report of the Wages and Overtime sub-Committee:-

"The Committee considered first the salaries of the typists, in connection with Mrs Ogilvie Gordon's memorandum, second the question of overtime, and finally the salaries of women clerks other than shorthand typists.

Lady Mary Murray read letters which she had received from the Association of Women Clerks and Secretaries, and recommended that in accordance with the view of this Society that the minimum wage at which a woman living alone in London could support herself was 55/- a week that should be the minimum wage for all women clerks employed by the Union.

The Committee, however, felt that they could not recommend the Executive to take up a position so far in advance of the present practice in London offices, but that some advance should be made in the present minimum wages paid to shorthand typists, and that superior qualifications corresponding to these increased rates of pay should be demanded in future. The Committee accordingly submitted the following recommendations:

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

(1) WAGES OF SHORTHAND TYPISTS.

- (a) That the Union should not employ typists under sixteen years of age, and should endeavour to secure shorthand typists who had received a secondary education up to at least that age.
- (b) That shorthand typists employed between the ages of sixteen and eighteen should be paid at the rate of 35/- for the first six months of service, and £2 for the following twelve months, and that £2 should be the minimum rate paid to a shorthand typist between eighteen and nineteen years of age.
- (c) That after receiving £2 for six months, shorthand typists should be paid at the rate of £2.10.0 and that £2.10.0 should be the minimum rate paid to a shorthand typist of over nineteen years of age.

Under these conditions every shorthand typist is normally required to stay for one late night per week, making the total hours worked per week thirty-six-and-a-half. Only exceptionally are other shorthand typists - i.e. typists who do the general work of the office and are not attached to particular departments - required to work more than one late night per week.

(2) WAGES OF WOMEN CLERKS.

That the minimum wage for all women clerks over eighteen years of age employed by the Union be 30/- per week.

(3) OVERTIME.

That instead of paying special rates for overtime the present conditions of employment continue in force as follows:-

Hours will be 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. with one hour for lunch and 15 minutes for tea (Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) with obligation to remain till 8 p.m. (Saturdays 4 p.m.) when required, but not on more than three occasions in any one week or five occasions in any one fortnight.

2/- tea money to be paid on remaining till 8 p.m. (Saturday 4 p.m.)

Special leave one morning or afternoon off with pay to anyone who has been retained on three occasions till 8 p.m. (Saturday 4 p.m.)

Resolved:- "That the Report, together with its conclusions and recommendations be approved and adopted."

- (d) EDUCATION. The minutes of the Education Committee dated January 25th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (393) Summer Schools; (396) Local Education Authorities; (397) Resolution of Fourth Assembly; (398) Literature for Young People; (401) Dr Gooch; (403) Schools and the Home Office]

- (e) LABOUR ADVISORY. Subject to the reference back of minute 38, in so far as it concerned the Washington Maternity Convention, and the reference of minute 39 to the Hospitality Committee, the minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee dated January 29th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (35) Secretary's Report; (36) "Labour and the League"; (37) Wembley and the I.L.O. (38) Draft I.L. Conventions; and (39) Judges and members of the American Bar]

43. "ARBITRATE FIRST" - COMMUNICATION FROM MR D.A. PEAT. A memorandum by Mr D.A. Peat was considered, and it was

Resolved:- "That this be referred to a sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Sir Arthur Haworth, Mr F.N. Keen and Mr L.M. Wynch."

44. MAGNA CHARTA OF THE NATIONS. A memorandum drafted by Mr F.N. Keen and Sir Walter Napier on the Magna Charta of the Nations was considered and it was

Resolved:- "That if the Conference of the Federation insists on discussing some such document, the Union's delegates should endeavour to secure the substitution of the draft by Sir Walter Napier and Mr F.N. Keen for the draft submitted at the last Conference, and that the Union's delegates be instructed to oppose the adoption of any such scheme."

It was further

Resolved:- "That the best thanks of the Committee be given to Mr F.N. Keen and Sir Walter Napier for their kindness in drafting the memorandum."

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45. FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION. The General Secretary asked for authority to pay £2.8.0 to the Secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation in connection with the expenses of the meeting held January 17th in which the Union co-operated.

Resolved:- "That authority be given."

46. NEXT MEETING.

Resolved:- "That a special meeting of the Committee be summoned for Thursday, February 14th 1924."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY, 14th 1924 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Reginald Berkeley, Viscount Cecil, Mrs. A.W. Claremont, Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, J.F. Green, J.H. Harris, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major J.W. Hills, David Hunter, F.N. Keen, Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe, E.W. Morton-George, Lord Queenborough, Prebendary E. de M. Rudolf, Mrs. Walter Runciman, and L.M. Wynch; together with the Secretary.

M I N U T E S

- 47 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr. Baillie-Weaver, Mr. G.N. Barnes, Mr. L.J. Cadbury, Mr. David Davies, Mr. Raymond Unwin and Mr. Henry Vivian.
- 48 MINUTES Subject to an amendment in minute 40 and 42 (c), the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated February 7th 1924 were approved as circulated.
- 49 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE. The Chairman stated that he was making enquiries in regard to representative Labour Members of Parliament to serve on the Executive Committee, and he would report to the next meeting.
- 50 MR. ALFRED CORNER. The Secretary reported that the Chairman, Mr. Morton-George, and he had interviewed Mr. Alfred Corner that morning and a report would be presented to the next meeting of the Committee.
- 51 FINANCIAL STATEMENT The Financial Statement for the period ending February 12th 1924 showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £10,596.9.6 with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £1,500.
- 52 REPARATIONS The Committee considered a report of the Reparations sub-Committee which met on February 12th. The Chairman reported that as requested by the sub-Committee a letter was sent to the Prime Minister who had now written to say that he would be pleased to receive a deputation from the Union at the Foreign Office on Monday, February 18th at 11 o'clock.
- The Committee then considered a memorandum drafted by the Chairman in the light of the discussion of the sub-Committee, together with the appendix drafted by the General Secretary, and subject to certain amendments both these documents were approved and adopted, and it was
- Resolved:-
1. That the Executive Committee should wait upon the Prime Minister on Monday, February 18th at 11 o'clock.
 2. That in accordance with the last meeting of the Committee the deputation should confine itself to the main problems of European policy, and that the two documents just adopted by the Committee should be handed in to the Prime Minister should he so desire.
 3. That the question of speakers for the deputation should be left in the hands of the Chairman and Lord Cecil.
- 53 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES. The Committee adjourned without considering the other business on the Agenda paper.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY
21st 1924 AT 11 O'CLOCK.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman) H. Baillie-Weaver;
Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Percy Bigland, L.J. Cadbury, Lady Bonham
Carter, Viscount Cecil, Mrs. A.W. Claremont, H.A.L. Fisher, the
Viscountess Gladstone, Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, John H. Harris,
Sir Arthur Haworth, J.W. Hills, Sir Charles Hobhouse, F.N. Keen,
Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe, Sir Frederick Maurice, E.W. Morton-
George, Charles Roberts, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, Graham
White, and L.M. Wynch: together with the Secretary.

54. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr. David Davies, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Captain Berkeley, Lady Mary Murray, Prebendary Rudolf, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Lord Queenborough and General Seely.
55. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated February 14th 1924 were approved as circulated.
56. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE. The Secretary reported that Major the Hon. Ormsby Gore and Captain Walter Elliot had accepted seats on the Committee.

The Chairman reported that as requested by the Committee he had invited two or three members of the Labour Party to join the Committee and had received an acceptance from Mr. S.F. Perry. He would report further.

57. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending February 18th 1924 showed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £11,986.2.1. with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £1,200.

The Secretary presented the following particulars of assets and liabilities excluding (1) monies in above statement; (2) HEADWAY and other literature still to be supplied to members; and (3) accounts with Branches.

<u>LIABILITIES.</u>		<u>ASSETS.</u>	
Rent to March 1924	£225.0.0.	Furniture	£1,200.
" for 1 year to March 1925	900.0.0.	Promises under deed	18,771.15.10.
Repairs and executing covenants of lease	1400.0.0.	Written Promises	8,719.10.0.
Notices to staff	3150.0.0.		
Rent of Regional Offices	175.0.0.		
Goods and services ordered but not invoiced	500.0.0.		
	<u>£6350.0.0.</u>		<u>£28691. 5.10.</u>

58. APPEAL. The Secretary reported that more than £10,000 in cash or promises had been received in response to the recent appeal.

Members of the Committee mentioned criticisms that had been made to them about the Appeal and about the Union administration and alleged extravagance. The Secretary requested that he might be kept fully informed of all such complaints and criticisms.

59. DEPUTATION TO PRIME MINISTER. The Chairman and Secretary reported upon the deputation which was received by the Prime Minister on the previous Monday. Members of the Committee were asked to treat as secret the two documents which had been circulated to them, and which had been handed in to the Prime Minister by the deputation. The Chairman suggested that a decision as to what should be done with these documents should be made at the next meeting of the Committee.

60. DOMINION SUB-COMMITTEE.

Resolved:- "That subject to the approval of the Overseas Committee the Dominions sub-Committee should be regarded as one of the standing sub-Committees of the Executive."

61. RUSSIA. The Committee considered two draft resolutions on the question of Russia proposed by Mr. F.N. Keen.

Resolved:- "That the Overseas Committee be asked to consider and advise upon the best means of enlisting the help of League of Nations Societies belonging to the Federation in securing the admission of Russia to the League of Nations."

62. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF TRADES UNIONS. The Committee considered a communication from the International Federation of Trades Unions notifying their decision to organise an International Anti-War Day on the third Sunday in September each year and requesting the co-operation of the Union.

- Resolved:-
- (a) That a sympathetic answer be sent pointing out, however, the difficulty of adding to all the existing International War Days:
 - (b) That Mr. Molony should be asked to see the Secretary of the International Federation of Trades Unions and tell him of the decisions of the Federation of Voluntary Societies.
 - (c) That the question of a League of Nations Day be again placed on the agenda for the Conference of the Federation and that a request be made that a delegate from the International Federation of Trades Unions be asked to attend.
 - (d) That enquiries be made of the National Peace Council as to what was happening in regard to "No More War" demonstrations this year.

63. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The minutes of the Women's Advisory Committee dated 5.2.24. together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted, ~~except that the Executive decided not to send the resolution moved by the Association for Moral and Social Hygiene (minute 81) to the Government, but to communicate it to the British women Delegate to the Ninth Assembly as soon as she has been appointed.~~

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see minute 71 / These minutes included (74) Conference on Prevention of Causes of War; (78) Nominations from Societies; (79) Activities of Societies; and (81) Resolution of Association for Moral and Social Hygiene]

(b) APPEALS. The minutes of the Appeals Committee dated 5.2.24. together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (90) Dame Adelaide Livingstone; (93) Appeal; (94) Date of meeting; (95) Council's Vote; (96) Appeal to wealthy City men; (97) Financial Statement; (98) Mr. Graham Green; (99) Mr. H.D. Watson; and (100) Co-ordination of Appeals and Public Meetings Section.]

(c) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS. Subject to a verbal alteration in minute 14, the minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated 6.2.24. together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted. The Committee further

Resolved:- "That the Secretary be asked to write to Mr. Huston regarding a service in the Geneva Cathedral during the Assembly of the League."

Co-operation with the World Alliance. The Secretary reported that the sub-Committee to which the Executive of the World Alliance had referred the draft scheme of co-operation, had now reported that they did not approve of this scheme. The Secretary, however, was in consultation with the Chairman of the Council, the Bishop of Oxford, and proposed to go down to see him.

[These minutes included (12) Matters arising; (13) World Alliance; (14) League's Council and Assembly; (15) Wireless Message for Children; (16) Corporate Members; (17) Message to Churches; (18) Proposed Petition to Churches; and (19) Preacher at Oxford Summer School.]

(d) DOMINIONS SUB-COMMITTEE. The minutes of the Dominions sub-Committee dated 13.2.24, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included Wembley Exhibition; Draft Treaty of Mutual Assistance; Composition of Committee; and Circulation of Leaflets.]

(e) MANAGEMENT. The minutes of the Management Committee dated 14.2.24. together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (9) Recognition of Branches; (10) Corporate Members; (11) London Regional Federation; (12) Structural Alterations to 15, Grosvenor Crescent; (13) Staff Appointments Committee; and (14) Resolution.]

(f) EDITORIAL. The minutes of the Editorial Committee dated 14.2.24. together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (14) Business Arising; (15) Mr. Gould; (16) Women's Advisory Council; (17) National Federation of Women's Institutes; (18) Books for Children; (19) Empire Day and Armistice Day; (20) League of Nations Song; (21) Two Plays by Mr. Stephen Hobhouse; (22) I.L.O. Pamphlet; (23) Medical Pamphlet; (24) "New World" series in HEADWAY; (25) HEADWAY papers; and (26) Proposed new Pamphlets.]

- (g) FINANCE. The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on the previous day were approved and adopted as reported orally by the Secretary.
- (h) STAFF APPOINTMENTS: The minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee held earlier in the day were approved and adopted as reported orally by the Secretary.
64. PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE. The Committee expressed gratitude for the suggestion that the minutes of the Parliamentary Committee should be circulated to the Executive for information. The Executive would be pleased to receive these minutes.

The Secretary was asked to prepare a memorandum on the work of the Parliamentary Department of the Union. It was urged that important answers to League questions in the House of Commons should be inserted in HEADWAY.

65. GENERAL COUNCIL - RESOLUTIONS. It was

Resolved:- "That the resolutions in regard to the Saar passed at the last meeting of the General Council should be sent to Lord Parmoor and that the Government be thanked for the statement recently made in regard to the Conference of Ambassadors which was in accord with the resolution on that subject passed by the General Council of the Union held in December last."

66. OPIUM COMMITTEE.

Resolved:- "To approve of the following to serve on the Opium sub-Committee:-

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, Mr. J.H.Harris, M.P.,
Mr. Hubert Peet (representing United Missionary
Council and Society of Friends) and Mr. Cecil Wilson.

67. DISARMAMENT. Lord Cecil urged that the Union should at the earliest possible moment discuss the question of limitation of armaments and the Treaty of Mutual Assistance. It was agreed that the standing Committee on the Limitation of Armaments should meet on Tuesday, February 26th and that if that Committee is able to prepare a recommendation, the Executive should hold a special meeting next Thursday to consider it.

The Chairman promised to draft a resolution on these lines to submit to the Executive Committee at a special meeting to be held next week for the purpose. In the meantime it was urged that a meeting of the Limitation of Armaments Committee be held on Tuesday, the 26th instant.

68. MR. J.F. GREEN. The Secretary reported that a letter from Mr. J.F. Green had been received resigning his seat from the Executive Committee in view of the fact that he had received an appointment which precluded him attending morning meetings.

Resolved:- "To accept Mr. J.F. Green's resignation with regret, and that Mr. Charles Roberts be asked to serve on the Staff Appointments Committee in his stead."

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69. ARMENIA. Mr. J.H. Harris mentioned that the League Council had before it a scheme for sending some thousands of Armenians (with the help of Russia) in the Erivan district. France had just notified the League that its Government would give 350,000 francs towards the expenses and he was asking the Prime Minister on Monday if the British Government would be able to give anything. Lord Parmoor would be receiving a deputation during the week on the subject and he suggested that the Union Executive should be represented.

Resolved:- "To ask Mr. Charles Roberts to represent the Union Executive Committee."

Gilbert Murray

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 29th 1924 AT 10.30 a.m.

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4.3.24.

PRESENT:- Reginald Berkeley, Percy Bigland, Viscount Cecil, Walter E. Elliot, Sir Arthur Haworth, David Hunter, F.N. Keen, Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe, E.W. Morton-George, Major Ormsby Gore, Charles Roberts, Mrs Oliver Strachey, Raymond Unwin, and L.M. Wynch: together with the Secretary.

M I N U T E S

70. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Mr L.J. Cadbury and Lord Queenborough.
71. CHAIRMAN. In the absence of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, Viscount Cecil of Chelwood was voted to the Chair.
72. TREATY OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE. The Committee considered resolutions of the sub-Committee for the reduction of Armaments and the resolutions were passed in the following amended form:-

1. Recognising (i) that competition in armaments is a fruitful cause of war, and that, both on economic grounds and in the interest of peace, a general reduction of armaments is a matter of vital necessity particularly for the nations of Europe; and
 - (ii) that by Article VIII of the Covenant, by the Preambles to the military clauses of the Treaties of Versailles, St. Germain, Trianon and Neuilly, and by the negotiations with Germany preliminary to the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, Great Britain has assumed definite obligations to use every effort to promote such a general reduction; and
 - (iii) that after long and careful study by expert committees in which both professional and lay opinions were represented, the Assembly of the League has recommended to the consideration of the Governments with a view to such general reduction of armaments, a Draft Treaty of Mutual Assistance:-

The Executive urgently begs His Majesty's Government to give to this Draft Treaty their careful attention, and to submit it without delay to the criticism of a strong representative committee or Royal Commission, with instruction to report in time to enable the Government to formulate its policy for the meeting of the Fifth Assembly in September, 1924."

2. That Branches be invited to give their closest attention to the Draft Treaty of Mutual Assistance and if possible to support the demand of the Executive Committee for a full enquiry into the draft treaty. Resolutions on the subject should be sent to the Prime Minister, Lord Parmoor.

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the local Members of Parliament, and any Peer residing in the neighbourhood of the Branch.

3. That the communication to Branches be accompanied by a short memorandum written by Lord Cecil, explaining the principles upon which the Draft Treaty of Mutual Assistance is based and which are shortly stated in the Preamble to the Draft Treaty.

Gilbert Murray

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, MARCH
6th 1924 AT 11 O'CLOCK.

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PRESENT: - Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); G.N.Barnes; Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, L.J.Cadbury, Mrs A.W.Claremont, David Davies, A.W.Claremont, Walter Elliot, the Viscountess Gladstone, Mrs Ogilvie Gordon, W.Crimsby Gore, Sir Arthur Haworth, David Hunter, Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe, Oswald Mosley, Lady Mary Murray, S.F.Perry, Lord Queenborough, Mrs Walter Runciman, Mrs Oliver Strachey, Raymond Unwin, and L.M.Wynch: together with the Secretary.

M I N U T E S

70. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr Baillie-Weaver, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Mr Percy Bigland, Lady Bonham Carter, Lady Denman, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Mr J.H.Harris, Major J.W.Hills, Mr F.N.Keen, Mr Morton-George and Mr L.M.Wynch.
71. MINUTES. Subject to an amendment in minute 63(a) the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Committee dated 21.2.24, together with the minutes of the special Committee held Friday, February 29th 1924, were approved as circulated.
72. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE. The Chairman reported that Mr Cecil H. Wilson, M.P. had accepted a seat on the Committee. He was now endeavouring to get a woman representative of Labour to serve.
73. DEPUTATION TO PRIME MINISTER - MEMORANDUM. The Chairman said he would look through the two documents handed by the Union's deputation to the Prime Minister, and make such amendments as he considered necessary, and would ask the Committee at its next meeting what its wishes would be in regard to their further circulation.
74. SAAR VALLEY. The Secretary reported a communication from Lord Parmoor acknowledging receipt of the resolution of the Executive Committee in regard to the Saar Valley. Lord Parmoor in his letter said that when the question of the Governing Commission of the Saar Valley was being discussed he would bear in mind the important considerations brought forward by the Committee.
75. ARMENIA.

Resolved:- "To ask Mr Charles Roberts and Mr J.H.Harris for a report of the deputation which waited upon the Prime Minister in regard to the scheme for sending Armenians to the Erivan district."

It was also decided to request the Parliamentary Committee to take the matter up, and the Chairman said that he would be pleased if the Parliamentary Committee so desired to address them on the subject.

76. TREATY OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE. The Secretary reported Lord Parmoor's acknowledgment of the Executive's resolution regarding the Draft Treaty of Mutual Assistance. The Executive's attention was drawn to the following Question and Answer in the House of Commons on Monday, February 25th:-

MR CRMSBY-GORE asked the Prime Minister whether his attention has been called to the statements made by

the Lord President of the Council on 26th February, that His Majesty's Government proposed to appoint a special committee to consider the draft treaty of mutual assistance; whether such a committee has been appointed and what is its composition and terms of reference?

The PRIME MINISTER: In the opinion of His Majesty's Government, the most appropriate committee to examine this question is the Committee of Imperial Defence, within whose competence it properly falls, and who have already considered it in its earlier phases. As the hon. Member is aware, all the interested Departments of His Majesty's Government, are represented on this body. The Committee's report will be forwarded to the Cabinet.

Resolved:- "That an effort be made to get questions asked in the House of Commons as to -

- (a) whether the meetings of the Imperial Defence Committee would be held in public or in secret; and
- (b) whether the Prime Minister would take advantage of the constitution of the Committee of the Imperial Defence to include in it for this purpose a larger proportion of civilians than of representatives of the Services.

Admiral Drury-Lowe urged that the Committee should itself form a definite policy in regard to the Treaty of Mutual Assistance, and it was

Resolved:- "That an early meeting of the Committee for the Limitation of Armaments be called in order to suggest a policy for the Executive Committee."

It was suggested that as Mr Unwin had certain definite criticisms on the Treaty, he should be invited to join the Limitation of Armaments Committee for this discussion.

Mr S.F. Perry drew the attention of the Committee to the Annual Congress of the Co-operative Union and urged that the Union should provide a speaker or speakers in a debate on the Treaty of Mutual Assistance in order to organise and educate public opinion in regard to it.

It was also urged that members of the Parliamentary Committee should be provided with facts about the Treaty so that when the debate on Disarmament took place they would be able to put the Executive's point of view.

- 77. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending March 3rd 1924 showed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £14,935.12.7 with outstanding accounts amounting to £1,019.4.2.
- 78. PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENT - ORGANISATION. A memorandum on the Parliamentary Department of the Union was received and adopted. (see Annex A)
- 79. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.
 - (a) HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE. The minutes of the Hospitality Committee dated 20.2.24, together with the recommendations contained therein,

were approved and adopted.

69. Wembley Exhibition. Lady Gladstone asked the opinion of the Committee in regard to holding a big public dinner some time during the period of the Wembley Exhibition.

Resolved: - "That the question remain in abeyance until June when the Committee would be better able to judge who would be the notable Colonial visitors to England at that time."

71. Visit of American and Canadian Judges. It was suggested that when members of the American and Canadian Bar were in London an effort should be made to arrange a meeting to be addressed by Lord Cecil on the League and Lord Phillimore on the International Court of Justice.

✓ These minutes included (62) Objects and Work of Committee; (64) Dinner to Dominion Premiers; (65) Co-optations; (70) Hospitality for Students; (71) Visit of American and Canadian Judges; (63) Secretary's Report; (67) Correspondence; (68) British Exhibition Women's Section; (69) British Empire Exhibition; (72) Visit of Medical Officers; (73) British Delegation at Sessions of League Assembly; and (74) Girl Guides' Visit. ✓

(b) FINANCE. Subject to the figure quoted in minute 20 being altered from £5889.0.0 to £588.9.0., the minutes of the Finance Committee dated 20.2.24, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

✓ These minutes included (14) Financial Statement; (15) Investment; (16) Barmarked Donations; (17) Publications of Subsidiary Accounts; (18) New appointments; (19) Committee on Wages and Overtime; and (20) Alterations to 15, Grosvenor Crescent. ✓

(c) FINANCE. The minutes of the Finance Committee dated March 5th 1924 together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

Wages and Overtime. The Committee approved and adopted the report of the Wages and Overtime Committee (see minute 42c) subject to paragraphs 1(b) and 1(c) of the Conclusions and Recommendations being replaced by the following:-

1(b) That 35/- per week be the minimum wage paid to any shorthand typist;

1(c) That £2 be the minimum wage paid to any shorthand typist who is over eighteen and has completed six months satisfactory service with the Union. .

That £2.10.0 be the minimum wage paid to any shorthand typist who is over nineteen and has completed eighteen months of satisfactory service with the Union; and

That £2.10.0 be the minimum wage paid to any shorthand typist who is over the age of twenty-one.

The Committee agreed that if after consultation Lady Mary Murray and Mr S.F. Perry were of opinion that the arrangements set out above were not satisfactory, they could raise the matter again.

(These minutes included (23) Financial Statement; (24) New appointments; (25) Mr Graham Green; (26) Committee on Wages and Overtime; (27) Changes consequent upon the adoption of the Report of Wages and Overtime Committee; (28) Mr Alfred Corner; and (29) Passing of Cheques for payment.)

- (d) LABOUR ADVISORY. The minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee dated 21.2.24, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted. Subject to the approval of the Labour Advisory Committee, it was

Resolved: - "That in view of the non-ratification of the Maternity Convention the British Government should be asked to put the question on the agenda of the next I.L.C. Conference."

(These minutes included (44) resolution; (45) American and Canadian Judges; (46) Secretary's Report; (47) I.L.C. Propaganda; and (48) I.L.C. Geneva.)

- (e) DOMINIONS SUB-COMMITTEE. The minutes of the Dominions sub-Committee dated February 26th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein were approved and adopted.

(These minutes included (8) Constitution of Committee; (9) Literature; (10) Draft Treaty of Mutual Assistance; and (11) Next Meeting.)

- (f) OVERSEAS. Subject to an amendment in minute 597, the minutes of the Overseas Committee dated 27.2.24, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

Dominions sub-Committee. Arising out of minute 594 of the Overseas Committee, it was

Resolved: - "That the terms of reference be as follows:

That the Dominions sub-Committee consisting of -

Earl Buxton, Viscount Cecil, C.H. Cholmley,
C.A.B. Champion, S.L. Furniss, R.A. Pilkington,
Leo Weintal, Major Hills, Major Ormsby-Gore,
H.L. Boyce, William Mosenthal, Sir H. Strakosch
and G.S. Amos;

be appointed to advise the Executive on matters affecting self governing Dominions of the Empire in their relations to the League of Nations, and on any measures that may be taken to further the cause of the League in the Dominions.

It was further

Resolved: - (a) That Mr David Davies and the Viscountess Gladstone be asked to represent the Overseas Committee on the Dominions sub-Committee.

(b) That the Overseas Committee be kept fully informed of the work of the sub-Committee.

Proposed visit of Austrian National Opera; resolution put forward by Mr A.E.Zimmern. Arising out of minute 597 the Committee agreed to the following resolution being sent to the Press, the Austrian Minister (for transmission to Vienna) and to the League of Nations Committee on Intellectual Co-operation:

"The Executive Committee regrets the infringement of the true spirit of internationalism, shown by the difficulties raised in certain quarters and which resulted in the abandonment of the proposed visit of the Austrian National Opera Company."

(These minutes included (594) Dominions sub-Committee (595) Overseas Report; (597) Austrian National Opera; (598) Russia; (599) Ligue des Priots de l'Homme and Professor Murray; and (601) Magna Charta of the Nations.]

(g) MANAGEMENT. The minutes of the Management Committee dated 28.2.24, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (17) Branches; (18) Staff Appointments Committee; (19) Superannuation; (20) Lewisham Military Band; (21) Sir Edgar Harper; (22) Resolution; and (23) Corporate Associateship.]

(h) EDUCATION. The minutes of the Education Committee dated 29.2.24 together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

International Scholarships. The Committee considered correspondence from Professor Gilbert Murray with reference to the First Conference of Canadian Students for the establishment of International Scholarships.

Resolved:- "That this be communicated to the Student Representative Council or its equivalent in the Universities and University Colleges in Great Britain."

[These minutes included (409) Secondary School Teachers' Associations; (410) List of Meetings; (411) Local Education Authorities; (412) Summer Schools; (413) International Scholarships; and (414) School Text-Book Commission.]

(i) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS. The minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated 5.2.24, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

Co-operation with the World Alliance. The following resolutions of the Executive Committee of the British Council of the World Alliance were reported:-

"That the Executive Committee will have pleasure in submitting a resolution to the British Council of the World Alliance at its meeting in July, expressing warm appreciation of the work of the League of Nations Union and affirming its earnest desire to co-operate in all practicable ways to promote the cause of International Friendship for which both bodies exist."

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"That in the present circumstances it seems inexpedient that either Society should commit itself to too definite a scheme of co-operation, but with a view to securing the closest co-operation possible, a Liaison Committee should be appointed, consisting of six persons, three to be nominated by the World Alliance and three by the League of Nations Union, to meet alternately at both Offices once every three months to further common interests and to explore the opportunities for co-operation."

- Resolved:-
1. The Union learns with regret that the scheme of co-operation prepared in response to the invitation contained in the letter of the British Council of the World Alliance dated December 20th last, is not acceptable to the British Council of the World Alliance; that pending the adoption of some such plan for close co-operation the Executive Committee of the Union will join with the World Alliance in the formation of the proposed Liaison Committee; but that in the opinion of the Executive Committee of the Union this Liaison Committee should, at least to start with, meet more frequently than once a quarter.
 2. That the Union's representatives on the Liaison Committee be -

Lady Gladstone.
Dr Gillie.
Dr Garnett.

24. Meetings of the League's Council and Assembly. The Chairman of the Executive promised to sign a letter from the Executive Committee to be sent to the press for publication on Saturday, asking as many Churches as possible to pray for the Council of the League on Sunday, March 9th.

[These minutes included (22) Matters arising; (23) World Alliance; (24) League's Council and Assembly; (25) Wireless Message from English Children; (26) Corporate Members; (27) Proposed Petition from the Churches; (28) Union speakers at May meetings; and (29) Mr Norton-George.]

Frank Wills.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENT - ORGANISATION

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The Parliamentary Department of the Union is, subject to the Secretary, in the hands of the Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Wilson Harris, who has the assistance of Dame Adelaide Livingstone, Lady Constance Howard. The work of the Department falls into two main branches:-

- (1) Co-operation with the League of Nations Parliamentary Committee;
- (2) Political activity in the Constituencies.

In the present Parliament the work of the Parliamentary Committee and its association with the Union have been placed upon what appears to be a satisfactory basis. The Parliamentary Committee itself must gain in efficiency through the appointment of a Procedure Sub-Committee which is in effect an executive committee of the main body, and which consists of the officers of the main Committee together with twelve other members four (including one woman) from each of the three different Parties.

The Parliamentary Committee itself has as Chairman Sir Ellis Hume-Williams, as Vice-Chairman Mr H.A.L. Fisher and Mr Pethick-Lawrence, and as Secretaries Captain Berkeley, Major A.G. Church and Lord Hartington. The Committee has instituted a half-crown membership fee to cover the cost of printing and other small incidental expenses which the Union used to pay.

The Procedure Sub-Committee, in addition to arranging for meetings of the Parliamentary Committee, deals with questions which the Union may desire to have put to Ministers; such questions are handed by the Parliamentary Secretary of the Union to Lord Hartington, who is Secretary of the Procedure Sub-Committee. Liaison maintained between Lord Hartington and Mr Wilson Harris ensures sufficiently close co-operation between the two bodies.

The main purpose of the political work in the constituencies is, of course, to ensure that the importance of supporting the League shall be pressed upon political candidates at all times, and more particularly when a By-election or a General Election is in progress. This work is conducted by direct communication between Headquarters, local Branches or District Councils in the constituencies and the communication is effected either directly or through the Regional Representative who is in any case informed of the correspondence between Headquarters and the local organisations of the Union.

When an election is pending, lists of questions are sent to the constituencies concerned to assist Branch members in framing their own questions and not with the idea that the Headquarters questionnaire will be blindly adopted. At the same time the local organisations of the Union are given advice and information as to the methods which have proved generally efficacious in the past. Circumstances vary so greatly that no hard and fast rules of procedure are followed. Some times a single Branch or District contains many constituencies within its area, and sometimes the constituencies cover the area of many Branches in whole or in part.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, MARCH
20th 1924 AT 11 O'CLOCK.

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PRESENT:- Major J.W.Hills (in the Chair); G.N.Barnes, Percy Bigland, L.J.Cadbury, Lady Bonham Carter, H.A.L. Fisher, the Viscountess Gladstone, W.Ormsby Gore, John H.Harris, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Rear-Admiral S.R. Drury Lowe, Oswald Mosley, S.F.Perry, Lord Queenborough, Lady Selborne, Mrs Oliver Strachey, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, H.Graham White, and L.M.Wynch: together with the Secretary.

M I N U T E S

80. CHAIRMAN. In the absence of Professor Gilbert Murray, the Chair was taken by Major J.W.Hills.
81. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Sir Arthur Haworth, Mr Morton-George, Lady Mary Murray, Professor Gilbert Murray, Mr Charles Roberts, General Seely and Mr A.Whitehead.
82. MINUTES. Subject to an amendment in minute 70, the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated March 6th 1924 were approved as circulated.
83. DEPUTATION TO PRIME MINISTER - MEMORANDUM. The Secretary reported a communication from Professor Murray which stated that he had not corrected the memorandum which was handed to the Prime Minister. He did not, however, think that it required much change but thought the Committee had better wait until the reports of the expert Committees were known.
- Resolved:- "That no action be taken at the moment."
84. ARMENIA. The Secretary reported a letter from Mr J.H.Harris which stated that Lord Parmoor had received a deputation upon the Armenian question. The deputation was pleased with the reception and a memorandum had been prepared for Lord Parmoor covering the question of colonising Armenian immigrants in the region of Erivan.
85. TREATY OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE.

Resolved:- "That a meeting of the sub-Committee for the Limitation of Armaments be summoned for 12 o'clock on Wednesday, April 2nd in order to have a general discussion upon the Treaty of Mutual Assistance."

It was suggested that this sub-Committee might advise the Executive as to its attitude to the Draft Treaty and perhaps also suggest an alternative scheme for in the event of the Government turning down the Draft Treaty there would be no other plan. It was

Resolved:- "That the following be also asked to serve on this sub-Committee, namely:-

Mr Oswald Mosley, Major Ormsby Gore, and Mr S.F.Perry, together with another Labour member."

Mr Perry promised to make enquiries in regard to a representative of Labour who would consent to serve. It was also

Resolved:- "That in the event of Lord Cecil being able to attend this meeting, that an invitation be also extended to Lord Grey to be present."

86. CO-OPERATION WITH WORLD ALLIANCE. The Secretary reported that the Executive Committee of the World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the Churches had nominated the Rev. Copeland Bowie, the Rev. H.W. Fox and Miss Gwendoline Hill to serve on the Liaison Committee.
87. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending March 17th 1924 showed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £17,740.13.9 with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £1,297.8.0.

The Secretary presented the following particulars of assets and liabilities excluding (1) monies in above statement, (2) HEADWAY and other literature still to be supplied to members; and (3) accounts with Branches:-

<u>LIABILITIES.</u>		<u>ASSETS.</u>	
Rent to March 1924	£225.0.0	Furniture	£1,200.0.0
" for 1 year to March 1925.	900.0.0	Promises under deed	16,928.14.4
Repairs & executing covenants of lease	1400.0.0	Written promises	11,567.16.6
Notices to staff	2150.0.0		
Rent of Regional Offices.	175.0.0		
Goods & services ordered but not invoiced.	500.0.0		
Manchester District			
Sir Arthur Haworth	500.0.0		
Sir Chas. Mandelberg	236.8.9		
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	£7086.8.9		£29,696.10.10.

Excess of Assets over Liabilities - £22,610.2.1.

88. COMMITTEE OF INTELLECTUAL CO-OPERATION.

Resolved:- "That the following resolution be postponed to the next meeting for the attendance of Professor Gilbert Murray:-

"The Executive Committee of the League of Nations/Union respectfully suggests to H.M. Government that it instructs the British Representative on the Council of the League of Nations to propose the appointment of a German Representative to the Committee on Intellectual Co-operation."

89. TREATY OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE - RESOLUTION OF UNION OF DEMOCRATIC CONTROL. The following resolution of the Union of Democratic Control was referred for consideration to the Committee of Limitation of Armaments:-

"This Council declares that there is no hope for Disarmament to be found in the Draft Treaty of Mutual Assistance referred by the last Assembly of the League of Nations to the respective Governments for consideration. It is convinced that defensive alliances of this nature, even if they set out to be general, would inevitably break up in practice, and that the partial treaties already existing, if sanctioned (under Article VI of the Treaty) would tend to disrupt and discredit the League of Nations itself. It therefore urges the British Government to decline any part in defensive treaties, whether general or particular, and to concentrate upon making the League of Nations an all-inclusive and impartial body in which all nations could have confidence."

90. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS. The minutes of the Committee of Religions and Ethics dated March 4th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (196) Executive approval; (197) Letter to absentees; (198) Rev. Morris Joseph; (199) Savoy Chapel; (200) Public Meeting; (201) New applications; (202) The Orthodox Jews; (203) Secretary's Review; (204) Rejuvenation of the Committee; (205) Time of meeting; (206) Sub-Committees; (207) Empire Exhibition; (208) Committee's Appeal; (209) World Brotherhood Federation; and (210) "Neu Geist" Movement]

- (b) BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION. The minutes of the British Empire Exhibition sub-Committee dated March 10th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

- (c) FINANCE. The minutes of the Finance Committee dated March 12th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (30) Mr Alfred Corner; and (31) British Empire Exhibition]

- (d) MANAGEMENT. The minutes of the Management Committee dated March 13th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (26) Recognition of Branches; (27) Staff Appointments Committee; (28) Hon. Organiser for Norfolk and Suffolk; (29) Amendments to rules; (30) Membership Fee; (31) Resolution and (32) "No More War" Demonstrations]

- (e) EDITORIAL. Subject to the reference back to the Committee of a suggestion by the Hon. Evelyn Hubbard that arrangements should be made with the leading newspapers to give a column or as much space as they could spare on the first day of every month recording the achievements of the League during the past month, the minutes of the Editorial Committee dated March 13th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (29) Children's Quarterly News Sheet; (30) Press Publicity; (31) Miss Spaul's Book; (32) Distribution of HEADWAY; (33) "The World's Release"; and (35) Pamphlet on White Lead.]

STUDY CIRCLE TEXT BOOK.

Resolved:- "To agree to a proposal that the Union should receive one-third and that Mr Basil Mathews should receive two-thirds of the royalties on League of Nations Study Circle Text Books which he was preparing for the Union."

- (f) FINANCE. The minutes of the Finance Committee dated March 19th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

34. Investment.

Resolved:- "To invest £10,000 in 5 per cent War Loan (1929-1947)."

37. Secretary. A recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Secretary be granted a month's leave of absence on account of sickness was considered. The Secretary was asked to retire from the Committee whilst this matter was being discussed. The Committee were of opinion that the Secretary's illness had been caused by over-work, and that it was necessary that he should have a complete rest at once. It was

Resolved:- "That the Committee learns with regret of the Secretary's illness and it unanimously resolves that he should take immediate leave of absence until May 1st; that he be asked to undergo a medical examination at once, and that in the event of the medical advisor suggesting longer leave, that leave be granted."

It was further

- Resolved:- (a) That a sub-Committee be appointed to go into the question of office organisation and make recommendations with a view to relieving the pressure of work upon the Secretary.
- (b) That the following be asked to serve upon this sub-Committee:- The Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Lord Queenborough, J.H.Harris, Major Ormsby Gore, Lady Gladstone, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Mr H.A.L.Fisher, and Mrs Oliver Strachey, and that the Committee have power to add to their number.
- (c) That the first meeting of the Committee be held at noon on Thursday 3rd April in the place of the Executive Committee.

[These minutes included (32) Financial Statement; (34) Investment); (35) Wages and Salaries; (36) Cheques; and (37) Secretary.]

91. "ARBITRATE FIRST." The Committee considered the recommendation of the sub-Committee which considered a memorandum from Mr D.A. Peat suggesting an alteration in the present membership

declaration. The sub-Committee recommended that it would be best to make no change in the present plan to sign the following declaration:-

"I am in general agreement with the objects of the League of Nations Union, and I desire to become a member."

Resolved:- "That the sub-Committee's report be adopted."

92. EDUCATION. On the suggestion of Mr S.F.Perry, it was

Resolved:- "That the Education Committee be asked to consider the question of the arranging of a deputation to the President of the Board of Education."

93. ADMISSION OF GERMANY & RUSSIA - RESOLUTION BY MR RAYMOND UNWIN.
The following resolution proposed by Mr Unwin was adjourned for consideration to the next meeting of the Committee:-

"In view of the importance of securing that Germany and also Russia should become members of the League of Nations, and the great probability that neither would accept membership without some assurance as to their obtaining a permanent seat on the Council of the League; and seeing that considerable preliminary negotiations are likely to be necessary if this is to be accomplished in the next meeting of the Assembly; it is desirable that a memorandum should be drawn up stating exactly the steps which must be taken and the modifications that would be required in the constitution and organisation of the League, to provide for their membership; and that such memorandum, if approved by the Executive, should be sent to the Government for their assistance in the matter."

Gilbert Murray

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,
APRIL 10th 1924 AT 11.30 a.m.

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PRESENT: - Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); G.N.Barnes, Percy Bigland, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Lord Cecil, the Viscountess Gladstone, John H. Harris, Sir Charles Hobhouse, E.W.Morton-George, Lady Mary Murray, Mrs Oliver Strachey, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian and Cecil H. Wilson: together with Mr A.J.C. Freshwater and Mr D.E.Mills.

M I N U T E S

94. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr Baillie-Weaver, Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, Mrs Ogilvie Gordon, Major Ormsby Gore, Sir Arthur Haworth, Mr Rennie Hey, Major J.W.Hills, Rear-Admiral S.H. Drury Lowe, Sir Frederick Lugard, Mr S.F.Perry, Lord Queenborough, Mrs Walter Runciman and Mr L.M.Wynch.
95. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated March 20th 1924 were approved as circulated.
96. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending April 8th 1924 showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £7,801.8.2 with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £1,400.
97. COMMITTEE OF INTELLECTUAL CO-OPERATION. A resolution by Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe was amended and adopted in the following form:-
- "The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union respectfully suggests to H.M. Government to consider whether it could not instruct the British Representative on the Council of the League of Nations to propose the appointment of a German representative to the Committee on Intellectual Co-operation."
98. GERMANY AND RUSSIA - ADMISSION TO LEAGUE. The following resolution proposed by Mr Raymond Unwin was considered:-

"In view of the importance of securing that Germany and also Russia should become members of the League of Nations, and the great probability that neither would accept membership without some assurance as to their obtaining a permanent seat on the Council of the League; and seeing that considerable preliminary negotiations are likely to be necessary if this is to be accomplished in the next meeting of the Assembly; It is desirable that a memorandum should be drawn up stating exactly the steps which must be taken, and the modifications that would be required in the constitution and organisation of the League, to provide for their membership; and that such memorandum if approved by the Executive, should be sent to the Government for their assistance in the matter."

It was pointed out that no modifications were needed to make Germany and Russia members of the Council as this was already provided for in the Covenant.

Resolved: - "That Lord Cecil, in conjunction with the Intelligence Section of the office, be asked to prepare a memorandum on the subject for the Executive Committee."

99. BESSARABIA. The Chairman raised the question of Bessarabia. He was afraid that the Treaty of October 1920 giving Bessarabia to Roumania and to which the signatories were the British Empire, France, Italy and Roumania, was contrary to the terms of the Covenant. A discussion took place upon this and it was

Resolved: - "That a memorandum marked 'Strictly Confidential' be sent to members of the Executive for their information."

100. MINORITIES IN TURKEY. The Chairman raised the question of Minorities in Turkey. He said that an impression was abroad that the Armenians are not protected in the Treaty of Lausanne. This was incorrect as the Minority clauses are included in the Lausanne Treaty. It was now reported that the Turkish Government means to scatter the Armenians throughout Turkey. He thought this was a breach of Article 38 which assured non-Moslems complete freedom of movement. The Committee requested the Chairman to see Lord Parmoor on the subject.

101. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) HOSPITALITY. The minutes of the Hospitality Committee dated March 19th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (76) Publicity; (77) British Empire Exhibition; (81) Girl Guides; (82) Co-optation]

(1) LABOUR ADVISORY. Subject to the adjournment of minute 51 (Maternity Convention resolution) for the attendance of the Chairman of the Labour Advisory Committee, (or his nominee), and the reference to the Women's Advisory Council of minute 52(b), the minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee dated March 20th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

For this opinion refer to *Jan*
Maternity Convention. Lady Gladstone stated that some time ago the Women's Advisory Council sent a letter to Women's Organisations asking them ~~to~~ the ratification of the Maternity Convention. ~~Certain Women's Organisations had replied saying that they disagreed with the proposal.~~ It was ~~The committee showed a considerable divergence of opinion~~ *Jan*
Resolved: "That a memorandum giving the results which followed the sending of this letter be prepared and circulated to the Executive."

[These minutes included (51) Maternity Convention; (52) I.L.O. propaganda; and (53) Secretary's report.]

c) OVERSEAS. The minutes of the Overseas Committee dated March 26th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (610) Hochschule fur Politik; (611) Books for Japanese Library; and (614) Sub-Committees]

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- (d) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS. The minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated April 2nd 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (32) World Alliance;
(36) General Council; and (39) Corporate Members]

102. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The Chairman was given authority to call an Executive Committee for either the 17th or 24th April should he consider it necessary.
103. MR & MRS CLAREMONT. A vote of condolence on the death of their daughter was passed with Mr & Mrs Claremont.
104. QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.

Resolved: - "That a list of questions and answers in Parliament relating to the League of Nations be circulated weekly to the Executive Committee."

Gilbert Murray

presentation to the General Council of the Union. The Audited Balance Sheet for 1923 was also approved for submission to the annual meeting of the General Council.

109. GENERAL SECRETARY. The report of the sub-Committee on Decentralisation was considered. The report was adopted in its amended form. (See Annex(A)).

The Chairman promised to write to the General Secretary enclosing a copy of the amended report.

110. ALABAMA - COMMEMORATION. The Chairman reported that arising out of a conversation with M. Fatio during the 1923 Geneva Summer School a suggestion that some commemoration of the Alabama arbitration case might be installed in the Alabama room of the Hotel de Ville, Geneva, was made. M. Fatio had given the Genevese authorities to understand that the League of Nations Union proposed offering some such memento to be placed in the Alabama Room. It was a complete misunderstanding but, he, the Chairman, thought means should be explored in order to give satisfaction to the Genevese authorities. It was

Resolved:- 1. That the Chairman should write a letter to Lord Selborne and ask whether he had a picture of the late Lord Selborne, who arbitrated in the Alabama dispute, or some similar memorial, which he would be prepared to present for this purpose.

2. That Dr Bellot of the International Law Association should also be communicated with in regard to the matter and to ask if he had any suggestions to make.

111. "NO MORE WAR" DEMONSTRATIONS. The Chairman stated that the "No More War" Committee had been responsible for the arrangements for demonstrations in previous years had been dissolved. But before dissolving the "No More War" Committee had asked the National Peace Council (which is being reorganised under the title of the National Council for the Prevention of War) to be responsible for the arranging of future "No More War" demonstrations. The date chosen for the demonstrations this year is the week-end in September 19th-22nd; a date suggested by the National Federation of Trade Unions. The National Peace Council wished to know (1) whether the L.N.U. would co-operate in this demonstration and to what extent; (2) whether the Union approved of the following proposed resolution:-

"This Mass Meeting of citizens sends fraternal greetings to the similar gatherings now being held throughout the world to express abhorrence of War and Militarism, joins with them in declaring that the time has come for the peoples to insist upon universal disarmament, and calls upon its own Government to pursue a policy of international co-operation through a strengthened and enlarged League of Nations, the settlement of disputes by conciliation and judicial arbitration and the creation of conditions which will make possible the convocation of an international conference to bring about an immediate reduction of armaments by mutual agreement."

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Resolved:- To inform the Secretary that Headquarters would find it very difficult to co-operate to any large extent in the demonstrations so soon after the summer holidays, especially as September was the month during which the Assembly was being held in Geneva and the leaders of the movement would be abroad at the time. Branches, however, would be communicated with requesting them to give as much support as possible.

112. OPIUM. Major Ormsby Gore stated that matters were very unsatisfactory in regard to the Opium question, and it was

Resolved:- "To ask the Opium sub-Committee to meet at the earliest possible moment and to bring up a report to an early meeting of the Executive."

113. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) DOMINIONS. The minutes of the Dominions sub-Committee dated April 9th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (2) Representation of Canada; (3) Press; (4) Committee; (5) Irish Free State; and (6) Pamphlet for use of Dominions.]

- (b) MANAGEMENT. The minutes of the Management Committee dated April 10th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (35) Branches; (36) Staff Appointments; (37) "Headway"; (38) Resolutions; (39) Sir D.T. Keymer; (40) National Flag Day; and (41) Easter Holidays.]

- (c) EDITORIAL. The minutes of the Editorial Committee dated April 10th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (38) The League and Women; (39) New Publications.]

*Staff Appointments minute of 10.4.1924
was approved by this Committee on 13/4*

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Annex "A"

CONFIDENTIAL.DECENTRALISATIONC/13.
29.4.24.

1. That while the General Secretary is a member of all Headquarters Committees, except the Executive Committee of which, of course, he attends as Secretary, it is hoped that he will not attend the meetings of any except the Executive, Management and Staff Appointments Committee, unless his attendance is specially required for some particular business.
2. That Secretaries should be definitely appointed for all Committees and should be responsible for the secretarial work thereof to the Chairman of Committee.
 - (a) In particular Agenda, memoranda and other Committee papers before circulation to the Committee should be approved by the Chairman of that Committee, and not, except in special cases, by the General Secretary.
 - (b) Draft Minutes of Committees should be approved by the Chairman, (and not, except in special cases, by the General Secretary) before duplicating for circulation.
 - (c) Resumes of Committee Minutes for information of Executive should be prepared by Committee Secretaries and sent to the General Secretary for circulation to the Executive.
3. That the principle be established that at meetings of the Executive questions asked by members of the Executive with regard to the work of particular Committees shall, unless dealt with by the Chairman of that Committee, be answered by the Secretary of the Committee concerned. When the minutes of a Committee are to come up for the approval of the Executive, the Chairman of the particular Committee (or some other member of the Committee nominated by him) should be present at that meeting of the Executive Committee.
4. That while it is extremely desirable that the General Secretary should accept invitations to visit important Branches and have personal knowledge of workers for the League in different parts of the country, he should not regard public speaking as an ordinary part of his duties.
5. It is hoped that if the above proposals are carried out the General Secretary will find it possible, except in particular emergencies, to leave the office by 6.0

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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 1st
1924 AT 11 O'CLOCK.

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PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman): G.N.Barnes;
Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck,
Percy Bigland, L.J.Cadbury, A.W.Claremont, Sir W.H.Dickinson,
H.A.L.Fisher, John H.Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, E.W.Morton-
George, S.F.Perry, Charles Roberts, the Countess of Selborne,
Mrs Oliver Strachey, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, H.Graham
White, and L.M.Wynch: together with the Secretary.

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114. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Lord Cecil, Mrs Ogilvie Gordon, Mr F.N.Keen, Lady Mary Murray, Lord Queenborough, Mrs Walter Kunciman and Mr Cecil Wilson.
115. MINUTES. Subject to an amendment in minute 107, the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated April 17th 1924, were approved and adopted.
116. SECRETARY. In regard to Minute 109 (on decentralisation) the Secretary thanked the Committee for the kind consideration they had shewn in their handling of this matter. He undertook to do his best to give effect to their decisions, and to consult the Chairman in regard to such difficulties as must arise, particularly because some of the Executive's sub-Committees did not as yet possess Secretaries of their own, and because the differences in the sub-Committees' Secretaries' qualifications, experience and other personal qualities rendered uniformity of treatment inexpedient, if not impossible."
117. ALABAMA - COMMEMORATION. The Chairman reported that he had written to Lord Selborne who had replied saying that he was unable at the moment to help the Union in this difficulty.
- A note had been received from Mr Keen stating that he would write to Dr Bellot of the International Law Association.
- Lady Selborne promised to make further enquiries.
118. OPIUM. The Chairman stated that he had seen Lord Olivier in regard to the Opium Commission and he hoped that Sir Malcolm Delevingne would be able to take up a less rigid attitude in regard to the proposals affecting India.
119. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending April 29th 1924 showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £8,440.2.4 with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £1,000.
120. GENERAL COUNCIL - ANNUAL MEETING.

OFFICERS OF THE UNION (other than Chairman of the
Executive Committee)

The Executive Committee considered the election of Officers of the Union and decided to make the following recommendations subject to the persons recommended in each case being willing to

serve and being qualified by membership of the Union.

(a) Joint Presidents.

Rt.Hon. Viscount Grey of Fallodon, K.G.
Rt.Hon. Viscount Cecil of Chelwood, K.C.

(b) Hon. Presidents.

Rt.Hon.H.H.Asquith, K.C., M.P. Rt.Hon./J.R.Clynes, M.P.
Rt.Hon.Stanley Baldwin, M.P. Rt.Hon./D.Lloyd George,
Rt.Hon.the Earl of Balfour, O.M., M.P.
K.G., O.M.

(c) Vice-Presidents.

The present following list of Vice-Presidents with the exception of the Rt.Hon. the Earl of Birkenhead:-

Col. Sir Gilbert Barling, Bt. C.B., C.B.E.	Mrs Henry Fawcett Rt.Hon.F.A.L.Fisher, M.P. Rev.R.C.Gillie, D.D. Gen.Sir H.de la Poer Gough, G.C.M.G
Rt.Hon.G.N.Barnes Mrs S.A.Barnett, C.B.E.	Very Rev. J.H.Hertz Ph.D.(Chief Rabbi)
Admiral of the Fleet Rt.Hon. the Earl Beatty, O.M., G.C.B.	Marchioness of Londonderry, D.B.E
His Eminence Cardinal Bourne His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury	Rt.Hon.Sir Donald MacLean, K.B.E. Professor Gilbert Murray, LL.D. D.Litt.
Rt.Hon. the Viscount Cowdray Mrs Creighton	Rt.Hon. the Lord Phillimore, D.C.L. Rt.Hon. the Earl of Reading, G.C.B. Rt.Hon. the Lord Revelstoke, G.C.V.O
Most Hon.the Marquess of Crewe K.C., G.C.V.O.	Most Hon.the Marquess of Salisbury, K.G., G.C.V.O.
Rt.Hon. the Lord Cullen, K.B.E. Most Hon.the Marquess Curzon of Kedleston, K.G.	Rt.Hon. the Earl of Selborne, K.G., G.C.M.G.
David Davies, M.P. Rt.Hon. the Earl of Derby, K.G.	Rt.Hon. the Lord Shaw of Dunfermline, K.C.
His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., G.C.M.G.	Rt.Hon. the Lord Shuttleworth, LL.D. His Grace the Archbishop of York.
Rt.Hon.Sir W.H.Dickinson, K.B.E.	

together with

The President of the Free Church Council.
Sir Arthur Haworth, Bt.
The Chairman of the British Legion
Rt.Hon. the Lord Parmoor, K.C.
Rt.Hon.Tom Shaw, M.P.
Rt.Hon.Philip Snowden, M.P.
Rt.Hon.E.F.L.Wood, M.P.

also in view of resolution (24) of the last meeting of the Council the following late Hon.Vice-Presidents:-

Rt.Hon.Sir Robert Borden, G.C.M.G (Canada)
Rt.Hon.S.M.Bruce, (Australia)
Rt.Hon.Sir G.E.Foster, K.C.M.G. (Canada)
Rt.Hon.W.F.Lloyd (Newfoundland)
Rt.Hon.W.F.Massey (New Zealand)
Rt.Hon. the Lord Sinha (India)
Lt.Gen. Rt.Hon.J.C.Smuts (S.Africa)

and

President W.T. Cosgrave T.D. (Irish Free State)
 Sir James Craig (Northern Ireland)

and the present heads of H.M. Dominion Governments if they are not already included in the above list:

and

The Hon. T.A. Crerar (Western Canada)
 Rt. Hon. Srinivasa Sastri (India)

(d) Trustees.

David Davies, M.P.
 Rt. Hon. Reginald McKenna.

Rt. Hon. the Earl of Reading,
 G.C.B., K.C.V.O.

(e) Treasurer.

Rt. Hon. Lord Queenborough

- (f) Election of Chairman of Executive Committee. The Committee considered the question of a Chairman and Professor Murray retired whilst this matter was discussed. It was unanimously

Resolved:- "To ask Professor Murray to continue the Chairmanship, as the Committee were of opinion that the best interests of the Union would be served in this way."

Proposed Co-optations under rule 20(3)

The Committee recommended that those so co-opted last year with the exception of Colonel the Hon. Aubrey Herbert, M.P. (deceased), Captain the Rt. Hon. F. L. Guest, D.S.O., M.P., and Hugh Law, be again co-opted:-

Rt. Hon. Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, M.P.	John Masefield
Rt. Hon. the Earl Beauchamp, K.G.	H. J. May
Arnold Bennett (K.C.M.G.)	Dr Chalmers Mitchell
C. Delisle Burns	Sir Robert Newman, Bt. M.P.
Lady Byles	Lord Olivier, K.C.M.G., C.B.
Miss K. D. Courtney	Sir George Paish
Rt. Hon. the Viscount Cowdray	Rt. Hon. Sir Horace Plunkett, K.C.V.O.
The Viscount Cowdray	Wm. Frank Furdy
The Viscountess Cowdray	Miss Eleanor Rathbone
C. T. Cramp	Mrs Walter de la
Mrs Richard Cross	A. C. Rickards, K.C.
Miss Llewelyn Davies	Rt. Hon. J. M. Robertson
Robert Donald	Major L. N. de Rothschild, C.B.E., M.P.
Charles Duncan, M.P.	W. S. Rowntree
Hamilton Fyfe,	Sir Charles Seely, Bt.
A. G. Gardner	Rev. H. R. L. Sheppard
J. L. Garvin	J. A. Spender
Sir George Gibb	Mrs George Whale.
G. P. Gooch, M.A. D. Litt.	H. Wickham Steed
H. Gosling, M.P.	George R. Thorne, M.P.
Rt. Hon. Vernon Hartshorn, M.P.	Stanley Unwin
Rt. Hon. A. Henderson, M.P.	T. Fisher Unwin
Mrs M. C. Newenham Hoare	Rt. Hon. the Lord Vernon
Lady Horsley	H. G. Wells
Major E. B. Ince	Rt. Hon. J. H. Whitley, M.P.
Mrs Margaret Sefton Jones	Sir J. Fischer Williams
Miss Emily Leaf	Rt. Hon. J. W. Wilson
Colonel Sir A. Lever, Bt.	Lieut. Colonel Leslie C. Wilson,
Sir John Mann, K.B.E.	C.M.G., D.S.O.

Hartley Withers
L.S. Woolf.
Herbert Worsley
Harold Wright.

together with the following

The Duchess of Atholl, M.P.	Miss Dorothy Jewson, M.P.
Fred Bramley	T. Johnston, M.P.
Dr Leslie Burgin	Fred Maddison
Major A.G. Church, M.P.	Lord Weston, K.C.S.I.
Miss Norah Enfield	Colonel Meyler
Isaac Foot, M.P.	Mr F.W. Pethick-Lawrence, M.P.
Mr Wm. Graham, M.P.	Sir Daniel Stevenson
Lord Hartington, M.P.	Mrs Wintringham, M.P.

UNDER RULE 20(4)

(a) Religion. Recommended by Christian Organisations Committee.

Rev. Copeland Bowie	Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Oxford
Rev. A.E. Garvie	Very Rev. the Dean of St Pauls
Rev. R.C. Gillie	Rev. J. Hudson Shaw
Rt. Rev. Bishop Gore	Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Winchester
Rev. R.F. Horton	Very Rev. the Dean of Worcester.
Rev. L.P. Jacks	
Rev. J. Scott Lidgett	
Rev. Canon H. Bickersteth Ottley.	

together with

The Lord Bishop of Manchester
Professor J.H. Muirhead
The Lady Parmoor.

Recommended by the Committee of Religion & Ethics

Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Kensington
H.R. Lewis
A. Moro.

It was

Resolved:- "That the Scottish National Council be asked for their advice in regard to the co-optation of names to represent the Church of Scotland."

The following names were suggested:-

Dr Fleming (Moderator of the Church)
Mr Brown (High Commissioner)

(b) Education. Recommended by Education Committee.

Ernest Barker, M.A., D.Litt.	Miss E. Power
C.W. Crook, B.A., B.Sc.	F. Roscoe, M.A.
Rt. Rev. A.A. David, D.D.	E.J. Sainsbury, O.B.E., B.A.
G. Lowes Dickinson.	F.S. Marvin, M.A.
Miss Lloyd Evans, M.A.	Miss F.M. Stawell
Dr Robert Jones, D.Sc.	Miss Strudwick.
S.B. Lucas, M.A.	R.H. Tawney

Rev. & Hon. E. Lyttelton, D.D. H.V. Temperley
 J. MacTavish Professor Graham Wallas
 Professor T.P. Nunn, M.A., D.Sc. Professor C.K. Webster, M.A.
 Professor Sir C.W.C. Oman, Miss Ruth Young.
 K.B.E., M.P.

together with

Dr Albert Mansbridge
 Professor A.E. Zimmern

and the Vice-Chancellors of the Universities in Great Britain
 and Northern Ireland.

(c) Trades and Industry. Recommended by Labour Advisory Committee.

- (i) Sir Charles Addis
 Colonel Armstrong
 Henry Bell
 Rt. Hon. Viscount Burham, C.H.
 Walter Leaf, D.Litt.
 Sir John Randles, M.P.
- (ii) M.H. Clear
 Alan H. Findlay (United Patternmakers' Assoc.)
 A. Hayday, M.P.
 W. Gregory, J.P.
 Alderman Ben Turner, M.P. (Yorkshire Textile Assoc.)
 Miss Julia Varley (Women's Organiser of Workers' Union)

together with

- (i) W.L. Hichens
 Miss M. Lawrence
 Lord MacLay
 H. Mcnd, M.P.
 Sir Henry Strakosch
- (ii) G.H. Stuart Bunning, O.B.E.
 Miss Madeline Simmons.

(d) Women's Organisations. Recommended by Women's Advisory Council.

Mrs Abbot	Mrs Hubback
Miss Harley Bacon	Mrs Irwell
Mrs Bell	Miss Jelf
Mrs Percy Bigland	Miss W.H. Johnson
Dame Sidney Browne	Miss Bertha Mason
Miss L. Donhof	Miss M. Selby
Miss Nora Green	Mrs M.A. Spielman
Mrs Hancock	Miss Picton Turberville
Mrs Hewlett Hobbs	Mrs Western
	Mrs White.

together with

Mrs Eleanor Barton
 Lady Eve.

(e) Health.

Sir Thomas Barlow, Bt.	Sir W.J. Collins, M.D., K.C.V.O.
K.C.V.O., F.R.S., M.D.	Sir Alfred Keogh, G.C.B.
Mrs Dickinson Berry, M.B.	G.C.V.O., M.D.
	Dr Jane Walker

together with

Dr J.W.Carr
Dr Letitia Fairfield
Sir James Oliver (Newcastle)
Miss Constance Smith

(f) Law.

Rt.Hon.Sir F.Pollock,
Bt.,D.C.L.

Rt.Hon.Sir John Simon, K.C.,
M.P.

together with

Lord Buckmaster
Sir Thomas Inskip, K.C.

Rt.Hon.Sir Douglas Hogg, K.C..M.P.
Sir Henry Slessor, K.C.

(g) Services.

Major General G.M.Franks, Rear-Admiral J.R.Seagrave,
C.B. C.B.
Major Gen. Sir Wm.Furze,
K.C.B.

together with

Colonel George Crosfield, D.S.O.
Major General Sir John Davidson, K.C.M.G.
General Sir Ian Hamilton, G.C.B.,G.C.M.G.
Lt.Gen.Sir Henry Merrick Lawson, K.C.B.
Lt.General Sir H.O.Mance, C.M.G.

Executive Committee. The Committee considered the question of making recommendations for consideration of the Council who must elect 30 members for the ensuing year's Executive Committee.

In accordance with the practice followed last year it was

Resolved:- "That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Lord Cecil be asked to collaborate with a view to putting forward 25 names for submission to the Council."

121. I.L.O.DRAFT CONVENTIONS.

Resolved:- "That Mr Barnes' memorandum on Draft Conventions adopted by the International Labour Conference be adjourned for consideration to the next meeting of the Committee."

122. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) OPIUM. The minutes of the Opium sub-Committee dated March 31st 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.
- (b) RELIGIONS & ETHICS. The minutes of the Committee of religions and Ethics dated April 15th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (221) Letter to Affiliated Societies; (224) Replies to letter; (226) Church of Rome; (230) Union in Paris; (231) Appeal; (233) Meetings; (235) Corporate Members; and (238) HEADWAY and Activities at Headquarters.]

- (c) FINANCE: The minutes of the Finance Committee dated April 16th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (39) Appeals sub-Committee; (40) Financial Statement; (41) 1923 Accounts; (42) Wages and Salaries; (43) Cheques; and (44) HEADWAY]

- (d) EDUCATION. The minutes of the Education Committee dated April 25th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (421) Meetings; (422) Co-optations to Council; (425) Local Education Authorities; (426) Board of Education; (429) Home Office Schools circular]

- (e) OVERSEAS. Certain urgent matters from the Overseas Committee held the previous day were considered.

Resolved: - "That subject to the Finance Committee agreeing to the necessary expenditure the following be asked to act as the Union's delegates to the Lyons Conference: -

Lord Cecil, Professor Gilbert Murray, Rt. Hon. G.N. Barnes, Captain Reginald Berkeley, M.P., L.J. Cadbury, Lady Bonham Carter, Sir W.H. Dickinson, K.B.E., Captain Walter Elliot, the Viscountess Gladstone, Major J.W. Hills, Rear-Admiral S.R. Drury Lowe, C.M.G., Major General Sir F. Maurice, K.C.M.G., Mrs Walter Runciman, Mrs Oliver Strachey, Henry Vivian, M.P., L.M. Wynch, C.I.E., C.B.E., Mrs David Davies, Major A.G. Church, W.T. Layton, Sir Walter Napier, D.C.L., Mrs Phipps, Mrs L.M. Wynch, the Secretary, Mr Wilson Harris, Mrs Dugdale, and Mr Whelen.

It was hoped that certain members of the delegation would be prepared to pay their own expenses.

The following resolution of the Overseas Committee was considered: -

"That in the event of passports being refused to any accredited representatives of League of Nations Societies chosen to attend the Conference of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies, this Union should decline to send delegates to such a Conference."

Resolved: - "That it be left to the Union's delegation when they arrive at the Conference to take such action as they may think proper in the event of passport facilities being refused, and that Lord Cecil be asked to inform the French Association privately that the British Union would take a very serious view of the situation which would arise if Count Bernstorff or any other representative of the League of Nations Societies were discouraged from being present either by the French Government authorities or by other persons concerned with the organising of the Conference."

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123. POLITICAL QUESTIONS.

Resolved: - "That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Mr Wilson Harris should be asked to suggest political resolutions for the agenda of the Lyons Conference and that these resolutions be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Executive."

124. MR DAVID DAVIES - COMMUNICATION. The Secretary read a communication from Mr David Davies suggesting that certain resolutions should be discussed at Lyons. It was

Resolved: - "That this communication be referred to the Committee appointed to consider resolutions for the Lyons Conference."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, MAY
15TH 1924 AT 11 O'CLOCK

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); G.N.Barnes, Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, Lord Cecil, David Davies, Lady Denman, H.A.L.Fisher, John H. Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, John W. Hills, David Hunter, Rear-Admiral S.R.Drury Lowe, Oswald Mosley, E.W.Morton-George, Lord Queenborough, Charles Roberts, Mrs. Oliver Strachey, the Countess of Selborne, H. Graham White, Cecil Wilson and L.M. Wynch: together with the Secretary.

Miss Constance Smith, Deputy-Chief Inspector of Factories, was present at the invitation of the Committee.

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125. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr. Percy Bigland, Mr. L.J.Cadbury, Mrs. A.W.Claremont, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon and Mrs. Walter Runciman.
126. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated May 1st, 1924, were approved as circulated.
127. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending May 13th 1924 showed a Balance at the bank amounting to £7,729.8.11. with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £1,500.
128. I.L.O. DRAFT CONVENTIONS. The Committee considered a memorandum on I.L.O. Draft Conventions submitted by Mr. G.N.Barnes.

Miss Constance Smith, on behalf of the Labour Advisory Committee, told the Committee how the Maternity Convention came to be adopted. Miss Smith was thanked for her kindness, and it was

Resolved:- "That subject to the approval of the Labour Advisory Committee, the Government be requested to submit the Maternity Convention to Parliament without delay".

129. LYONS CONFERENCE. The Chairman reported that he was concerned about the Lyons Conference because strong unofficial action had been taken by the French Society and the Belgian Society, and M. Heriot to prevent Count Bernstorff attending the Lyons Conference on the ground that his presence might give rise to hostile demonstrations. Correspondence had taken place on the subject and the French were insistent that he should not come although they were anxious that a German delegation not including Count Bernstorff should attend. The German Society was equally insistent that if Count Bernstorff as President of the League of Nations Society in Germany did not attend the Germans would not send a delegation at all. It was

Resolved:- that efforts be made

- (a) to get the French Society to agree to Count Bernstorff attending the Conference at Lyons:

- (b) that if this fails the German Society be urged to send delegates other than Count Bernstorff:
- (c) that should this arrangement prove impossible an effort be made to hold the Conference elsewhere.

The Committee were of opinion that great efforts should be made to hold the Conference in France, and that a strong German delegation should attend. If the ban on Count Bernstorff was not withdrawn, and if it was still intended to hold the Conference in Lyons, and if the German Society declines to attend without Count Bernstorff, it was

Resolved:- "That the Executive Committee should consider again what action it should take"

In the meantime it was decided that the Chairman should make efforts to arrange for somebody to go across to Paris in order to discuss the matter with representatives of the French Society. It was also suggested that someone should see Lord D'Abernon and seek his advice.

130. RESOLUTIONS. Resolutions for the Lyons Conference drafted by the sub-Committee were approved in the following form and were ordered to be placed upon the agenda of the Lyons Conference with a view to being adopted by that Conference:-

- X(a) The Executive of the League of Nations Union)
 The Federation of Voluntary League of Nations Societies)

welcomes the reports of the Expert Committees appointed by the Reparation Commission as valuable contributions to the solution of the Reparations problem and as important steps towards the establishment of peace and stability in Europe; *And*

DECLARES its conviction:

- (i) that the machinery of the League of Nations affords the best means of securing a complete and final solution of Reparations and allied problems; and
- (ii) that it is therefore more necessary than ever that Germany should become a member of the League of Nations with a permanent seat on the Council.

- (b) The Executive of the League of Nations Union)
 The Federation of Voluntary League of Nations Societies)

seeing that by the provisions of the Treaty of Lausanne certain duties of protecting minorities in the interior of Turkey are laid upon the League of Nations but no means are provided whereby the protection can be carried out,

CONSIDERS that before accepting these obligations the Council of the League should satisfy itself that it has adequate means for executing them.

- (c) The Executive of the League of Nations Union)
 The Federation of Voluntary League of Nations Societies)

is of opinion that the League of Nations should be invited by the Allied Powers with the concurrence of Germany

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to conduct a full investigation as to the fulfilment by Germany of the disarmament clauses of the Treaty of Versailles and that in the event of its being decided that these obligations have been adequately discharged, future supervision of German armaments should remain in the hands of the Council of the League as provided for in Article 213 of the Treaty of Versailles.

- (a) The Executive of the League of Nations Union)
The Federation of Voluntary League of Nations Societies)

urges universal recommendation of the principle that the export and import of opium, whether raw or prepared, except for medicinal and scientific purposes, should be completely prohibited.

- (e) The Executive of the League of Nations Union)
The Federation of Voluntary League of Nations Societies)

since the strenuous conditions of the modern world are felt most keenly in the industrial field and

since the worst results of international competition between countries with advanced and countries with backward conditions of industrial life can be effectively mitigated only by means of international labour conventions in the elaboration and adoption of which governments, employers and workers are associated, and

since the International Labour Conventions of the League of Nations, being adopted only if they receive a two-thirds majority in such a conference, can impose no unreasonable handicaps on any countries if they are universally ratified.

URGES all societies working for the League of Nations

- (i) to emphasise the importance, in the interest both of international and of social peace, of the work of the League's industrial organ - the International Labour Organisation - based on Article 23(a) of the Covenant and part 13 of the Treaty of Versailles.
- (ii) to ensure that the provisions of all conventions and recommendations of the International Labour Conference should be widely known, and to do everything possible to secure in their own countries the fulfilment of the Treaty obligations with regard to International Labour Conventions.

- (f) The Executive of the League of Nations Union)
The Federation of Voluntary League of Nations Societies)

proposes that, should an invitation to hold the next meeting of the Federation Assembly in Germany be received, it should be favourably considered.

- (g) The Executive of the League of Nations Union)
The Federation of Voluntary League of Nations Societies)

proposes that provision be made in the constitution of the Federation for International Societies, which include the advancement of the cause of the League of Nations among their objects, to become connected with the Federation as affiliated Societies or otherwise.

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~~*Note. The Commission decided on April 11th that it was prepared to approve the conclusions and to adopt the methods set forth in the reports" but was obliged to reserve its approval and action until the Government of the Reich declares its willingness to collaborate in the execution of the Experts' plans." The declaration was forthcoming on April 16th when the German Government informed the Commission that "the German Government..... declares its willingness to collaborate in the execution of the Experts' plans."~~

131. OCCUPATION OF GERMAN TERRITORY.

Resolved:- "That the following resolution for the consideration of the Executive be placed upon the agenda of the next meeting:-

"The Executive of the L.N.U., believing that the continuance or repetition of the occupation by Allied forces of the Ruhr Valley and other German territory outside the limits defined by the Treaty of Versailles would endanger the success of the Experts' plans,

TRUSTS that the Governments concerned will see their way to refer either to the Permanent Court of International Justice or to an International Committee of Jurists to be appointed by the Council of the League of Nations, the question whether paragraph 18 of Annexo 2 of Section 1 of Part VIII of the Treaty of Versailles, or any other provision of that Treaty, would entitle the Allied and Associated Powers or any of them

- (a) to continue to occupy German territory beyond the limits defined by the Treaty when the Experts' plans are being executed with the collaboration of the Government of the Reich; or
- (b) to occupy such territory in the event of Germany's voluntary default after the Experts' plans have been put into execution with the collaboration of the Government of the Reich."

132. DRAFT TREATY OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE. The Committee considered ~~and approved~~ the revised Draft Treaty of Mutual Assistance (see pamphlet) as recommended by the Committee for the Limitation of Armaments. It was

Resolved:- "That the Treaty in its revised form ^{be approved} be submitted to the General Council at its annual meeting for approval."

133. GENERAL COUNCIL - ANNUAL MEETING. (a) The Committee approved of the following amendment to that proposed by the Liverpool & Merseyside District Council to Rule 6:-

"That the alternative rule for corporate membership on the part of Churches should ~~begin with the words -~~

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'With a view to enable Christian congregations which recognise the profound significance of the movement for international friendship and co-operation through the League of Nations, and desire by a corporate act to take **their** place in that movement, the League of Nations Union is prepared to accept as a corporate member any Christian congregation which undertakes -

- (a) to endeavour to secure that every member of the congregation shall become an individual member of the Union;
- (b) to appoint a Church officer to be a link between the congregation and the Union, to see after the Church's work for international friendship and to receive the Union's journal HEADWAY and such other publications of the Union as are sent to annual subscribers of £1 or over; and
- (c) to pay an annual subscription of £1."

- (b) The Committee noted that the Stoke-on-Trent Branch nominated His Highness Maharaja Jam Sahib of Newanagar.
- (c) The Committee approved of the following nominations for co-optation to the Council put forward by the Committee of Religions and Ethics:-

Miss Ethel Behrens.
Reverend Tyssul Davies.
Mr. W.F.Wren.

(d) Resolutions.

Resolved:- "That Resolutions (a), (b), (c) and (d) in minute 130 above be submitted to the General Council for approval at its annual meeting."

134. CHURCHES MANIFESTO. The Secretary read a letter from the Prime Minister acknowledging receipt of the Manifesto sent to him in support of the League of Nations signed by three Archbishops, fifty-eight Bishops and sixty-three leading Free Churchmen.

135. SPANISH RIFF WAR. The following resolution of the Tongwynlais Branch was received:-

"That since Spain is a member of the League of Nations, the Council of the League should make representations to the Spanish Government with a view to bringing to a termination the war that has now been proceeding for so long a time, and that Spain be invited to accept the mediation of the League of Nations."

136. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) OPIUM. The minutes of the Opium Committee dated May 5th, 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted, including the following resolutions:-

- (1) That in the opinion of this Committee the principle should be universally recognised that the export and import of opium whether raw or prepared, except for

medicinal and scientific purposes, be completely prohibited.

- (2) That the principle should be recognised by the Government of India and by the British Government in respect of all British dependencies and protectorates that the export and import of opium whether raw or prepared, except for medicinal or scientific purposes, be prohibited.
- (3) That in order adequately to carry out the principles embodied in resolution (a) it be enacted by all States Members of the League, or attendant at the forthcoming International Conference on the Drug Traffic, that every application for the export to an importer in another country of opium, coca-leaf or any derivatives thereof, be accompanied by a certificate from the Government of the importing country that the import of the consignment in question is approved by that Government and is required for solely medical and scientific purposes.
- (4) That consideration be given to the question of adding codeine and cegonine to the list of drugs to which all provisions regarding the production or use of or traffic in narcotics may be applied.

These minutes included (2) Additional Members to Committee; (3) Resolutions; and (4) Lyons Conference

- (b) **MANAGEMENT.** Subject to the adjournment for further consideration of minute 47 (No More War Demonstrations) the minutes of the Management Committee dated May 8th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (44) National Flag Day; (45) Branches; (46) New Building; (47) "No More War" Demonstrations

- (c) **WOMEN'S ADVISORY.** The minutes of the Women's Advisory Committee dated April 29th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (90) Publicity in Provincial Press; (91) Nominations; (92) Co-optation of Members; (93) Officers elected; (94) Sub-Committees; (95) Reports from Societies; (97) Sub-Committees Report; (99) Corporate Membership and Associateship; and (101) I.L.O. Propaganda

- (a) **OVERSEAS.** Subject to the reference back to the Overseas Committee of minute 622(1) the minutes of the Overseas Committee dated April 30th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (619) Hochschule fur Politik; (621) Status of Branches in Central Europe; (622(1) Dr. Medinger; and (622(4) Plenary Assembly

- (c) **STAFF APPOINTMENTS.** The minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated 8.5.24. together with the recommendations

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contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (50) Miss Arnold; (51) Travelling Secretary; (52) Lady Constance Howard; (53) Captain Thomas; (54) Dame Adelaide Livingstone and (55) Miss Conch/

137. ELGIN BRANCH - PRIME MINISTER'S ^{Parliament} ~~Commission~~ The Secretary reported that the Prime Minister had recently accepted the invitation of the newly formed Elgin Branch to become its President.

138. NEXT MEETING.

Resolved:- "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, May 22nd at 11 a.m.

Gilbert Murray

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, MAY 22nd
1924 AT 11 O'CLOCK.

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28.5.24.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); G.N.Barnes;
David Davies, Major the Hon.W.Ormsby Gore, John W.Hills,
Rear-Admiral S.R.Drury Lowe, E.W.Morton-George, Oswald Mosley,
and L.M.Wynch: together with the Secretary.

M I N U T E S

139. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr & Mrs A.W.Claremont, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, the Viscountess Gladstone, Lord Queenborough, Mr Charles Roberts, Mrs Walter Runciman, General Seely, Mr Raymond Unwin, and Mr Cecil Wilson.
140. MINUTES. Subject to an amendment in minutes 130,132, and 133 the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated May 15th 1924, were approved as circulated.
141. DRAFT TREATY OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE. Major Hills asked for a ruling of the Committee as to the attitude of speakers in the future in regard to the Draft Treaty and the Union's proposed amendments.

The Committee were of opinion that while the Union's speakers should continually urge Branches and meetings to pass resolutions on the lines of that voted by the Executive on February 29th, 1924, the speakers should now be invited to draw the attention of their audiences to the revised version of the Treaty recently approved by the Executive, and to suggest that Branches and meetings should add to their resolutions to be sent to H.M. Government a request that the Government's policy should include the approval of the Draft Treaty subject to its being amended on the lines recommended by the Union's Executive. It was

Resolved:-1."That Lord Cecil be asked to explain to the Parliamentary Committee the Executive's revised version of the Draft Treaty, and to suggest that the policy which H.M. Government has promised to formulate for the meeting of the Fifth Assembly in September next should include approval of the Draft Treaty subject to its being amended on the lines recommended by the Union's Executive."

- 2."That the Prime Minister be asked to receive a deputation from the Executive Committee for the purpose of explaining the Executive Committee's proposals."

Meantime the Chairman promised to send a copy of the Executive's revised version unofficially to the Prime Minister.

142. OPIUM.

Resolved:- "That the resolutions of the Opium Committee adopted by the Executive at its last meeting be sent to the Prime Minister, Lord Parmoor, the India Office, the Home Office and the Colonial Office."

143. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending May 19th 1924, showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £7,461.8.0. with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £1,025.15.9.
144. GERMANY AND THE LEAGUE. A memorandum on the Admission of Germany and the League prepared by the Intelligence Section and approved by Lord Cecil, was received and adopted subject to the Committee on Intellectual Co-operation being deleted from the list of Committees on which Germany has or had a representative.
145. OCCUPATION OF GERMAN TERRITORY. The Committee considered the following proposed resolution:-

"The Executive of the L.N.U. believing that the continuance or repetition of the occupation by Allied forces of the Ruhr Valley and other German territories outside the limits defined by the Treaty of Versailles would endanger the success of the Experts' plans.

TRUSTS that the Governments concerned will see their way to refer either to the Permanent Court of International Justice or to an International Committee of Jurists to be appointed by the Council of the League of Nations, the question whether para 15 of Annexe 2 of Section 1 of Part VIII of the Treaty of Versailles, would entitle the Allied and Associated Powers or any of them

- (a) to continue to occupy German territory beyond the limits defined by the Treaty when the Experts' plans are being executed with the collaboration of the Government of the Reich; or
- (b) to occupy such territory in the event of Germany's voluntary default after the Experts' plans have been put into execution with the collaboration of the Government of the Reich.

It was

Resolved:- (a) "That a sub-Committee be constituted to enquire into the question of sanctions under the Dawes report; and recommend as to who shall decide default and who should enforce sanctions.

(b) "That the Committee consist of Major Hills (Chairman), Major Ormsby Gore, Mr. David Davies, Mr. Fisher, Mr. G.N. Barnes and Mr. Oswald Mosley.

146. LYONS CONFERENCE - GERMAN DELEGATION. The Chairman stated that since the last meeting of the Executive he had found that his first impressions in regard to the French Society and the bann upon Count Bernstorff were not fully in accordance with facts.

It appeared that when the Lyons meeting was proposed to the last Assembly at Vienna, Count Bernstorff asked whether the German delegation would be acceptable in Lyons and the French delegation had said that there would be no question of excluding the German

delegation. The French Society had loyally adhered to this understanding, but M. Herriot and the people of Lyons had made difficulties about receiving Count Bernstorff personally in their city. Count Bernstorff was ready, not to go to Lyons but the German Society was unwilling to send a delegation that did not include Count Bernstorff. In spite of what might be done unofficially by himself and others to persuade the German Society to alter their decision and to send a delegation to Lyons without Count Bernstorff - unless M. Herriot, without being subjected to undue pressure, could see his way to receive Count Bernstorff after all - the official policy of the Union should still be to abstain from sending a delegation to Lyons if the German delegation did not attend. To this the Committee agreed.

Mr. Mosley stated that he would be going to Paris over the week-end and that he would be seeing M. Herriot. If opportunity occurred he would tell M. Herriot of the attitude of the Executive and at the same time be careful to assure him that the Executive Committee would do all they could in order not to embarrass his position.

147. LYONS CONFERENCE - RESOLUTION OF COMMITTEE OF RELIGIONS AND ETHICS. The Committee considered the following resolution which had been sent by the Secretary of the Committee of Religions and Ethics for inclusion upon the Lyons agenda:-

"That this Conference, holding that some fundamental change in the hearts and minds of men is a first essential towards establishing a true world-peace, and believing moreover that the religious, ethical and educational forces of every nation, through which along any such change can but be achieved, should at once be mobilised on this behalf, pledges itself to an intensive campaign along the broad lines suggested by the British Union."

The opinion was expressed that if such a resolution was moved at Lyons members of the British delegation might well approve it but that it might be unfortunate if the British Society were responsible for placing a resolution of this kind upon the agenda paper.

Resolved:- "That the Chairman of the Committee of Religions and Ethics be asked to attend the next meeting of the Executive and that meanwhile the resolution be not placed on the Lyons agenda."

148. ENTERTAINMENT TAX. A proposal of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Branch that the Executive Committee should ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer to abolish the entertainment tax for charitable entertainments was referred to the Finance Committee.
149. NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF WAR. The Secretary reported his interview with Mr. Hudson and Mr. Mosley, the Secretary and Chairman of the National Council for the Prevention of War. Mr. Hudson and Mr. Mosley desired that the Union should join that body consisting of 30 organisations which formerly constituted the National Peace Council, together with the Free Church Council, the Co-operative Movement, and a number of Trade Unions. It appeared that the National Council for the Prevention of War did not intend to have a merely consultative or advisory capacity towards its constituent Societies but would wish to pass and publish resolutions and to take other Executive action over which, however, the constituent Societies might afterwards dissociate themselves.

The Committee were of opinion that the objects which the Union and the National Council for the Prevention of War had in common would not be so well served if the Union, with its definite message and policy, its strictly non-party character and its wish to appeal to all sections of the community, were to become identified in the public mind with a body composed of the most part of pacifist and Labour organisations. Moreover the Executive Committee of the Union by transferring their initiative to a new body with somewhat different aims might be considered to betray a trust reposed in them by the members of the Union.

In these circumstances it was

Resolved:- "That with a view to securing the largest possible degree of co-operation between the League of Nations Union and the National Council for the Prevention of War, the Council be asked to agree to the formation of a Liaison Committee consisting of Professor Murray, Major Hills, Mr. Mosley and Mr. Baillie Weaver, all of whom, except Major Hills, are members of the Executive Committees of both bodies."

Mr. Mosley was not in favour of this course, and on his suggestion it was further

Resolved:- "That the question of co-operation between the Union and the National Council for the Prevention of War be considered by the General Council of the Union at its Annual Meeting."

Mr. Mosley promised to frame a resolution for inclusion upon the Council agenda.

150. "NO MORE WAR" DEMONSTRATIONS. The Committee considered a communication from Mr J.H. Hudson inviting the Committee's opinion upon the following resolution to be passed at the "No More War" Demonstrations which are to be held on September 20th and asking for the Union's co-operation:-

"This Mass Meeting of Citizens sends fraternal greetings to the similar gatherings now being held throughout the world to express abhorrence of War and Militarism, joins with them in declaring that the time has come for the peoples to insist upon universal disarmament and calls upon its own Government to pursue a policy of international co-operation through a strengthened and enlarged League of Nations, the settlement of disputes by conciliation and arbitration and the creation of conditions which will make possible the convocation of an international conference to bring about an immediate reduction of armaments by mutual agreements."

The Committee

Resolved:- "That if the Branches and other local organisations of the Union are to be advised to co-operate in these demonstrations it is desirable that the resolution be amended so as to read:-

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"This Mass Meeting of Citizens sends fraternal greetings to the similar gatherings now being held throughout the world to express abhorrence of War and Militarism. Joins with them in declaring that the time has come for the peoples to insist upon an immediate and general reduction of armaments by mutual agreement and calls upon its own Government to pursue a policy of international co-operation and peaceful settlement of disputes through a strengthened and enlarged League of Nations."

151. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated May 15th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (57) Mr Wilson Harris; (58) Overseas Secretary; (59) Vacant Appointments.]

- (b) LABOUR ADVISORY. Subject to the reference to the Staff Appointments Committee of the last three paragraphs of Lord Burnham's memorandum, the minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee dated May 15th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted. (attached)

[These minutes included (56) Resignation of Miss Cohen; (58) Maternity Convention; (59) I.L.O. Propaganda; and (60) Forthcoming Meetings.]

152. NEXT MEETING.

Resolved:- "That unless the Chairman deems it important to call a meeting for the 29th, the next meeting of the Committee be held on June 5th."

J. B. Bell
5.6.24

II. TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The L.A.C. in January and again in February advised the Executive Committee to urge upon the Government the ratification of the Maternity Convention. It was at its meeting on March 20th, that, in the absence of any member belonging both to the Executive and the L.A. Committees it asked its Secretary to put as clearly as possible to the Executive Committee both the general considerations advanced above and its particular concern about the Maternity Convention. While regretting that its message was not on that occasion received and that two months have accordingly passed without the Executive considering its recommendations, the L.A.C. is pleased to note the subsequent decision according to which, in the absence of the Chairman or other member of the L.A.C. the Secretary's competence to report from the L.A.C. to the Executive is acknowledged.

The importance in international relations of ratifications of Draft Labour Conventions is now likely to increase rather than to diminish, and the question of informing British public opinion upon all I.L.O. matters becomes the more important. The L.A.C. thinks that the Executive Committee should, therefore, consider all possible means of extending its I.L.O. work. It is pleased to note the increased attention which the I.L.O. is at present receiving in HEADWAY, in SPEAKERS' NOTES and in the monthly letter to Branch Secretaries; the attention to I.L.O. matters at the Union's Wembley Pavilion, and also the Union's decision to be represented on the only Commission of the forthcoming Conference of the Voluntary Societies at Lyons which is concerned with an I.L.O. subject, viz: the Emigration Commission.

The resignation of the Assistant Secretary who has given such valuable assistance, particularly in developing the Intelligence Section of the Labour Department, leaves a vacancy which it is essential to fill. As this has been an unsalaried post for which possibly an unsalaried officer cannot be found the L.A.C. would strongly urge the Executive Committee to take immediate steps to fill it although no allocation has been made in the budget for this contingency.

The situation thus created makes all the more urgent action by the Executive Committee upon the Labour Advisory Committee's recommendation on March 20th, to appoint a person competent to lecture on the I.L.O.

In conclusion, both because of the intrinsic importance of the industrial side of the League and because of its power, still inadequately realised, of gaining adherents to the League of Nations Union from the masses of the people, the L.A.C. would urge the Executive Committee to consider the urgency of launching an intensive campaign on the I.L.O. in the early Autumn. The plans for such a campaign should be carefully laid in advance remembering that the League of Nations and the I.L.O. are twin organisations and that for some time to come the industrial organ will certainly not be of less intimate concern to the people of Britain than any of the other activities of the League.

(Signed) BURNHAM.
19/5/24.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, JUNE 5th
1924 AT 11.15 A.M.

C/13.
10.6.24.

PRESENT:- Major J.W.Hills (in the Chair); Percy Bigland; Lady Bonham Carter, A.W.Clairemont, David Davies, Walter Elliot, L.J.Cadbury, H.A.L.Fisher, Mrs Ogilvie Gordon, W.Ormsby Gore, John H.Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, David Hunter, Rear-Admiral S.R.Drury Lowe, Charles Roberts, Mrs Walter Runciman, Raymond Unwin and L.M.Wynch: together with the Secretary.

MINUTES

153. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of the Viscountess Gladstone, Mr Rennie Hey, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Professor Gilbert Murray, Lady Mary Murray, Lord Queenborough, General Seely, Mr H.Graham White and Mr Cecil Wilson.
154. CHAIRMAN. In the absence of Professor Gilbert Murray, the Chair was taken by Major J.W.Hills.
155. MINUTES. Subject to a verbal amendment in minute 141, the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated May 22nd 1924, were approved as circulated.
156. DRAFT TREATY OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE.

Resolved:- "That the following resolution on the subject of the Draft Treaty already placed on the agenda of the General Council as a resolution commended by the Executive, be approved:-

"The General Council of the League of Nations Union welcomes the statement made by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons on May 14th, to the effect that H.M.Government will formulate its policy in regard to the Draft Treaty of Mutual Assistance in time for the meeting of the Fifth Assembly of the League of Nations in September 1924; and

Urges that the Government's policy include approval of the Draft Treaty subject to its being amended on the lines of the following revised draft:-

[Here follows the revised draft of the Treaty as approved by the Executive Committee of the Union on May 10th 1924. See Pamphlet No.150.]"

It was reported that the Chairman was writing to the Prime Minister asking him to receive a deputation from the Executive on the subject of the Draft Treaty, but no reply had yet been received. It was suggested that if, and when, the deputation is received the deputation should also raise the question of the admission of Germany to the League.

157. OCCUPATION OF GERMAN TERRITORY.

Resolved:- "That the Committee to consider the question of sanctions under the Dawes Report; recommend as to who shall decide default, and who should enforce sanctions, be summoned for Wednesday, June 11th at 11.30 a.m."

158. LYONS CONFERENCE - COUNT BERNSTORFF. It was reported that the matter of the bann on the attendance of Count Bernstorff at Lyons had been most happily settled. The French Association had never objected to the attendance of Count Bernstorff; but the objection had been made by the Municipality of Lyons; but by the intervention of M. Herriot an arrangement had been made by which the invitations to the reception should be sent out by the Federation of French Societies and not by the Municipality of Lyons. The Municipality's representatives, however, would be asked to attend as guests and not as hosts. Count Bernstorff had stated that he proposed to attend the Conference.

159. LYONS CONFERENCE - RESOLUTION OF COMMITTEE OF RELIGIONS & ETHICS.

The Secretary reported that the Chairman had seen the Bishop of Kensington earlier in the week in regard to the resolution suggested by the Religions and Ethics Committee for the agenda of the Lyons Conference. The Chairman had agreed with the Bishop that some member of the British Delegation should be asked to address the Assembly of the Federation in the terms of the resolution.

Resolved:- "To approve of this arrangement and the terms of the resolution be amended to read as follows:-

"That this Conference, holding that some fundamental change in the hearts and minds of men is a first essential towards establishing a true world peace, and believing moreover that the religious, ethical, and educational forces of every nation, through which alone any such change can best be achieved, should at once be mobilised on this behalf, pledges itself to an intensive campaign along the broad lines suggested by the British Union [in the circular letter signed by Professor Murray and the Bishop of Kensington and sent to Foreign League of Nations Societies]."

160. NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF WAR. The Secretary reported a conversation between himself and the Rev. Thomas Nightingale, the General Secretary of the National Council of Evangelical Free Churches, who had told him that he was a member of this Council in his personal capacity. This did not involve the official co-operation of his National Council. Mr Nightingale expressed surprise on learning that the National Council for the Prevention of War intended on occasion to take executive action which would commit the Co-operating bodies unless they subsequently expressed dissent. He had regarded the N.C.P.W. as an advisory and consultative body. In this connection the Committee's attention was drawn to the following resolution on the Council agenda by Mr Oswald Mosley:-

"That the General Council of the League of Nations Union agrees to become affiliated to the National Council for the Prevention of War on the understanding that resolutions and decisions as to policy taken

by the National Council for the Prevention of War are not to be held binding upon the independent action of organisations federated within the Council, and furthermore asks the Executive Committee to arrange for the sending of six delegates to the Council meetings of the N.C.P.W. according to the terms of that Council's constitution."

In the course of a general discussion on the relation between the Union and the National Council, it was suggested that when Mr Mosley's resolution came before the General Council of the Union at Wembley, the Executive's proposal to form a Liaison Committee should be explained and Major Hills promised to consult the Chairman in regard to this suggestion.

161. **"NO MORE WAR" DEMONSTRATIONS.** The Secretary reported a further communication from Mr J.H. Hudson, requesting the Union's approval of the following amended resolution to be placed before the "No More War" Demonstrations in September:-

"This Mass Meeting of Citizens sends fraternal greetings to the similar gatherings now being held throughout the world to express abhorrence of War and Militarism, joins with them in declaring it to be the duty of all peoples and Governments to strive for universal disarmament, and calls upon its own Government to pursue a policy of international co-operation through a strengthened and enlarged League of Nations, the settlement of disputes by conciliation and judicial arbitration and the convocation of an international conference to achieve these purposes."

The Committee expressed disapproval of this resolution and urged that a resolution on the lines of that suggested at the last meeting of the Executive should be adopted.

Resolved:- "That the matter be left in the hands of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary to meet one or two members of the 'No More War' Demonstrations Committee to endeavour to decide upon the terms of a resolution acceptable to both parties."

Captain Elliot suggested that the Union's speakers might be given a separate resolution to speak upon.

162. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT.** The Financial Statement for the period ending June 3rd 1924, showed a balance at the Bank amounting to £5,852.9.6 with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £1,020.

163. **CHARTER OF INCORPORATION.** The Secretary reported upon the visit of the Chairman and himself to Mr Colin Smith of the Privy Council Office, and it was

Resolved:- "That the honorary solicitor, Mr Claremont, be asked to visit Mr Smith with the Secretary and present a draft Royal Charter to an early meeting of the Executive Committee."

164. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.**

- (a) **RELIGIONS AND ETHICS.** The minutes of the Committee of Religions & Ethics dated May 16th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (246) Publicity; (249) Theosophical Society; (250) League of Religions; (256) Co-optations; (258) Financial Outlook; and (259) Appeal.]

- (b) FINANCE. The minutes of the Finance Committee dated May 21st 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (46) Financial Statement; (47) February Appeal; (48) Wages and Salaries; (49) Passing of Cheques for Payment; and (50) Appeal to Business Men.]

- (c) HOSPITALITY. The minutes of the Hospitality Committee dated May 21st, 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (94) General Council meeting; (95) Correspondence; (96) Co-optations; (97) British Confederation of Arts; (98) Anglo-French Hospitality Committee.]

- (d) OVERSEAS. The Minutes of the Overseas Committee dated May 28th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (629) Hochschule fur Politik; (631) Lyons Conference; (635) Books for Japan; (637) Overseas Secretary.]

- (e) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated May 29th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (61) Overseas Secretary; (62) Northern Region - Travelling Secretary; (63) Labour Advisory Committee; and (64) Appointments.]

- (f) WOMEN'S ADVISORY. The minutes of the Women's Advisory Committee dated May 30th, 1924, together with the recommendation contained therein, were approved and adopted.

- (g) EDUCATION. The minutes of the Education Committee dated May 30th, 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (436) Intellectual Co-operation; (437) List of Meetings; (438) Local Education Authorities; (439) Assembly Tours; (440) Propaganda and School Text-Book Commission.]

165. CHINA. A memorandum on the question of China drafted by Brig. General C.D. Bruce was considered, and it was

Resolved:- "That this question be referred for report to a small sub-Committee consisting of:-

Lady Bonham Carter (Chairman)
Mr. C. Delisle Burns.
Mr. H.A.L. Fisher.
Sir John Jordan.
Sir Charles Addis.
Mr. Warnshuys.

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166. GENERAL COUNCIL - ANNUAL MEETING. The Committee received the agenda of the Annual meeting of the General Council.

The Secretary reported that Sir Arthur Crosfield was inviting all the delegates to the Council to a Garden Party on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 18th.

Resolved:- "That the gratitude of the Committee be expressed to Sir Arthur Crosfield."

The Committee approved subject to one or two amendments the programme of the Conferences to be held at Wembley during the week June 16th to 21st.

167. WHITSUN HOLIDAYS.

Resolved:- "That the office be closed on Saturday, June 7th and Monday, June 9th, for the Whitsun Holidays."

168. NEXT MEETING.

Resolved:- "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, June 12th at 11.30. a.m."

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
12th 1924 AT 11.30 a.m.

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PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); G.N.Barnes;
Percy Bigland, A.W.Claremont, Mrs Ogilvie Gordon,
J.W.Hills, F.N.Keen, Rear-Admiral S.R.Drury Lowe,
E.W.Morton-George, Lord Queenborough, Charles
Roberts, Mrs Walter Runciman, Henry Vivian, and
L.M.Wynch: together with the Secretary.

MINUTES

169. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir Willoughby Dickinson, the Viscountess Gladstone, Lady Mary Murray, General Seely, and Mr H.Graham White.
170. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated June 5th 1924 were approved as circulated.
171. DRAFT TREATY OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE. The Chairman reported that he had sent a copy of the Union's revised Draft Treaty to the Prime Minister and had asked him if he would receive a deputation. He had received an acknowledgment of the Treaty and he would remind the Prime Minister in a few days if he did not receive a reply in regard to the deputation. The Chairman had also sent a copy of the Draft Treaty to Lord Parmoor who had expressed his interest in it.
172. OCCUPATION OF GERMAN TERRITORY. Major Hills reported that the Committee had met to consider the question of sanctions under the Dawes Report and would make its report to the next Executive after the Lyons Conference.
173. CHINA COMMITTEE. It was reported that the Committee to consider General Bruce's memorandum on China, had not yet met.
174. LYONS CONFERENCE.

(a) Delegates Meeting. The Committee considered the minutes of the meeting of the delegates to the Lyons Conference. The Committee approved the decisions of the delegates in regard to their attitude to the various resolutions on the agenda except in regard to the two resolutions (b)(3)(International measures of coercion) and (b)(4)(Responsibility of States for crimes committed on their territories) to be proposed by the Swiss Society. It was

Resolved:- "To instruct the British delegates to take such steps when the Swiss resolution came up as to avoid, if possible, calling into question the Council's acceptance of the Jurists recommendation."

It was further

Resolved:- "That Dr Garnett be one of the members of the Commission on internal questions."

(b) Delegation.

Resolved:- "That the following be asked to act as delegates to the Conference:-

Mrs Peter Hughes Griffiths
 Captain Lothian Small
 Captain A.E.W. Thomas, D.S.O., M.C.
 Mr E.C. Henty (if he accompanies the Delegation
 to Lyons)

(c) Council. It was pointed out that Lady Gladstone was unable to attend the Conference at Lyons this year and it therefore meant that the Executive would have to appoint someone to take her place on the Council.

Resolved:- "That Dr Garnett be a member of the Council during the Lyons meeting."

175. UNITED STATES OF EUROPE - PROPOSAL OF SIR MAX WAECHTER. The Committee considered a pamphlet entitled "The United States of Europe" drafted by Sir Max Waechter who had asked for the Executive's opinion upon the proposal contained therein.

Lord Queenborough promised to write to Sir Max to ask him whether he would see the Chairman, Secretary and himself. The Chairman said he would write a personal letter to Sir Max thanking him for the pamphlet.

176. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a). CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS. The minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated June 4th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted, except minute 48 in regard to which it was agreed that at the special meeting of the General Council, Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe should move the amendment proposed by the Christian Organisations Committee in regard to Rule 6.

[These minutes included (45) Matters arising out of minutes; (45a) Liaison Committee and World Alliance; (46) Service at Geneva; (47) Corporate Members; (48) Proposed amendment to Rule 6;

177. ALABAMA COMMEMORATION. Mr Keen reported that he had been in touch with Dr Bellot of the International Law Association who had written to say that he had brought the matter before the International Council which had declared its willingness to co-operate in a proposal to have a plaque installed in the Alabama room of the Hotel de Ville, Geneva, but that the Council were unable to make any suggestions.

178. GENERAL COUNCIL - NOMINATIONS.

Resolved:- "That the Council be asked to elect Sir Hugh Shaw Stewart, the President of the Scottish National Council, as a Vice-President; and also that the following be nominated for co-optation to the Council under Rule 20(4)(d):-

Mrs Ogilvie Gordon
 Lady Denman
 Lady Lawson

179. NEXT MEETING.

Resolved:- "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, June 26th at 11.30 a.m."

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 26th
1924 AT 11.15 a.m.

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30.6.24.

PRESENT: - Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); G.N. Barnes,
Lady Bonham Carter, Sir N. Grattan Doyle, V.H. Finney,
the Viscountess Gladstone, John W. Hills, E.W. Morton-
George, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, and R.J. Wilson;
together with the Secretary.

M I N U T E S

180. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Sir Arthur Haworth and Lord Queenborough.
181. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated June 12th 1924, were approved as circulated.
182. DRAFT TREATY OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE. The Chairman reported that the Prime Minister had written saying that owing to pressure of work he could not receive a deputation on the draft Treaty of Mutual Assistance, but that the Executive's suggestions would receive due consideration.

Professor Murray also stated that he had received a letter from Mr Fisher in which he stated that if he had been present at the last meeting of the Executive, he would have taken the opportunity to register his dissent. Whilst he approved of the general principles underlying the Treaty he did not think the British Government could sign it in its present form.

183. ALABAMA COMMEMORATION. The Chairman reported that his communications with Lord Selborne and Dr Bellot in regard to a proposal to have a plaque installed in the Alabama Room of the Hotel de Ville, Geneva, had led to nothing.

Lady Gladstone promised to make enquiries along other lines and would report again to the Committee.

184. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending June 24th 1924 showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £6,249.15.2 with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £1,000.

The Secretary reported the receipt of the following letter:

"I have received your appeal for the League of Nations sent to my husband George Mallory. I know he would have wished me to send something so from him I send one donation of £10.0.0.
(sgd) Ruth Leigh Mallory."

[Mrs Mallory was the wife of George Mallory, whose death had been reported during the last two or three days in connection with the attempt to climb Mount Everest.]

Resolved: - "That a letter expressing the particular appreciation of the Executive for her gift be sent to Mrs Mallory,"

The Chairman also promised to write a personal note.

185. GENERAL COUNCIL - MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING. The Committee received and approved the minutes of the Fifth Annual meeting of the General Council held June 17th and 18th.

(41) Mr Ramsay MacDonald. The Chairman reported that he had written to the Prime Minister conveying to him the unanimous invitation of the Council to accept an Hon. Presidency of the Union. The Prime Minister had replied saying that he could not see his way to accept.

(54) Consultative Committee.

Resolved:- That a meeting of the Consultative Committee should be called for either the last week in July or during the first fortnight in October in order to consider minute 54 of the minutes of the General Council.

(59) National Flag Day.

Resolved:- "That in the monthly Branch letter it should be pointed out that the Council's resolution in regard to a National Flag Day should not preclude the individual Branches from organising local flag days."

186. NEW MEMBERS. The Chairman on behalf of the Executive Committee, welcomed Sir N. Grattan Doyle, M.P., Mr V.H. Finney, M.P., and Mr R.J. Wilson, M.P., upon taking their seats for the first time as members of the Executive.

187. NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF WAR. The Secretary reported that Professor Murray, Major Hills and he had met Mr Mosley, Mr Hudson, Mr Beckett and Miss Ruth Fry at the House of Commons on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 24th inst. They had agreed that if the resolution was amended so as to read as follows it would be acceptable to both parties:-

"That this Mass Meeting of Citizens sends fraternal greetings to the similar gatherings now being held throughout Europe and America, joins with them in declaring its hatred of war and militarism, and pledges itself to co-operate with them in working for conditions which will guarantee that there shall be No More War, by:-

- (a) perfecting international organisations for the removal of the causes of war, the peaceful settlement of disputes and the promotion of international co-operation;
- (b) securing the whole-hearted and organised co-operation of peoples working through a perfected and all-inclusive League of Nations;
- (c) developing an international sense of solidarity which shall make war impossible.

Resolved:- "To approve the action of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary."

The Secretary reported a communication from the Assistant Secretary of the National Council for the Prevention of War suggesting that the Union should circulate to its Branches a

memorandum issued by the N.C.P.W. on the question of the No More War Demonstrations.

Resolved:- "That Mr Potter be informed that the Executive regretted that this could not be allowed, but that they would instruct the Branches to co-operate in the fullest possible way."

It was further

Resolved:- "That a special letter should be sent to the Branches setting out fully the Executive's attitude and policy in regard to the No More War Demonstrations and urging co-operation within the terms of the minute of the General Council."

188. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - CO-OPTATIONS.

Resolved:- "That the following be co-opted as members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:-

Philip Baker
Percy Bigland
C. Delisle Burns
Mrs A.W. Claremont
Lady Denman
Captain Walter Elliot, M.P.
Mrs Ogilvie Gordon, D.Sc., Ph.D.
Major the Hon. W. Ormsby-Gore, M.P.
Oswald Mosley, M.P.
Lady Mary Murray
Charles Roberts
Mrs Walter Runciman
The Countess of Selborne
Mrs Oliver Strachey
H. Baillie-Weaver
H. Whitehead (or other representative of the
Co-operative Movement)

H. Graham White, M.P.
Sir Ellis Hume Williams, M.P.
Cecil Wilson, M.P.
Herbert Forsley.

189. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS. The minutes of the Committee of Religions and Ethics dated June 11th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (270 & 272) Theosophists and Christian Scientists; (271) Federation Conference; (275) Covering Letter for Circular; (276) Appeal; and (279) Executive]

- (b) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated June 12th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (66) Overseas Secretary; (67) Half-yearly revision of salaries and wages; (68) Permanent staff applications; (69) Leave; (70) Dame Adelaide Livingstone; (71) I.L.O. Lecturer; and (72) Pensions]

- (c) EDITORIAL. Subject to an amendment in minute 43, the minutes of the Editorial Committee dated June 12th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (43) Humanitarian Activities of League; (44) Health Work of League for Medical Profession; (47) New publications; (48) Criticisms of HEADWAY; and (49) The Christ of the Andes.]

- (d) LABOUR ADVISORY. The minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee dated June 12th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

Resolved:- That as the Chairman and Mr Wilson Harris had approved the manuscript by Mrs Oliver on "The Parliament of Man", it be printed without further reference to the Editorial Committee.

[These minutes included (64) I.L.O. propaganda; (65) Secretary's Report; and (66) I.L.O. Lecturer.]

- (e) FINANCE. The minutes of the Finance Committee dated June 16th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (52) Appeals sub-committee; (53) National Flag Day; (54) Entertainment Tax; (55) British Legion; (56) Financial Statement; (57) Alterations in salaries and wages; (58) Pensions; and (59) Cheques.]

190. ROYAL CHARTER. The Secretary reported that in accordance with the minutes of the Executive of June 5th, he had called upon Mr Colin Smith of the Privy Council with the honorary solicitor, Mr Claremont. The Charter had now been drafted and he suggested that this should be submitted for consideration to a sub-committee who would then report to the Executive.

Resolved:- "That the following be asked to serve upon this Committee: the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Mr David Davies, Lord Cecil, Mr Claremont and Mr Keen.

191. VICE-CHAIRMAN - ELECTION. It was unanimously

Resolved:- "That Major J.W. Hills be invited to accept the Vice-Chairmanship of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year."

192. THE NEED FOR AN AUTHORITATIVE RECOGNITION BY THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS OF THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

A memorandum on this subject was received. It was

Resolved:- "That copies be handed to the British delegates to the Lyons Conference."

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193. MODEL ASSEMBLY. The Secretary reported that it was hoped to arrange for a Model Assembly to be held in London some time in July or in October. The total expenses incurred, including renting of the hall, would be about £30. He asked the Committee to authorise this expenditure.

Resolved:- "That subject to the approval of the Finance Committee the expenditure for this purpose be authorised."

194. NEXT MEETING.

Resolved:- "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, July 10th at 11.30 a.m."

Gilbert Murray

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, JULY
10th 1924 AT 11.15 a.m.

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15.7.24

PRESENT: - Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); G.N.Barnes, C.Delisle Burns, Lady Bonham Carter, David Davies, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, H.A.L.Fisher, the Viscountess Gladstone, John H.Harris, W.Annie Hey, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Rear-Admiral S.R.Drury Lowe, E.W.Morton-George, Charles Roberts, the Countess of Selborne, Mrs Oliver Strachey, and L.M.Wynch: together with the Secretary.

M I N U T E S

195. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Mr Percy Bigland, Mr L.J. Cadbury, Mrs Ogilvie Gordon, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lord Queenborough, Mr Raymond Unwin and Mr R.J.Wilson.
196. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated June 28th 1924 were approved as circulated.
197. ALABAMA COMMEMORATION. Lady Gladstone stated that she had no report to make upon this matter at the moment.
198. M. MARK SANGNIER - PUBLIC MEETING. Sir Willoughby Dickinson referred to forthcoming meetings to be held in London which would be addressed by M.Mark Sangnier. The Secretary promised to bring up a report at the next meeting of the Executive showing how far the Union proposed to co-operate in the organisation of these meetings.
199. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - CO-OPTATIONS. The Secretary reported the following acceptances to seats upon the Committee:-
Mr Philip Baker, Mr Percy Bigland, Mr C.Delisle Burns, Captain Walter Elliot, Mrs Ogilvie Gordon, Mr Charles Roberts, Lady Selborne, Mrs Oliver Strachey, Mr H. Vaillie Weaver, Mr H.Whitehead and Mr H.Graham/White.
Lady Mary Murray had written thanking the Committee for their invitation but regretting that she was unable to serve.
Mr Herbert Worsley had written to say that he had certain meetings to attend in the City, which sometimes happened on Thursday mornings, and he did not feel that he ought to join unless he felt certain of regular attendance, but he thought the City work would not last much longer.
Resolved:- "That Mr Worsley be urged to join the Committee even though at the outset his attendances might be somewhat irregular."
200. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending July 8th 1924 showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £6,536.7.0 with estimated outstanding liabilities amounting to £1,041.11.5.
201. LORD FARMOOR - COMMUNICATION. The Committee received a letter from Lord Farmoor in reply to the various resolutions of the League of Nations Union Council.
202. THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE UNION. The Committee again considered the question of the non-acceptance of the invitation to the Prime

Minister to become an Honorary President of the Union. It was

Resolved:- "To issue a statement to the Press which Sir Willoughby Dickinson should first show to Sir Ronald Waterhouse and which unless after that interview the Chairman decided otherwise, should be issued to the Press in time for the newspapers on Monday, July 14th."

203. DAWES REPORT - SANCTIONS. The Committee received and adopted a Report of the sub-committee which had been constituted by the Executive on May 22nd "to enquire into the question of sanctions under the Dawes Report and to recommend who should enforce sanctions."

Mr David Davies, a member of the sub-committee, expressed dissent with some parts of the report.

Resolved:- "That the Report be sent to Lord Parmoor for his information."

204. LYONS CONFERENCE. The Committee received the preliminary report of the Lyons Conference, and Sir Willoughby Dickinson and the Secretary made some observations on the work of the Federation at this Assembly. Mr David Davies mentioned that the Council of the Federation would meet in London in October, and would decide on the place of the meetings of the next Assembly which would probably be Germany if by then sufficient progress had been made with the Reparations problem as to promise a definite date for the evacuation of the Ruhr.

205. GENERAL COUNCIL - VICE-PRESIDENTS & HON. VICE-PRESIDENTS. The Secretary asked the Committee's guidance as to whether he should notify the Vice-Presidents, Hon. Vice-Presidents and members of the Executive Committee who had not been re-elected at the Annual Meetings of the Council. The Committee were of opinion that no letter need be written.

206. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) MANAGEMENT. The minutes of the Management Committee dated June 26th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (50) Branches; and (51) British Empire Exhibition.]

- (b) EDUCATION. The minutes of the Education Committee dated June 27th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (146) List of Meetings; (147) Scottish Education Authorities; (148) Wireless Message; (150) Teachers Organisations and the L. of N.]

- (c) OVERSEAS. The following items from the minutes of the Overseas Committee held the previous day were considered:-

642. It was reported that the Council of the Federation of League of Nations Union has been fixed to take place in London on the 13th, 14th and 15th October. It was

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Resolved: - To recommend to the Executive Committee that the Hospitality Committee be asked to find hospitality for not more than 60 persons from Monday, 13th October to Thursday, the 16th, and a provisional programme of arrangements was decided on.

644. Books for Japanese University Libraries. It was

Resolved: - (1) That the books already collected should be despatched forthwith.

(2) That the Chairman and Secretary should proceed to raise a fund of from £20-25 to purchase such books as had not been presented by publishers or authors.

647. It was agreed to guarantee out of the Overseas Budget the sum of not more than £100 for this year towards the travelling expenses of English delegates to the International Universities League of Nations Federation on the understanding that an additional £100 should be obtained from other sources.

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Appointment of Overseas Secretary. It was decided to recommend to the Executive Committee to invite Miss Ruth Rouse, at present Secretary of the Executive Committee of the World's Student Christian Federation, to accept the position of Overseas Secretary as from October 1st at a salary of £500 per annum.

Resolved: - "That these minutes be approved and adopted and that minute 642 be referred for action to the Hospitality Committee."

207. WESLEYAN CONFERENCE. On the suggestion of Mr Rennie Hey, the Secretary promised to write a letter to the Wesleyan Conference which would meet in the following week urging that they should take steps to get the respective Churches to become Corporate Members of the Union.

208. NATIONAL LEAGUE OF NATIONS WEEK. The Secretary read a communication from the Brighton & Hove Branch urging that the Executive should again consider the possibility of arranging for a National League of Nations week.

Resolved: - "That a reply be sent pointing out that when the General Council discussed the matter, it was indicated that in the Council's opinion it was desirable that wherever possible Branches should organise League of Nations weeks, but that particular weeks for each area should be chosen by the local Branches in view of local circumstances."

209. MR WHELEN. The Secretary reported the receipt of the following cablegram from Canada:-

"Whelen addressed Senate and House of Commons, Ottawa, speaker presiding great success. Richardson."

G. Martin-Mackenzie

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

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15 GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, JULY
17th 1924 AT 11 a.m.

C/13.
22.7.24.

PRESENT - Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); G.N.Barnes,
Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck,
Percy Bigland, C.Delisle Burns, L.J.Cadbury, Lord Cecil,
A.W.Claremont, David Davies, Sir N.Grattan Doyle, Walter
Ellicot, V.H.Pinney, H.A.L.Fisher, the Viscountess Gladstone,
Mrs Ogilvie Gordon, John H.Harris, John W.Hills, F.N.Keen,
E.W.Morton-George, Charles Roberts, Mrs Walter Runciman,
Mrs Cliver Strachey, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, H.Graham
White, A. Whitehead, L.M.Wynch; and the Secretary.

MINUTES

210. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Mr Baillie-Weaver, Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe, Lord Queenborough and Lady Selborne.
211. MINUTES. Subject to an amendment in minute 206(e)(647), the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated July 10th 1924 were approved as circulated.
212. ALABAMA COMMEMORATION. Lady Gladstone reported that she was in communication with her brother-in-law on this subject and that she would report at an early meeting of the Executive.
213. INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES LEAGUE OF NATIONS FEDERATION.
Resolved:- "That minute 206(c)(647) approved at the last meeting of the Committee, be rescinded and that the following resolution take its place:
"That the Union defray the cost, not exceeding £100 a year, of railway fares and subsistence allowances of members of the British Group of the International Universities League of Nations Federation attending meetings of the Federation abroad, on the understanding that the return to the Union of this expenditure will be a first charge upon the excess of the British Group's income over £120 a year, and on the further understanding that the British Group endeavour to raise a total income of £500 per annum."
214. OVERSEAS SECRETARY. The Secretary reported that Miss Ruth Rouse had written withdrawing her candidature for the post of Overseas Secretary.
215. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending July 17th 1924 showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £6,809.4.11 with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £1,298.14.8
216. PRIME MINISTER AND THE UNION. The Secretary reported that the Press statement suggested at the last meeting of the Executive had not been issued for the reason that Sir Willoughby Dickinson was now in communication with Sir Ronald Waterhouse the Prime Minister's Private Secretary. Meanwhile the appointment of Professor Gilbert Murray, as one of the British delegates to the Fifth Assembly, would tend to remove the impression that any

considerable divergence existed between the aims of the Union, on the one hand, and the Government on the other.

Resolved: - "That no Press statement be issued at present."

217. DRAFT TREATY OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE. The Secretary drew attention to the fact that Lord Parmoor had announced in the House of Lords that the British Government had forwarded its comments on the Draft Treaty of Mutual Assistance to Geneva and it was understood that these comments were unfavourable.

The Committee were anxious to avoid doing anything that might embarrass the London Conference, but recognised the desirability of being prepared for such action as might appear proper when the Government's comments on the Draft Treaty were published. The Committee accordingly

Resolved: - (a) That a small sub-committee be constituted with power to act so soon as the Government's policy in regard to the Draft Treaty of Mutual Assistance becomes known.

(b) That this sub-committee should endeavour to secure that the Government, if its reply to Geneva is unfavourable to the Treaty, should produce an alternative scheme for the reduction of armaments and for providing the security which is essential to disarmament.

(c) That this sub-committee consist of Lord Cecil (Chairman); Professor Gilbert Murray, Mr David Davies, Mr H.A.L. Fisher, Mr Delisle Burns, Mr Charles Roberts and Major J.W. Hills.

218. ROYAL CHARTER - PROPOSED APPLICATION. The Committee considered a draft Petition and a draft Charter which had been recommended by the sub-committee.

Resolved: - 1. To approve of the draft Petition and Charter as amended.

2. That Mr Claremont be asked to see Mr Colin Smith of the Privy Council Office in regard to the draft amended Charter.

3. That a meeting of the General Council be summoned for October in London, to coincide with the date of the meeting of the Consultative Committee in order to give the necessary authority to proceed with the application.

219. M. HERRIOT. The Secretary reported that M. Herriot had been invited to attend a Luncheon which might be arranged by the Union in his honour, but M. Herriot had replied that he would find it impossible to attend. Lord Cecil had, however, written to him and there was now a possibility of his accepting some such invitation.

220. INTERNATIONAL GIRL GUIDES CAMP. The Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to an International Girl Guides Camp to be held at Foxlease from July 17th to 22nd, and to an invitation from the organisers for any member of the Executive to visit the Camp.

Lady Gladstone reported that the Hospitality Committee would be entertaining 70 of the Girl Guides at Headquarters on July 28th.

221. M. MARC SANGNIER. The Secretary reported an interview with Miss Ruth Fry of the subject of the Fourth Annual International Democratic Congress of Peace which it was proposed to hold on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 17th, 18th and 19th and which were to be addressed by M. Marc Sangnier. She urged that the Union should co-operate as much as possible in the Congress, and particularly that the Union should make itself responsible for a large public meeting to be held on Thursday, September 18th which M. Marc Sangnier would address.

Resolved:- "That the Union should undertake the organisation of this meeting."

222. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS. The minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated July 24th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (52) Resolutions; (53) Corporate Members; (54) Co-optations; (55) Proposed Public Meeting; (56) Peace Sunday Services; and (57) Sir Francis Fletcher Vane.

- (b) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee held on July 10th and July 15th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (75) Publicity Department; (76) Miss White; (77) Miss Naylor; (79) Publicity Department; (80) Intelligence section; (81) Miss Glazebrook; and (82) Miss Richards.

- (c) MANAGEMENT. The minutes of the Management Committee dated July 10th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (54) Branches; (55) resolution; (56) Liverpool & Merseyside District Resolution; and (57) Signing of Cheques.

223. F.I.D.A.C. Lady Gladstone reported the following urgent resolution of the Hospitality Committee:-

"In view of the great importance of helping the British Legion to make effective its policy of international conciliation through the League of Nations, and the need of reciprocating the support given to the Union by the British Legion, the Hospitality Committee is strongly of the opinion that the Union should respond to the suggestion to entertain the Delegates to the Fidac Conference in London at a Luncheon on September 20th. The Committee is prepared to organise this Luncheon if the Executive Committee will sanction a grant of £50 for the purpose.

Mr David Davies said that he had been asked to entertain the FIDAC Delegates to Luncheon at Cambridge on September 19th, and he would be glad if that could be organised as a League of Nations Union function. He would make one stipulation that the Union should endeavour to get a first-class speaker for the occasion.

Resolved:- "To accept Mr David Davies offer with thanks."

Gilbert Murray

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

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15 GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, JULY 31st
1924 AT 11.15 a.m.

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20.8.24

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Percy Bigland, C. Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury, A.W. Claremont, David Davies, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Rear-Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, Walter Elliot, the Viscountess Gladstone, Mrs Ogilvie Gordon, E.W. Morton-George, Charles Roberts, the Countess of Selborne, and L.M. Wynch: together with the Secretary.

M I N U T E S

224. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mrs A.W. Claremont, Major J.W. Hills, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Lord Queenborough, Prebendary E. de M. Rudolf, Mrs Walter Runciman, Mr Raymond Unwin, Mr Henry Vivian, and Mr A. Whitehead.
225. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated July 17th 1924 were approved as circulated.
226. FIDAC. The Secretary reported that Colonel Crosfield had written as follows:-

"I am much obliged to you for your letter of July 21st. I note that the lunch which Colonel David Davies is so kindly giving to the FIDAC delegates at Cambridge will be given in the name of the League of Nations Union, and I much appreciate this association of the Union with the work of the FIDAC."

227. COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL CO-OPERATION. The Chairman reported that he had just returned from Geneva where he had been attending the meeting of the Committee on Intellectual Co-operation. Professor Einstein resumed his membership of the Committee and the meeting had been more useful and more promising than any meeting of the Committee had been previously. The Board of Education had provided him (Professor Murray) with a secretary from among the Board's officers and this gentleman had been so impressed with the League that he had not only joined the Union but was likely to provide a useful influence in the Board's office.

On the suggestion of Rear-Admiral Drury-Lowe the Chairman undertook to arrange with Mr Wilson Harris for a suitable note to appear in the September HEADWAY.

228. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending July 29th 1924 showed a credit Bank Balance amounting to £6,755.8.10 with outstanding accounts amounting to £1,200.
229. DRAFT TREATY OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE. The Committee approved the report of the sub-committee appointed at the last meeting of the Executive and of the statement issued to the Press in regard to the Government's rejection of the Treaty.

Mr David Davies stated that at the instance of the Parliamentary Committee all Members of Parliament were being invited to sign a memorial to be presented to the Prime Minister on the subject. He urged that the Union should arrange for a similar memorial to be sent to the Prime Minister from the Union's members or, failing that, from the Branches. The Committee did not think the Prime Minister's

views on this subject would be greatly affected by representations from the Union or its members, and

Resolved:- That Branches be furnished with a printed memorandum which should contain a copy of the Government's letter dated July 5th containing the British Government criticisms of the Draft Treaty, together with a recent reply to these criticisms, a copy of the memorial signed by members of Parliament, and an indication of the policy which the Union should pursue in order to secure through the League of Nations a general reduction of armaments in accordance with the resolutions unanimously passed by the Third Assembly in 1922."

The final draft of this statement was left in the hands of the Chairman and Secretary.

On the proposal of Mr David Davies, it was further

Resolved:- "That the Consultative Committee be requested to consider how the Branches can speedily and effectively bring pressure to bear upon the Government of the day whenever an emergency arises, and that they be asked to suggest to the Executive Committee various methods whereby all the resources of the Union can be mobilised in the shortest possible space of time, and the influence of all its members can be brought to bear upon the subject at issue."

The Secretary promised to ascertain how similar Societies got their Branches to work rapidly when political events necessiated prompt action.

230. STAFF PENSIONS - INTERIM REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE. The Committee received the interim report of the Pensions sub-committee, and

Resolved:- "To request the Pensions sub-committee to prepare and submit to the Finance Committee a detailed scheme on the lines proposed in their interim report."

231. NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF WAR. The Committee considered a letter from Mr J.H. Hudson, the Directing Secretary of the National Council for the Prevention of War, and Dr Garnett's reply. Mr Hudson, on behalf of his Committee, accepted the proposal of the new Liaison Committee as a temporary and experimental measure to be reconsidered at a later date.

Resolved:- "To regard the new Liaison Committee as temporary and experimental."

232. PROPOSED LENDING LIBRARY. The Committee received a memorandum on the proposal to extend the Union's reference Library into a lending Library. It was pointed out that an application has been made to the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust for a grant but that a reply would not be received until some time in October. Meantime, if it was decided to have a lending Library, the Library Committee would have to proceed with the necessary arrangements at the earliest possible moment.

Resolved:- "That no action be taken until a reply has been received from the Carnegie Trust."

233. FOURTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS OF PEACE - M. MARC SANGNIER. The Secretary reported a communication from the Secretary of the Fourth Annual International Democratic Congress of Peace asking for delegates to attend Conferences during September 16th-20th.

Resolved:- "That the matter be left in the hands of the Chairman and Secretary."

234. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) FINANCE. The minutes of the Finance Committee dated July 16th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (61) Financial Statements; (62) Model Assembly; (63) Salaries and Wages; (64) Glasgow Fair; (65) Auditors' Fees; (66) Cheques.]

- (b) LABOUR ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. The Committee considered the minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee dated July 17th and the Women's Advisory Council dated July 14th 1924. These minutes were considered together in view of the fact that a misunderstanding had arisen in regard to the meaning of the Women's Advisory Minute which read as follows:-

"I.L.O. Propaganda amongst Women. The Committee

Resolved:- To accept the suggestion of the Labour Advisory Committee that the resolution of the Women's Advisory Council on the I.L.O. Propaganda amongst Women should be altered to read as follows:-

'That we support an educational campaign on the work of the I.L.O. and agree to send forward representatives from this Council to the new sub-committee, provided that the sub-committee shall instruct the speakers to present the divergent views which are held on the various conventions, in the same manner as the League of Nations Union presents divergent views on other League activities.'

provided that the Labour Advisory Committee should agree to withdraw the following passage from minute 64 of the Minutes of that Committee:-

'It was unanimously agreed that the phrase 'and particularly on the question of the desirability or otherwise, of protective legislation for women in industry,' calls in question one of the fundamental principles of British industrial legislation and also the very principles of the I.L.O. as laid down in the Covenant of the League and in Part XIII of the Peace Treaties.'

Mrs Ogilvie Gordon, Mrs Abbot, and Mrs Corner were appointed to attend this special sub-committee but they found when the special sub-committee met that the terms of reference precluded discussion on the question at issue namely protective legislation for women which differentiated between women and men workers. The Secretary pointed out that it was necessary to remove this misunderstanding and suggested one of the following three methods: (1) alteration of the constitution of the Labour Advisory Committee so as to include

representatives of the Women's Advisory Council; (2) alteration of the terms of reference of this special sub-committee so as to include consideration of protective legislation for women which differentiated between men and women workers; and (3) creation of a new special joint sub-committee of the Labour Advisory Committee and the Women's Advisory Council for the particular purpose of considering the I.L.O. Conventions with a view to advising upon the Union's attitude towards each.

Resolved:- That the misunderstanding be pointed out to both the Labour Advisory Committee and the Women's Advisory Council and that these Committees be asked to inform the Executive ~~which~~ which of the three they would prefer."

Subject to the above the minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee and Women's Advisory Council, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[Labour Advisory. These minutes included (70) I.L.O. Propaganda amongst Women; (72) Correspondence; (73) Trades Union Congress. Women's Advisory. These minutes contained (104) I.L.O. Propaganda amongst Women]

- (c) DOMINIONS. The minutes of the Dominions sub-committee dated July 17th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.
- (d) CHINA. The minutes of the China sub-committee dated July 22nd 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.
- (e) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS. The minutes of the Committee of Religions and Ethics dated July 22nd 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

The Secretary reported that he was meeting a deputation of this Committee that afternoon.

[These minutes included (290) Circular Letter; (293) India; (294) Ceylon; (296) International Democratic Congress; (298) Appeal; and (299) Committee and the Union]

- (f) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. Subject to a verbal amendment in minutes 85 and 86, the minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated July 29th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

Mr Wheeler Bennett. The Secretary reported that Mr Wheeler Bennett who had given some voluntary service and latterly as a paid officer would be leaving the services of the Union the following day.

Resolved:- That the best thanks of the Union be accorded to Mr Wheeler Bennett for his services.

- (g) OVERSEAS. The Secretary reported orally upon the minutes of the Overseas Committee held the previous day. The Committee made the following recommendations -

(a) Council of the Federation.

That the following be asked to represent the Union at the forthcoming meeting of the Council: Mr David Davies, Sir Willoughby Dickinson and the Viscountess Gladstone.

(b) Overseas Secretary.

That Captain A.E.W. Thomas be appointed Overseas Secretary at a salary of £500 per annum.

That in view of Captain Thomas being unable to take up his duties immediately, Mr Henty be invited to remain in his present capacity on the Headquarters staff at a salary at the rate of £200 a year until his return from vacation not later than 15th September and thereafter at the rate of £400 a year until Captain Thomas takes up his duties.

Resolved:- 1. That the report of the Overseas Committee be approved and adopted.

2. That the formulating of resolutions on the agenda of the Council be left in the hands of the Chairman, and Secretary of the Overseas Committee.

The Secretary reported that he had seen Mr Henty who had very kindly agreed to remain on the staff under the terms mentioned above.

Resolved:- "That the grateful thanks of the Committee be tendered to Mr Henty for the services he had already rendered to the Union, and also for his promise to remain until such time as Captain Thomas takes up duties."

(h) MANAGEMENT. The Secretary reported orally upon the meeting of the Management Committee held earlier in the day and this report together with the recommendations it contained were approved and adopted.

235. AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY.

Resolved:- "That the office be closed for Saturday, August 2nd and Monday, August 4th."

236. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Resolved:- "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, October 2nd; but that the Chairman be in power to summon a special meeting during the vacation should he think necessary."

Arthur A. Henth

Oct. 2nd 1924

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15 GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, 2nd
OCTOBER 1924 AT 11 A.M.

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PRESENT:- Sir Arthur Haworth (in the Chair); G.N.Barnes, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, C.Delisle Burns, L.J.Cadbury, Mrs A.W. Claremont, A.W.Claremont, Walter Elliot, Victor H. Finney, the Viscountess Gladstone, Mrs Ogilvie Gordon, John H.Harris, F.N.Keen, Rear-Admiral S.R.Drury Lowe, Sir Frederick Maurice, E.W.Morton-George, Charles Roberts, Mrs Oliver Strachey, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, and L.M.Wynch: together with the Secretary.

M I N U T E S

237. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr Percy Bigland, Mr David Davies, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Professor Gilbert Murray, Lord Queenborough, Mrs Walter Runciman, Prebendary Rudolf, Lady Selborne, Mr Graham White, Mr A.Whitehead and Mr Cecil Wilson.
238. CHAIRMAN. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Chair was occupied by Sir Arthur Haworth.
239. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated July 21st 1924 were approved as circulated.
240. FIDAC. On the suggestion of General Maurice, it was
Resolved:- "That the resolutions of FIDAC in regard to peace and the League of Nations be circulated to the Executive Committee for their information."
241. FEDERATION COUNCIL MEETING.
Resolved:- 1. That Lady Gladstone, Mr David Davies, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Dr Garnett and Mr Wilson Harris constitute a drafting Committee to prepare the resolutions to be submitted by the League of Nations Union to the Council.
2. That these resolutions should include a recommendation of the League of Nations Union American/ and the Non-Partisan Association that the Federation Headquarters be transferred from Brussels to Geneva.
3. That the statutes or rules of the Federation provide for every speech to be translated into English or French and should not permit any delegate to ask for a speech to be translated into any other language.
4. That the Secretary should obtain information from other international organisations, such as the Inter-Parliamentary Union, concerning their rules governing the interpretation of speeches.
242. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending September 30th 1924, showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £265.17s.2d. with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £1,259.19s.8d.

243. MR ANEURIN WILLIAMS - COMMUNICATION FROM LABOUR CO-PARTNERSHIP ASSOCIATION. The Secretary read a communication from the Labour Co-Partnership Association stating that as the late Mr Aneurin Williams was for a very long time connected with that Association they were endeavouring to get together a fund to commemorate his memory. It was thought that as Mr Williams had been closely connected with the League of Nations Union, especially in its earlier days, many of its members might like to subscribe to this memorial.

Resolved: - "That a list of the names of the L.N.U. Committees with which Mr Williams was connected, be sent to the Secretary of the Labour Co-Partnership Association to whom they might send the appeal."

244. MR H. BAILLIE-WEAVER - RESIGNATION. A communication from Mr Baillie-Weaver was read in which he stated that owing to illness he would be unable to take on any work outside his house for the next twelve months. He therefore felt compelled to resign from the Executive Committee.

Resolved: - "To accept Mr Baillie-Weaver's resignation with regret and that he be thanked for his past services."

The Secretary was asked to make enquiries of Mr Baillie-Weaver as to who should succeed him so as to preserve the link between the Union and the National Peace Council (National Council for the Prevention of War).

245. FIFTH ASSEMBLY - PROTOCOL. The Secretary stated that Lord Cecil had promised to meet the Limitation of Armaments Committee on Tuesday of the following week in order to discuss the Geneva Protocol.

Resolved:-(a) That in addition to the members of the Limitation of Armaments Committee the Members of Parliament on the Executive should also be invited to attend this meeting.

- (b) That if the Chairman agrees a special meeting of the Executive be summoned for the following Thursday, in order to discuss the Union's policy in regard to the Protocol.

General Maurice drew the attention of the Committee to the persistent misrepresentations in the Press that the British Navy was to be handed over to the League, and Admiral Drury Lowe promised to send a letter to the Times on this subject.

Consideration of a proposal to hold an Albert Hall meeting to be addressed by the Prime Minister and Lord Cecil on the subject of the Protocol, was adjourned.

246. WARS IN CHINA AND MOROCCO - COMMUNICATION FROM MR DAVID DAVIES. The Secretary read a communication from Mr David Davies in regard to wars in China and Morocco. He wondered whether any pressure could be brought to bear on the League to bring about peace between the opposing factions.

The Secretary had sent a copy of that letter to the Chairman, Professor Gilbert Murray. He had replied stating that he had had a talk with the Chinese Delegation and found that they did not wish any one to make any suggestions for League intervention. He had not spoken to the Spaniards but had gathered that they would

be likely to regard League intervention as rather unfriendly. It was
Resolved:- "To inform Mr David Davies and take no further action."

247. GENERAL COUNCIL.

Resolved:- 1. That the next meeting but one of the General Council take place in London and be summoned for Thursday, December 11th, and that the annual meeting in May be held outside London.

2. That the Consultative Committee be asked to recommend where the May meeting should be held.

248. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) OVERSEAS. The Committee considered the report of the Overseas Committee dated September 24th 1924.

655. Federation Business. Council meeting. Lady Gladstone reported

(a) That the Prime Minister had stated that he could not speak at the luncheon on the Tuesday, but that he had promised to send a message of welcome to the delegates.

(b) That members of the Executive, Overseas and Hospitality Committees would be invited to a luncheon at the Criterion Restaurant on the Tuesday, but that they would be asked to pay 10/- per head to cover the cost of the entertainment of the delegates luncheons also.

Resolved:- That it be suggested to Mr David Davies that at the Dinner on the Wednesday night in addition to Lord Cecil and Mr Henuerson (or other member of the Cabinet), Lady Gladstone be also asked to speak.

669. Proposals by Mr E.B.Morgan.

Resolved:- (a) To agree to the appointment of a German sub-committee.

(b) That the further proposals of Mr E.B.Morgan suggesting co-operation between the German League of Nations Society and the Union be discussed with Count Bernstorff and the Secretary of the German League of Nations Society when they are in London for the Federation Council meetings.

676. New Hebrides Condominium.

Resolved:- That this matter be referred to the Dominions sub-committee and that for its consideration the Dominions sub-committee be asked to invite Lord Emmott and Mr J.H.Harris.

678. Filene Peace Prizes. The Committee expressed pleasure at the success of the Filene Peace Competition and of the members of the Union's staff who had won prizes.

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Resolved:- "That a letter be sent to Mr Filene expressing their appreciation of the services he had rendered to the cause of peace, not only in England, but in France, Italy and Germany."

Subject to the above, the minutes of the Overseas Committee, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

- (b) EDUCATION. The minutes of the Education Committee dated September 26th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

Resolved:- "That the Chairman or Secretary should find out from Mr Trevelyan whether he would like to receive a deputation from the Union in order to discuss proposals for the celebration of Armistice Day in the schools."

Gilbert Murray

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT 15 GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 9th 1924 AT 11 A.M.

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13.10.24.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); Philip Baker; G.N.Barnes, Sir Arthur Shirley Penn, Percy Bigland, C.Delisle Burns, L.J.Cadbury, Lord Cecil, Mrs A.W. Claremont, A.W.Claremont, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Walter Elliot, the Viscountess Gladstone, Sir Arthur Haworth, John W.Hills, Sir Charles Hobhouse, F.N.Keen, Rear-Admiral S.R.Drury Lowe, Sir Frederick Maurice, E.W.Morton-George, Charles Roberts, Mrs Oliver Strachey, H. Graham White, and L.M.Wynch: together with the Secretary.

249. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Lord Queenborough, Mrs Walter Runciman, Mr Henry Vivian, Mr A.Whitehead and Mr Cecil Wilson.

250. GENEVA PROTOCOL FOR THE PACIFIC SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES. The Committee considered the Geneva Protocol and

Resolved:- 1. That the Executive Committee

warmly approves the principles underlying the Geneva Protocol and congratulates the Fifth Assembly of the League of Nations on the great advance towards permanent peace achieved by the general recognition that arbitration, security and disarmament go hand in hand;

believes that it is vital that this great opportunity should not be lost; and therefore requests the Government forthwith to summon a special Committee, representative of all sections of opinion here and in the Dominions, to examine these proposals with a view to their approval; and

appeals to the Branches and Members of the Union to co-operate in the education of public opinion and in the furtherance by all constitutional means of the policy embodied in the Protocol unanimously adopted by the Fifth

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Assembly of the League of Nations

2. That this resolution be sent --

- (a) to all the League of Nations Societies overseas;
- (b) to Branches;
- (c) to the Press; and
- (d) to the Government.

251. PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONNAIRE COMMITTEE. In view of an imminent General Election, it was

Resolved:- That the following be asked to serve on a Parliamentary Questionnaire Committee:-

Lord Cecil.
Professor Gilbert Murray
Mrs Oliver Strachey
Mr C. Delisle Burns.

Gilbert Murray

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER
23rd 1924 AT 11.30 a.m.

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28.10.24.

PRESENT: - Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman): G.N.Barnes,
Fercy Bigland, Mrs A.W.Claremont, A.W.Claremont,
the Viscountess Gladstone, Mrs Ogilvie Gordon,
John W.Hills, F.N.Keen, E.W.Morton-George, and
Frederick E. de M. Rudolf: together with the
Secretary.

MINUTES

252. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr Osbourn, Sir Arthur Haworth, Rear-Admiral S.R. Drury Lowe, Sir Frederick Maurice, Mr Raymond Unwin, Mr Henry Vivian, Lord Queenborough, Mrs Walter Luncian, Mr Graham White and Mr L.H.Wynch.
253. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held October 2nd 1924, together with the minutes of the special meeting held October 9th 1924, were approved as circulated.
254. FEDERATION COUNCIL MEETING. The Secretary reported that a letter had been received from M. Ruysen thanking the Union for the arrangements that had been made for the Council of the Federation of League of Nations Societies held in London the previous week.
- Resolved: - That the heartiest thanks of the Committee be accorded to Lady Gladstone and Mr Davies for the work they had done in connection with the hospitality and entertainment of the delegates to the Council of the Federation."
255. GERMAN LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETY - CO-OPERATION. The Secretary reported that Count Bernstorff had been interviewed in regard to suggestions made by Mr E.B.Morgan for co-operation with the German League of Nations Society. Count Bernstorff advised that Mr Morgan's suggestions should not be acted on or further considered until the new Secretary of the German League of Nations Society is appointed.
256. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending October 21st 1924, showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £1,978.5s.9d. with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £1,522.5s.8d.
257. PROTOCOL - PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONNAIRE. The Committee approved the minutes of the Parliamentary Questionnaire Committee.

The Secretary reported that the Manchester District had written to say that they did not propose to put the questions before the Parliamentary candidates, and other Branches had also written stating that they also did not intend to do so. It was thought that these questions would tend to force the Protocol into the realm of party politics. It was also considered that the first question went beyond the resolution of the Executive Committee in regard to the Protocol.

Resolved: - (a) That if the Questionnaire is used in future the first question should not be asked.

(b) That before any further copies of the Protocol are reprinted the introduction on the first page should be revised and that this revision be left in the hands of the Chairman, Mr F.N.Keen and the Secretary.

(c) That as soon as possible after the General Election, a meeting of the Committee for the Limitation of Armaments be summoned in order to consider and suggest a scheme for the reduction of armaments.

258. PROTOCOL - COMMUNICATION FROM LORD PARMCOOR. The Secretary read the following communication from Lord Parmoor:-

"Lady Parmoor has brought back to me a copy of the Protocol with the resolution unanimously adopted on the 9th October, printed on the outside leaf. I am delighted that the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union has adopted this resolution, and I believe that we shall succeed if we work together, as I desire to do. I wrote myself a letter to the Times this morning hoping to ward off misrepresentation, but I do not want to make the Protocol a matter of party political discussion."

259. HEADWAY. The Chairman reported that a proposal had been made to him by Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode to take over the control of HEADWAY. The general lines would be to form a Company and give the Union preference shares. They would take over all advertisement arrangements and leave all editorial affairs in the hands of the Union.

Resolved:- That the Secretary be asked to explore the scheme; that it then be referred to the Finance Committee to consider the business details and to make a recommendation to the Executive Committee."

260. IMPERIAL WAR RELIEF FUND. It was reported that the Imperial War Relief Fund had written suggesting that the Union should again co-operate by sending out an appeal for old clothing for refugees.

Resolved:- "To approve of a letter being sent to Branches from the Imperial War Relief Fund signed by Lord Cecil, provided that the letter is despatched from Union Headquarters and that any extra cost involved is defrayed by the Imperial War Relief Fund."

261. GENERAL COUNCIL - MINUTES.

(a) Royal Charter.

The minutes of the Special meeting of the General Council held October 15th 1924 were approved.

Resolved:- "To defer applying for Royal Charter until the Chairman has seen Lord Parmoor."

It was further

Resolved:- "That the warmest thanks of the Executive Committee be accorded to Mr A.W.Claremont, honorary solicitor, for the very valuable work he had done for the

Union in this connection."

(b) Membership. The Secretary reported that in accordance with the Annual Meeting of the General Council he had invited the newly appointed members to serve, and replies had been received from Miss Jewson, Mr Tom Johnson and Mr Fred Bramley, regretting that they were unable to accept the invitation.

Resolved: - "That a further letter be sent to Miss Jewson pointing out a possible misunderstanding in that she had been invited to serve on the General Council of the Union and not its Executive."

262. I.L.C. CONVENTION - WOMEN IN INDUSTRY. The Committee considered a memorandum submitted by Mrs Ogilvie Gordon and Mrs Abbot in regard to the proposed I.L.C. campaign amongst women.

Resolved: - "That the Labour Advisory Committee and the Women's Advisory Council be asked to take this matter into account when they considered resolution 234(b) of the Executive Committee dated July 31st 1924."

263. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS. The minutes of the Committee of Religions and Ethics dated September 20th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (304) International Democratic Congress; (305) Secretary's Report; (306) Committee meetings; (307) New Member; (308) Finances for 1924; (309) Committee's work; and (310) Next Meeting.]

(b) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS. The minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated October 1st 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (61) Corporate Members; (62) Peace Sunday; (63) Mr Clark Gibson; (64) Catholic Congresses; (65) Sir Francis Fletcher Vane; (66) Mr Kenneth MacLennan; (67) Sunday School Pamphlet; and (68) Next Meeting.]

(c) FINANCE. The minutes of the Finance Committee dated October 10th 1924 together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (69) Financial Statements; (70) Salaries and wages; (71) Sir Max Waechter and (72) Cheques.]

(d) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated October 16th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (88) Hospitality Secretary; (89) General Election; (90) Mr Wilson Harris; (91) Colonel Fisher; (92) Mr Strutt; and (93) Mr Weston.]

(e) MANAGEMENT. The minutes of the Management Committee dated October 16th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (65) Recognition of Branches; (66) Transylvania, Mr Macdonell; (67) Royal Charter; and (68) Resolution.]

(f) APPEALS. The minutes of the Appeals Committee dated October 21st 1924, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included the following recommendations:-

1. That a subsidiary company should be formed which should be an 'ad hoc' Company.
2. That the name of the subsidiary Company should not be connected with the name of the Berners Trust.
3. That the total period of agreement between the Union and the Berners Trust should be subject to an experimental period shorter than the three years proposed in the Draft Contract.
4. That the Berners Trust should be required to agree to make a payment in advance to the Union.
5. That every precaution be taken to ensure that the scheme is operated in every way consonant with the dignity of the Union.

Colonel Fisher stated that the promoters were considering calling themselves the 'Peace Emblems Company', and that they proposed to sell the medallion at 3s.0d. and the Union would receive commission on sales. Immediately the contract was signed, or better still when the Company goes to allotment they would give the Union £250.

Mr Claremont said that he had enquired from Somerset House and had found that a Company had been registered under the name of Berners Trust for £10,000 but that only £452 had been subscribed.

The Secretary pointed out that there did not seem to be any loophole for the Union to lose any money at all and it was a stipulation that if the Union accepted the offer, no advertisements would be submitted to the Press without first being approved by the League of Nations Union.

Resolved:- "To approve of the scheme on the conditions enumerated by the Appeals Committee and on the further condition that the agreement between the League of Nations Union and Berners Trust provide for the proposed capital £6,000 to the subsidiary Company to be fully paid out before the other provisions of the contract come into force."

[Mr E.W. Morton-George and Mrs Claremont voted against the scheme. Both Frebendary Rudolf and Mr Claremont did not vote.]

It was further

Resolved:- "That further details for the running of the scheme be left in the hands of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and Mr Claremont; and meantime that some recognised artist such as D.Y. Cameron, Norman Wilkinson, Professor Rothenstein, or some connoisseur such as Sir Arthur Evans, should be consulted before any design for a medal is approved."

(g) CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. The Secretary reported that the Consultative Committee had met on Thursday, October 16th and had recommended -

(a) That the principle of the card vote, which the North Hackney Branch proposed to apply to meetings of the General Council so as to give increased power to delegates appointed by large branches, be not accepted.

(b) That in order to give some increase to voting power to Branches with more than 1,000 members, the second sentence of Rule 15 be amended so as to read:-

'If it is a branch of at least fifty members it shall elect one representative to the General Council; if the number of members is one thousand or more it shall appoint the same number of representatives as prescribed in Rule 19 for a District.'

(c) That Branches be invited to appoint an Emergency Committee with power to consider and act in support of resolutions made by the Executive Committee when it is not possible to hold a special meeting of the Branch or Branch Committee.

(d) That a notice be sent to all Branches and Districts calling their special attention to rule 12 which requires an annual statement of income and expenditure to be sent to Headquarters not later than April in each year, and to request that when sending in the statements of income and expenditure, Branches and Districts should also send a report showing the exact number of 1/-. 3s.6d., and £1 members who are not more than two years in arrear.

(e) That special efforts be made to obtain £1 members be approved.

(i) That special canvassing or "buttonholing" by members of Committees and others be specially commended.

(ii) That members be reminded that if they do not wish to receive the literature to which they are entitled they should say so and allow the money thus saved used for general purposes.

Resolved:- "To approve of the recommendations of the Consultative Committee."

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 6TH 1924 AT 11 O'CLOCK.

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PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); Philip Baker, G.N. Barnes, Percy Bigland, C. Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury, Lord Cecil, Mrs. A.W. Claremont, A.W. Claremont, Sir N. Grattan Doyle, Walter Elliot, the Viscountess Gladstone, Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, John H. Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major J.W. Hills, Sir Charles Hobhouse, F.N. Keen, Rear-Admiral S.R. Drury Lowe, Sir Frederick Maurice, E.W. Morton-George, Prebendary E. de M. Rudolf, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, A. Whitehead, and L.M. Wynch: together with the Secretary.

MINUTES.

264. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Mr. S.F. Perry, Mr. Graham White, Mr. Cecil Wilson and Lord Queenborough.
265. MINUTES. Subject to an amendment in minute 263(f) the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated October 23rd, 1924, were approved as circulated.
266. LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS COMMITTEE. As November 11th was an inconvenient date for this Committee to meet, it was
- Resolved:- "To cancel the meeting already summoned for that date, and summon it for Tuesday, November 18th at 11.30 a.m."
267. REFUGEES IN GREECE. The Secretary reported receipt of a letter from Sir Arthur Steel Maitland's Secretary reminding the Committee that in the autumns of 1922 and 1923 an appeal had been sent out under Sir Arthur Steel Maitland's name for clothing and help for the refugees in Greece, and suggesting that such an appeal might be made this year.
- Resolved:- "That this letter be sent to the Secretary of the Imperial War Relief Fund suggesting that they might undertake the appeal."
- Mr. Philip Baker stated that last year this appeal was sent to the Church of England and suggested that the Secretary of the Imperial War Relief Fund might follow that precedent this year.
268. ROYAL CHARTER. The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Lord Parmoor stating that he thought there would have been no difficulty about a Charter, but that the time had now passed for him to act.
269. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending November 4th 1924 showed a Bank Overdraft on that date amounting to £251.1s.11d. with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £1,500.

270. GENEVA PROTOCOL.

(a) Prefatory Note. The Chairman referred to a letter which had been received from Lord Cecil complaining about the preface to the Geneva Protocol, but Lord Cecil said that much of his criticisms had been met in the new prefatory note by Professor Murray. Mr. Keen pointed out to the Committee that although at the last meeting of the Committee he had been appointed to collaborate with Professor Murray in the drafting of a new prefatory note, he had not had a hand in the present draft.

The Secretary stated that, as he had already informed Lord Cecil, he regretted having authorised the issue of the prefatory note to the first edition of the Protocol without consulting the Executive Committee or the Chairman.

The Committee expressed approval of the preface as drafted by Professor Murray, and on the motion of Lord Cecil it was

Resolved:- "That the Committee express to the Chairman its gratitude and approval of the statement he had drafted which appears on the first page of the Protocol."

(b) Advice to Speakers. The Secretary said he thought it was necessary in view of the new Parliamentary situation to draft a memorandum giving advice to speakers in regard to their speeches.

It was ultimately

Resolved:- 1. "That a small Committee be constituted to consider questions and answers as to the effect and meaning of the Protocol and also to explain and define the obligations the country has undertaken by its signature to the Covenant."

2. "That this Committee should consist of Lord Cecil (Chairman); Mr. Philip Baker (Rapporteur); Mr. C. Delisle Burns; Captain Walter Elliot, Major General Sir Frederick Maurice and Professor Gilbert Murray."

3. "That this Committee should report to the Executive".

It was further

Resolved:- "That consideration of the question of a deputation to the Government be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee."

271. NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR COMBATING VENEREAL DISEASES. A communication from the National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases was referred to the Women's Advisory Council.

272. EILENE PEACE PRIZE. A resolution of the Executive Committee of the Peace Award inviting the Union to public certain of the successful essays was referred to the Editorial Committee.

273. EXECUTIVE - CHANGES.

Resolved:- "That the question of possible changes in the Executive Committee in view of the result of the General Election be deferred for further consideration."

274. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS. The minutes of the Committee of Religions and

and Ethics dated October 28th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (313) Executive approval; and (314) Terms of Reference to Executive.]

- (b) MANAGEMENT. The minutes of the Management Committee dated October 30th 1924 together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

The Executive approved an amended draft prepared by the Chairman at the request of the Management Committee of a resolution which is to be put to public meetings for the purpose of forming a branch of the Union. The resolution as amended reads as follows:

"We, Citizens of.....in public meeting assembled (or in the case of a sectional Branch) We, members of.....Declare our conviction that in the League of Nations lies the best hope for preventing War, safeguarding the progress of civilisation, and finally establishing the reign of Peace and Good Will among men. Recognising that the success of the League of Nations depends upon getting the people of the world enthusiastically behind the League, we pledge ourselves to form a Branch of the League of Nations Union and to support the Union in its efforts to educate and make effective public opinion concerning the League of Nations".

[These minutes included (71) Royal Charter; (72) Recognition of Branches; (73) Branch resolution; (74) Bishop of Kensington; (75) Medallion; (76) Birmingham District Council; (77) Public Meetings; (78) Speakers; (79) Russia; and (80) Lady Waechter.]

- (c) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS. The Secretary reported orally upon the meeting of the Christian Organisations Committee held on the previous day. He reported that the Committee had decided that no literature, apart from the form of Prayers and Litany and Sermon Notes, should be enclosed with the letter which was to be circulated in regard to the observance of Peace Sunday.

Resolved:- "That this minute be referred back to the Christian Organisations Committee for further consideration".

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15 GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER
20th 1924 AT 11 O'CLOCK.

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PRESENT: - Professor Gilbert Murray, (Chairman); G.N. Barnes,
Percy Bigland, C. Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury,
Mrs A.W. Claremont, David Davies, Sir Gratton Doyle,
the Viscountess Gladstone, Sir Arthur Haworth,
John W. Hills, F.N. Keen, E.W. Morton-George, Lord
Queenborough, Mrs Walter Runciman, Mrs Oliver Strachey,
Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, and L.M. Wynch; together
with the Secretary.

MINUTES

275. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Mrs Ogilvie Gordon and Lady Selborne.
276. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated November 6th 1924 were approved as circulated.
277. REFUGEES IN GREECE. It was reported that Mr Gerald Miller, the Secretary of the Imperial War Relief Fund, had been in touch with Sir Arthur Steel Maitland in regard to a suggestion that they should undertake the appeal in regard to refugees in Greece. Mr Miller stated that he had been in touch with Sir Arthur Steel Maitland who felt that in view of his appointment as Minister of Labour it would be a little difficult for him to make the appeal as he would have done had he been out of office. It was hoped, however, that Lady Steel Maitland would be able to help later on.

The Chairman said that arising out of a recent article in HEADWAY members of the Greek sub-committee had threatened to resign en bloc unless an apology was forthcoming in an early number of HEADWAY.

The Chairman had already spoken to the editor of HEADWAY and a note of explanation had been inserted in the October number, and the needs of Greece would be treated sympathetically in the next issue. It was

Resolved: - "That a letter as from the Executive Committee, and signed by the Chairman, should be sent to the Times supporting the appeal made in regard to Greek refugees."

278. GENEVA PROTOCOL. It was reported that the Protocol Committee had met and would be holding its final meeting on the following Tuesday, after which the Committee's report including questions and answers on the Protocol would be circulated to the Executive Committee in time for the next meeting.

On the suggestion of the Secretary, it was

Resolved: - "That speakers and organisers of meetings be invited to persuade their audiences to pass resolutions urging the Government on no account to prejudice the prospect of world peace by outright rejection of the Geneva Protocol, but to endeavour to get the other Members of the League to agree to such reservations, conditions or amendments as after consulting the British

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Dominions, the Government may consider necessary in the interests of the British Commonwealth."

279. DEPUTATION TO PRIME MINISTER. It was

Resolved:- "That the Chairman be asked to write to the Prime Minister requesting him to receive a deputation in order that the Union might place before him its views in regard to the Geneva Protocol, and that Lord Grey be invited to be a member of the deputation."

280. PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONNAIRE. The Secretary promised that a report in regard to the Parliamentary candidates answers to the questionnaire should be circulated in time for the next meeting.

281. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - CHANGES. The Committee considered the question of co-optation to the Executive Committee in view of the resignation of members of the Committee who had resigned in order to join the Government, and the possible resignation of one or two members who had ceased to be Members of Parliament. The Committee suggested the following names as persons who might possibly be invited to join the Committee:-

Lord Chelmsford.
Lord Hartington
Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson, M.P.
Mr Tom Shaw, M.P.
Mr Philip Snowden, M.P.
Mrs Swanwick.
Lord Willington
Mrs Wintringham
Mr John Loder

The matter was left in the hands of the Chairman to report at the next meeting.

282. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending November 16th 1924 showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £194.15.0d., with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £1,566.4s.2d.

283. GENERAL COUNCIL - PRELIMINARY AGENDA. The Secretary reported that in accordance with the Rules, a preliminary agenda had been circulated to the members of the General Council. The Committee considered the agenda, and

Resolved:- (a) That Sir John Mann should be invited to make a speech at the Council meeting after Lord Queenborough in support of the Budget for 1925.

(b) That the advice of the Finance Committee should be asked for in regard to items (4c); the amendment of the Brighton Branch in regard to Rule 6; and the amendment of the Mortimer Branch in regard to Rule 12.

The Secretary was asked to enquire from the Wolverhampton Branch as to precisely what they meant in their resolution relating to a League of Nations Bank.

Professor Gilbert Murray promised to find out what was the situation now in regard to the readmission of German students as

Rhodes Scholars, and the Secretary was requested to write to the Southampton Branch in regard to their resolution suggesting that it might be postponed until next year.

The Committee agreed that a resolution should be put on the agenda urging Branches to arrange that the Quarterly News Sheet be sent to all members who did not receive HEADWAY.

264. HUNGARY - PROPOSAL TO COLLECT BOOKS. A request of Mr Macdonell that he should organise an appeal for English books to send out to Hungary was considered. The matter was left in the hands of the Chairman to consult with Mr Macdonell.

265. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS. The minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated November 5th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (71) Rev. J. Clark Gibson, (72) Corporate Members; (73) Peace Sunday, (74) Peace Society; (75) Rev. Herbert Dunnico; (76) Sir Francis Fletcher Vane, (77) Baptist Union, (78) Peace Sunday - Broadcasting.]

(b) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated November 5th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

(i) Miss Brodie. Mr F.N. Keen referred to the resignation of Miss Brodie and to the fact that Miss Brodie had been connected with the League of Nations movement as a member of the staff of the League of Nations Society since October 1917, and expressed the sense of loss which the Union would feel as the result of her resignation. It was

Resolved:- "That a record of Miss Brodie's great service to the cause of the League of Nations movement be placed upon the minutes and that the most cordial thanks of the Executive Committee be accorded to her for the work that she had done."

(ii) Mr Lascolles. The Committee considered and approved the following minute of the Staff Appointments Committee held earlier in the day:-

(102) Mr H. Lascolles. The Committee received a report to the effect that Mr Lascolles notwithstanding his many excellent qualifications including untiring devotion to his work, had not succeeded in raising any considerable amount of money for the Union, and had in fact only obtained £25 in the last two months.

Resolved:- That Mr Lascolles be invited to tender his resignation."

[These minutes included (95) Hospitality Secretary (96) Miss Brodie, (97) Captain Small, (98) Mr Pinney, (99) Addition to Voluntary Workers, (100) Mr Strutt, (101) Typists, and (102) Leave.]

(c) MANAGEMENT. The minutes of the Management Committee dated November 17th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (83) Royal Charter; (84) Corporate Membership; (85) Birmingham meeting; (86) Resolution - Branch; (87) Anglo-Persian Oil Co.; (88) Branches; (89) Co-ordination of Christian Organisations and Religions and Ethics Cts.; (90) Medallion scheme; (91) HEADWAY; (92) Armistice week services; and (93) Manchester District]

286. BUDGET FOR 1925. The Committee considered the following Table showing the actual expenditure in 1923 compared with the authorised expenditure in 1924 and the estimated expenditure for 1925:-

			<u>Actual Expenditure in 1923 compared with the authorised expenditure in 1924 and the estimate for 1925.</u>		
			1923	1924	1925
			(Actual)	(Authorised)	(Estimated)
A.	Administration.	£2161.18.0	£2150	22220
B.	Education & Publicity				
	(Direct)				
	1. Intelligence	1084.13.9	1194	1330
	2. Library	69.14.9	100	175
	3. Press Publicity	754.10.9	930	1420
	4. Public Meetings	2015.17.0	2534	2550
	6. Branches and General	1668.0.0	1666	1685
	7. Travelling Secretaries	6812.0.1	7500	7000
	8. Overseas	1165.5.0	1201	1335
	9. Parliamentary	450.0.0	450	225
	(Indirect)				
	10. Educational Organisations		565.13.4	1040	1110
	11. Labour	do. ...	494.3.1	557	1255
	12. Religious	do. ...	500.0.0	500	600
	13. Women's	do. ...	234.7.6	403	530
C.	Establishment.				
	1. Clerical Services	3237.17.4	3530	3260
	2. Accounts	989.4.11	985	1000
	3. Stationery	964.5.1	1000	900
	4. Postages	1249.17.1	1100	1100
	5. Office Maintenance	2963.9.10	2559	2530
	6. Insurances	195.1.9	200	200
	7. Audit & Accountancy Charges	210.0.0	120	135
	8. Bank and Legal Charges	22.2.2	15	15
	9. Travelling		200	150
D.	Contingency	669.1.9	1181	400
			£29175. 3.2	31125	31125
Appeals' share of Overheads				1125	1125
			£29175. 3.2	£30000	£30000

Resolved:- "To recommend to the General Council that the expenditure in 1925 be £30,000 as detailed in the last column of the above Table."

287. BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION. Major Hills reported orally, upon the meeting of the British Empire Exhibition Committee held the previous day. He said that the Committee had spent £17,11.0 less than they

had been authorised to spend, and that 25,000 people had been interviewed. The cost of maintenance owing to the splendid help given by voluntary workers had amounted to only £21.6.8. He paid great tribute to the work done by Major Gladstone Murray, and the other workers who had been responsible for this great success. He recommended that the Union should not have a Pavilion at Wembley next year if the Exhibition was again opened.

- Resolved:-
1. That the thanks of the Union be accorded to Major Murray, and the other workers who had rendered such splendid services at the Pavilion at Wembley.
 2. That the Union do not entertain an invitation to have a Pavilion at the Exhibition next year."
 3. That Branches be informed that the exhibits which were at Wembley can be obtained from the Union offices, and on the occasion of the Council meeting in London the exhibits should be on view either at 15 Grosvenor Crescent or at the place of the Council meeting.

286. NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF WAR. The Secretary reminded the Committee that in May in reply to a request of the National Council for the Prevention of War that the Union should join as a constituent member, the Executive had agreed to the formation of a Liaison Committee consisting of Professor Murray, Major Hills, Mr Oswald Mosley, and Mr Baillie-Weaver, all of whom, except Major Hills, were members of the Executive Committee of both bodies. The General Council at its last meeting in June had confirmed the attitude of the Executive Committee.

The Secretary had now received a letter from the N.C.P.W. stating that the annual No More War Congress which had been arranged to take place at the end of October had been postponed until December 10th-11th and asking that the Union should send delegates, and inviting the Union to suggest the names of two L.M.U. speakers to address the Congress upon any two of the subjects referred to on the agenda.

Major Murray at the request of the Secretary had seen Mr Hudson, who had asked that the arrangement for the Liaison Committee should be considered a temporary measure and had agreed that this Committee should meet in the Union offices at 7.30 on the following Tuesday. Mr Hudson was especially anxious that the Chairman, and possibly Sir Frederick Maurice, should take an opportunity of speaking at the Congress as protagonists of the League of Nations point of view. Professor Murray said he would attend the Conference on Wednesday, December 10th.

Gilbert Murray

Prof. Murray

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESENT,
S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH
1924 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); Philip Baker,
G.M. Barnes, Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, C. Delisle
Burns, A.W. Claremont, David Davies, Sir N. Gratton
Doyle, the Viscountess Gladstone, John H. Harris,
John H. Hills, E.W. Morton-George, Lady Salborne,
Mrs. Oliver Strachey, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian,
Cecil Wilson and L.M. Wynch; together with the
Secretary.

M I N U T E S

289 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on
behalf of Mrs. A.W. Claremont, Sir Arthur Haworth, Mr. Charles
Roberts, Prebendary Rudolf and Lord Queensborough.

290 EGYPT. The Committee considered recent events in Egypt consequent
upon the murder of the Sirdar. The Secretary reported that he
had received many enquiries as to the Union's attitude and reported
the receipt of the following resolution from the Manchester
District Council to hand just before the meeting of the Committee:-

"That this Council views with great uneasiness the
demands made by the British Government on the Egyptian
Government in connection with the murder of the Sirdar,
and urgently requests the National Executive Committee
of the League of Nations Union carefully to watch the
position with a view to getting any dispute that may
arise therefrom submitted to the League of Nations."

It was Resolved:- "That a memorandum to be drafted by the
Chairman and the Vice-Chairman should be
circulated to Branches and to the Press.

291 GENEVA PROTOCOL. The Committee considered draft minute 278 of the
last meeting of the Executive and

Resolved:- "That the resolution therein recorded be
replaced by the following:-

That speakers and organisers of meetings
be asked to advocate resolutions urging
the Government to ratify the Geneva Protocol
subject to such reservations, conditions
or amendments as, after consulting the
British Dominions, the Government may
consider necessary and be able to persuade
the other Members of the League to accept.

The Committee considered a paper entitled "Some questions
on the Geneva Protocol" prepared by the Sub-committee, and it was

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Resolved:- "That copies as submitted to the Executive Committee and marked "advanced proof" be sent forthwith to Branches, and that if any members of the Executive had any amendments to suggest those amendments should be sent to the Secretary within the next few days and before the final version was printed off."

Professor Baker reported that he had read the draft pamphlet on the Covenant and the Protocol written by Sir Frederick Pollock and that he considered it to be a notable and extraordinary valuable contribution, not merely to the literature on the Protocol, but to that on the League itself, and it was

Resolved:- That the heartiest thanks of the Committee be accorded to Sir Frederick Pollock for his pamphlet on the Geneva Protocol, and that this publication be given the widest publicity.

Pollock

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15 GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER,
4th 1924 AT 11.30 a.m.

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PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); G.N.Barnes,
Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Percy Bigland, C.Delisle Burns,
L.J.Cadbury, Mrs A.W.Claremont, A.W.Claremont, Lady Denman,
the Viscountess Gladstone, John H.Harris, F.N.Aeen,
Rear-Admiral S.R.Drury Lowe, E.W.Morton-George, Mrs
Walter Runciman, Charles Roberts, Lady Selborne, and
Henry Vivian: together with the Secretary.

MINUTES

292. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir Arthur Haworth, Professor Baker, Sir Charles Hobhouse Lord Queenborough, Prebendary Rudolf, Mr C.F.Wilson, and Mr H. Graham White.
293. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated November 20th 1924, and the minutes of the special meeting of the Committee held November 27th 1924 were approved as circulated.
294. DEPUTATION TO PRIME MINISTER. The Chairman reported that he had asked the Prime Minister to receive a deputation but that he had not yet received a reply.
295. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - CHANGES. The Chairman said that there were only four vacancies on the Executive Committee and he proposed to suggest two Conservatives and two Labour names for co-optation at the next meeting. He invited suggestions from members of the Executive Committee.

Lady Selborne urged that for the future the election of the Executive Committee should be by Postal Ballot in order that Branches who could not send a representative to the Council meeting could have an opportunity of voting.

296. GENERAL COUNCIL - PRELIMINARY AGENDA.

(a) Financial Statement. The Secretary reported that Lord Queenborough would present the financial accounts for 1924 to the General Council and that he had written to invite Sir John Mann to support him.

(b) Proposed League of Nations Bank - resolution of Wolverhampton Branch. The Secretary reported that he had written to Wolverhampton requesting information about their proposed resolution in regard to a League of Nations Bank, and had received a reply. He had sent a copy of that letter to Mr W.T.Layton and asked him if he could be present at the Council meeting in order to reply to the resolution, or send a statement on the subject which might be read.

297. NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF WAR. The Secretary reported that the Liaison Committee of representatives of the N.C.P.W. and representatives of the L.N.U. had met, and that Professor Murray and Mr Wickham Steed had consented to take part, as representing the Union, in the "No More War" Congress, which was to be held from December 10th-13th.

298. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending December 2nd 1924 showed a Bank Overdraft to date amounting to £418.2s.10d. with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £1,200.
299. EGYPT. The Secretary reported that the memorandum drafted by the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman on the Egyptian situation had been circulated to the Branches as well as an explanatory note, approved by the Chairman, and written by Dr Garrett.

Forty-five letters had been received from Branches and individuals offering to support the Executive in taking steps to get the matter referred to the League, or urging that the Executive should take such steps. One or two letters expressed great indignation at the British attitude which they characterised as outrageous.

The following resolution of the Burnley Branch was received:-

"That this meeting of the Burnley Branch of the L.N.U. whilst denouncing the foul assassination in Egypt and supporting the Government in its determination to maintain the safety of our representatives and the honour of the country abroad regrets that the Government has endangered the peace of the world by introducing into the ultimatum any reference to the Sudan instead of restraining its efforts to the detention and punishment of the criminals together with steps for the prevention of the recurrence of such incidents."

The Chairman said that he would write a letter to Mr Austen Chamberlain expressing the gratification of the Committee in the announcement that he was going to come, and also for the statement that he would be prepared at the Council to answer any questions in reference to the British attitude in regard to Egypt.

300. PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONNAIRE. The Committee received a report on the Parliamentary questionnaire which stated that information had been received regarding only thirty-nine Members of the present House of Commons. Of these twenty-nine were definitely favourable, ten favourable with some qualifications, and most of the latter stating that they regarded agreement with the Dominions on the subject of the Protocol as essential.

A large number of Branches stated that they had decided not to put any questions at all since this was the third election in two years and the candidates standing had already expressed themselves fully on their general attitude towards the League. A large number of Branches, in addition, had failed to respond to headquarters request for information as to the action they took, although a reminder on this subject was sent out.

The Committee regarded the report as very unsatisfactory.

301. PROPOSED SUB-COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON INTERNATIONAL LAW. The Secretary read a letter from Mr F.C. Penman, the Hon. Secretary of the Watford Branch, urging that the Executive Committee should set up a small sub-committee of Experts on International Law which could meet together at any time of international crisis and prepare an authoritative statement on the legal aspect of the position.

The Committee felt that when such occasions did arise they could call upon Lord Phillimore, Professor Baker, Lord Buckmaster, Sir Frederick Pollock, and other international lawyers.

302. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) OVERSEAS. The minutes of the Overseas Committee dated November 19th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (680) Hochschule fur Politik; (687) Inter-Universities L.N. Federation; (685) Overseas Budget; (697) Religions and Ethics; and (696) Committee Members]

- (b) FINANCE. Subject to slight amendments in the Budget for 1925 consequent upon the recommendations of the Staff Appointments Committee, and an amendment in minute 80, consequent upon the decision of the Management Committee (minute 100), the minutes of the Finance Committee dated November 19th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (74) Financial Statement; (75) Budget for 1925; (76) HEADWAY; (77) Polytechnic Touring Assoc. (78) Bank; (79) Composition of Committee; (80) Birmingham District Council; (81) Speakers; and (82) Passing of Cheques]

- (c) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated November 23rd 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (105) Miss Spaul; (106) Charwomen; (107) Mr Sackville West; (108) Mr Lascelles; and (109) Public Meetings department]

- (d) LABOUR ADVISORY COMMITTEE & WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. The Committee considered the minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee dated November 20th 1924, and the Women's Advisory Council dated November 26th 1924. These minutes were considered together as both Committees, at the request of the Executive Committee, reported upon the question of differential legislation for women in industry.

The Committee received a memorandum from the Labour Advisory Committee signed by Lord Burnham and with the approval of Lady Denman, it was

- including that of the protection of Women's children in industry*
- Resolved:- 1. That the Executive Committee accept the principles of the I.L.O. and consider it part of their duty to educate public opinion in regard to the work of the I.L.O.
2. That Union speakers *in the Margin* should be asked when speaking upon the I.L.O. Conventions to point out the divergent ~~point~~ *points* of view ~~amongst women~~, and that as far as possible literature on the I.L.O. should also make mention of this fact.

The Chairman promised to write a letter to Lord Burnham.

- (82) (Labour Advisory Committee). Memo on I.L.O. Conventions. Subject to an amendment, the draft text for a memorandum on the I.L.O. Conventions to the Prime Minister, was approved.

The minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee dated 20.11.24

together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (77) Publicity for I.L.O.; (78) Congress on Social Policy; (79) Differential Legislation for Women in Industry; (81) Committee; and (82) I.L.O. Conventions]

Subject to the adjournment of consideration of a proposal to set up a new joint committee of the Labour Advisory Committee and the Women's Advisory Council, the rejection of affiliation with the C.C.W.O (minute 112) and the non acceptance of the resolution in regard to the Egyptian crisis (minute 116), the minutes of the Women's Advisory Council dated 26.11.24, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (107) Propaganda; (108) Differential Legislation for Women; (110) German L. of N. Society; (111) New nominations; (112) C.C.W.O.; (114) Council for Combating Venereal Diseases; and (116) Egyptian crisis]

- (e) EDUCATION. Subject to the addition of Mr David Davis, Mrs Claremont, Major Murray, Mr Macdonell, and Mr Sherman, to membership of the Film Committee, the minutes of the Education Committee dated 21.11.24 together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted: *of 22/11/24*

~~457. President of Board of Education - deputation.~~

Resolved:- That the question of a deputation to the Minister of Education ~~be placed on the agenda for a further meeting (minute 473) be considered~~

by the Executive or on the question of a deputation to the Prime Minister has been decided
 [These minutes included (471) Composition of the Committee; (472) List of meetings; (473) Local Education Authorities; (474) Summer Schools, 1925; (476) League News; and (483) Board of Education]

- (f) DOMINIONS. Subject to the adjournment of minute 26 (New Hebrides) the minutes of the Dominions sub-committee dated November 21st 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted: *of 22/11/24*

~~26 New Hebrides.~~

Resolved:-

of the New Hebrides
 That ~~this~~ ^{the} question be postponed, and that meantime a copy of the Anglo-French Protocol of 1914 referred to should be circulated with a memorandum by Mr J.H. Harris and Mr Wilson Harris.

[These minutes included (26) New Hebrides; (28) Protocol; and (29) Membership of Committee]

- (g) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS. The minutes of the Committee of Religions and Ethics dated November 25th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

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[These minutes included (318) Committee and the Union; (319) Overseas; (320) Dates for 1925; (321) Reprint of 'Circular'; (322) A Question of Method; (323) Revision of Committee; and (324) Next Meeting.]

- (h) HOSPITALITY. The minutes of the Hospitality Committee dated November 26th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

Mr J. W. Harris promised to tell Lady Gladstone of possible people who might contribute funds for the purpose of entertaining foreign and overseas students in the London University.

[These minutes included (117) Lady Grey's Party; and (119) Foreign and Overseas Students in London University.]

- (i) EDITORIAL. The minutes of the Editorial Committee dated November 27th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (52) Miss Bradfield; (53) Christmas Card; (55) HEADWAY; (56) Editorial Committee; (57) New Publications.]

- (j) MANAGEMENT. The minutes of the Management Committee dated November 27th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (96) Royal Charter; (97) Bishop of Winchester; (98) Canon Ottley; (99) Corporate Members; (100) Birmingham District Council; (101) Manchester District Council; (102) Branches; (103) General Council; (104) Public Meeting; (105) Rotary Clubs; (106) Public Meetings; (107) Christmas Holidays and (108) Major Murray.]

303. WOODROW WILSON PEACE FOUNDATION.

Resolved:—That the congratulations of the Committee be sent to Lord Cecil upon being awarded the prize of 25,000 dollars by the Woodrow Wilson Peace Foundation in recognition of his work in connection with the League of Nations.

John Hill
 May 1925

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
18 GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER
11th 1924, AT 11.30 a.m.

c/17.
16.12.24.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); Philip Baker, the
Viscountess Gladstone, Sir Charles Hobhouse, J.W.Hills,
F.N.Keen, Rear-Admiral S.R.Drury Lowe, E.W.Morton-George,
Lord Queenborough, Mrs Walter Runciman, Raymond Unwin,
Cecil Wilson, and L.M.Wynch: together with the Secretary.

MINUTES

304. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. *Mr. Lyell's letter* Apologies for absence were tendered on
behalf of Mr Delysie Burns, Mr L.J.Cadbury, Mrs A.W.Claremont,
Mr David Davies / Prebendary Rudolf and Mr Graham White.

305. MINUTES. Subject to an amendment in minute 302(d), the minutes
of the last meeting of the Committee dated December 4th 1924
were approved as circulated.

306. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - CHANGES.

Resolved:- 1. That Lord Hartington be invited to accept
a seat on the Executive Committee.
2. That the Procedure sub-committee of the
Parliamentary Committee be invited to submit
three names for consideration by the
Executive Committee.

307. OPIUM. The attention of the Committee was drawn to the Convention
adopted by the First Opium Conference at Geneva, and it was

Resolved:- "That this Committee, viewing with grave
concern the failure of the convention drafted
by the First Opium Conference at Geneva to
make any effective provision for the reduction
of the import of Opium into those British
dependencies and other territories in the Far
East where smoking still continues, or to fulfil
its avowed purpose of giving effective application
to Part II of the Hague Convention of 1912,
respectfully urges His Majesty's Government to
withhold its signature from the convention in
question and to instruct the British delegate
at the Second Opium Conference now in session to
support the proposal of all opium not required for
strictly medical and scientific purposes."

*It was a programme aimed
reduction of the import*
It was further

Resolved:- That this resolution be sent to the Government,
to the Press, and at the next opportunity to the
Branches.

Mr Wilson Harris said that he would draw the attention of the
Parliamentary Committee to the resolution of the Executive Committee.

308. GENEVA PROTOCOL. The Committee considered a memorandum prepared by the
Dominions sub-committee for the Dominions Press.

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It was

Resolved: - "That the statement be amended and approved in the following form: -

"The Dominions Committee of the League of Nations Union has had under consideration certain misunderstandings which appear to have arisen regarding those clauses of the Geneva Protocol which deal with disputes which one of the parties claims to arise out of a matter falling within its domestic jurisdiction. It seems clear to the Committee that so far from placing at a disadvantage those nations who object to external interference in a matter of domestic jurisdiction, the Protocol confers on them safeguards going even beyond the provisions of the Covenant.

Both Covenant and Protocol agree that though a question of domestic jurisdiction cannot be made the subject of compulsory settlement by any judicial or Arbitral Body (unless by consent of the two parties) it can always be discussed by the League Council with a view to inducing an amicable settlement by consent. In this respect the Protocol leaves the provisions of the Covenant unchanged. The effect of the Protocol is to make it virtually certain that in case of war breaking out over a question which has been found to lie within the domestic jurisdiction of one party, that party would be supported by the economic and, if necessary, the military and naval forces of all members of the League against the action of the other party.

There are, it may be observed, certain questions of which immigration is the outstanding example, which have always been held by international law to be questions of domestic jurisdiction. The Japanese Ambassador at Washington in a note to the American Secretary of State last May admitted frankly that 'it lies within the inherent sovereign power of each State to limit and control immigration to its own domains.'

309. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS. The minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated December 3rd 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (61) Corporate Members; (62) Liaison Committee; (63) Management Committee; (64) London Missionary Society; (65) Religions & Ethics Committee.]

- (b) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated December 4th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

Resolved: -(1) That the question of the appointment of Miss Macdonell to catalogue Labour publications in the Library be left in the hands of the Chairman.

It was further

Resolved: -(2) That the tabulated statement containing the names of all members of the staff, dates of appointment, initial remuneration, date and amount of last

increase, which is to be submitted to the Staff Appointments Committee when revision of salaries takes place, should also be submitted to the Finance and Management Committees.

- (3) That the Executive should be furnished with these particulars concerning any officer, the conditions of whose appointment it is proposed to alter.
- (4) That a list containing all the above information in regard to all members of the staff should be available at the office for examination by members of the Executive Committee.

[These minutes included (111) Mr Lascelles; (112) Publicity; (113) Appeals; (114) Public Meetings; (115) Hospitality Secretary; (116) Library; (117) Annual Leave; (118) Revision of Salaries; and (119) Staff Committee.]

- (c) OVERSEAS. As a matter of urgency the Committee considered a recommendation of the Overseas Committee that its minute adopted on July 17th in regard to the International Universities League of Nations Federation should be amended.

Resolved: - That the resolution be amended to read as follows: -

"That the Union defray the cost not exceeding £100 a year, of railway fares and subsistence allowances of members of the British Group of the International Universities' League of Nations Federation attending meetings of the Federation abroad, on the understanding that the return to the Union of this expenditure will be, as regards the first half (£50), a first charge on the excess of the British Group's income over £170 and, as regards the second half, a fifty per cent charge upon the British Group's income between £180 and £280 and on the further understanding that the British Group will endeavour to raise an income in excess of this last total."

Further matters in the Overseas Report were adjourned for consideration to the next meeting of the Committee.

- (d) FINANCE. The minutes of the Finance Committee dated December 10th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

- Resolved: -
1. That the hearty thanks of the Committee be tendered to Lord Queenborough and the Finance Committee for the handling of the Union's finances during the year.
 2. That Major Hills and the British Empire Exhibition Pavilion Committee be congratulated upon the fact that the revised estimated cost (£800) of the Union's Pavilion at Wembley was not exceeded by more than about £50.

It was further

Resolved: - That in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee the Budget should be submitted to the Council in two forms, the second form to be headed "Analysis of expenditure for the

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purpose of comparison with the published accounts for 1923 and the estimate for 1924."

The Secretary reported that steps were being taken to act upon Colonel Fisher's suggestion to secure a large increase of £1 members in order that the receipts from members of the Union might cover the whole expenditure. Branches had already been urged to concentrate upon this aim and the Chairman would be asked to refer to it in his remarks to the Council on the 19th.

[These minutes included: (84) HEADWAY; (85) Birmingham District Council; (86) Speakers; (87) Financial Statement; (88) General Council; (89) Council - Special Meeting; (90) Expenditure Budget for 1925; (91) Staff Pensions; (92) British Empire Exhibition; (92) Gould Committee; and (94) Cheques.]

210. GENERAL COUNCIL - AGENDA. The Committee received and considered the final form of the agenda for the General Council meeting on December 19th and decided upon the action to be taken in regard to the various items.

211. NEXT MEETING.

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday next, December 18th.

Gilbert Murray

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15 GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER
18th 1924 AT 11.30 a.m.

8/13.
29.12.24.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); G.N.Barnes,
A.V.Claremont, C.Delisle Burns, L.J.Cadbury, H.A.L.Fisher
the Viscountess Gladstone, Mrs Ogilvie Gordon, John H.
Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Charles Hobhouse, F.M.
Kean, Rear-Admiral S.R.Drury Lowe, E.W.Morton-George,
Lady Selborne, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, E.Graham
White, and L.M.Lynch: together with the Secretary.

MINUTES

312. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Professor Baker, Mr David Davies, Major Hills, Lord Queenborough, Mr Roberts, Mrs Runciman, Prebendary Rudolf and Mr Cecil Wilson.
313. MINUTES. Subject to an amendment in minute 304, and verbal amendments in minutes 307, 308, and 309(d), the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated December 11th 1924, were approved as circulated.
314. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE--CHANGES. It was reported that Lord Hartington, M.P. had agreed to serve on the Executive Committee, and the Chairman was asked to invite the Rt.Hon.Tom Shaw, M.P., Mr John Loder, M.P. and Mr Norman Angell.
315. OPPIUM. It was reported that the Executive's resolution requesting the Government not to sign the Convention of the First Opium Conference had been sent to the Government and to the Press; and that the Convention had not been signed. The Committee expressed the hope that a member of H.M.Government would attend the resumed sittings of the Second Opium Conference, and the Chairman promised to convey the expression of this opinion to the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary.
316. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending December 16th 1924 showed a bank overdraft on that date amounting to £45.16s.3d with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £900.0s.0d.
317. I.L.O.CONVENTIONS. Mr Barnes raised the question of the present situation in regard to I.L.O.Conventions, and it was
Resolved:- "That a memorandum on the subject should be circulated to the Executive Committee for its next meeting."
318. GENERAL COUNCIL. The Chairman reminded the Committee of the General Council to be held on the following day and stated that he would make a speech on current politics and the League of Nations at the beginning of the afternoon session.
319. CHEMICAL WARFARE.
Resolved:- "That the Union should undertake to reprint and publish that portion of the Temporary Mixed Commission's last Report which related to Chemical Warfare."

Mr E.A.L. Fisher promised to read the report with a view to writing a preface.

20. PRIME MINISTER - DEPUTATION. The Chairman stated that he had not yet received the Prime Minister's reply in regard to a request that he should receive a deputation from the Executive Committee.

The Chairman promised to remind the Prime Minister of his previous communication.

21. EGYPT. The Secretary reported receipt of the following resolutions:

- (1) French Federation of League of Nations Societies:
 "The French Federation of League of Nations Societies inspired by the most friendly feeling for the English and Egyptian nations expresses the hope that, in the event of the actual dispute not being settled, as it hopes, by friendly agreement, the two countries will not forget that the League of Nations has always settled disputes which have been submitted to it, in a way most consistent with the interests of each party."
- (2) L'Association de la paix par le dicit, l'Union feminine pour la Societe des Nations, et l'Alliance Universelle pour la paix par les eglises. (Three Societies members of the French Federation).
 "In view of the fact that the Anglo-Egyptian dispute, which has arisen out of the assassination of Sir Lee Stack - Commander-in-Chief of the Anglo-Egyptian forces in the Sudan, is of a nature to disturb the peace of the world; in view of the fact that, not only the general spirit of the League of Nations Covenant, but also the express prescriptions of Articles 4 and 11, make it the duty of the Council (Article 4) as well as of all the members of the League (Article 11) to inform the League of Nations of any dispute likely to cause war, in order to allow of its taking the proper measures to effectively preserve peace; that this obligation is more strictly imposed on the great Powers, inaugurators of the League of Nations, whose abstention in such circumstances would be at the same time a breach of their word, a serious injury to the necessary prestige of the League of Nations, and a permanent menace to peace;
- (a) ask most urgently that the Anglo-Egyptian dispute should be referred to the League of Nations in conformity with the above-mentioned articles in the hypothesis that the parties do not settle it by the medium of direct negotiation;
- (b) request the Bureau of the International Federation of Brussels to make immediate appeal to all the affiliated Associations so that they interpreting both universal public opinion, which is strongly moved, and an important section of English public opinion, may unite in the action certain to be taken by the League of Nations Union with a view to prevailing upon the British Government to resort to the peaceful measures which the Covenant of the League of Nations opens to them.

(c) requests the Council of the Federation to include the question of the responsibility of States for assassinations or political crimes committed on their territory on the agenda of the Ninth Assembly of the League of Nations Societies."

(3) Brighton, Hove and District Branch.

"That this Branch respectfully presses upon the League of Nations Union the desirability of urging the British Government to carry on the administration of the Sudan in future under a League of Nations mandate, and to refer the whole question of the Nile water rights to the League's Committee on Transit and Communications. This branch regrets that the Manifesto sent out by the Executive does not refer to any future policy in Egypt, and appears to advocate nothing except possible International Court judgment upon what has been done. The object of the Manifesto appears to us to be to allay the misgiving of Union members by justifying the Government. This we deem an insufficient step for the Union to take, and we press for a more positive and vigorous advocacy for the embodiment of League ideals in our Government's Egyptian policy in the future. The enthusiasm of the branch for the Union is seriously endangered by what it feels to be the too feeble action of Headquarters at this juncture."

The Chairman promised to write a letter to the French Societies, and as several communications had been received from Branches on the lines of the Brighton resolution, he would make the Executive's attitude clear in his speech to the Council meeting on the following day.

322. ANNUAL STAFF PARTY. The Committee's attention was drawn to the fact that the Staff intended to hold their annual Party on January 24th to which members of the Executive Committee were very heartily invited. Tickets could be obtained from Mrs Dugdale.

327. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) OVERSEAS. Subject to amendments in minutes 719, 731 and 732, the minutes of the Overseas Committee dated December 10th 1924, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

Minutes 719, 731 and 732 were amended in the following form:-

719. Overseas Budget. Dr Garnett requested that, for reasons connected with the drawing up of the Union's Budget for 1925, the item of £200 representing a portion of the salary of Mr Wilson Harris should be transferred from the Overseas to the Parliamentary section of the Budget. It was

Resolved:- "To agree to Dr Garnett's request."

731. Question of Formation of British League of Nations Union Branches in foreign countries. The question of the formation of League of Nations Union Branches in foreign countries was discussed. It was

Resolved: - 1. That when a proposal was made to form a British Branch of the League of Nations Union in a foreign country the Secretary should inform the persons desiring to form such a branch that the following conditions must be complied with: -

- (a) The British branch should collaborate closely with the national Society;
- (b) Individual members of the British branch should help the local national branch;
- (c) Membership of the British branch should be confined to British subjects;
- (d) An annual contribution of £2.2s.0d. should be made to the League of Nations Union headquarters.

It was further

Resolved: - 2. To bring up for discussion at the next meeting of the Overseas Committee the question whether this matter should be referred to the Federation or not.

In the cases in question (Brussels, Syria, Riviera towns) it was

Resolved: - 3. That the Secretary should find out from the national societies in the countries concerned whether there would be any objection to such British branches being formed.

732. Associated Branches in the Dominions. A request had been received from Dunedin that the Dunedin Branch should be affiliated to the Union. After some discussion, it was

Resolved: - 1. That Branches of the Dominion Societies be informed that it is open to them to receive **not only** the Union's literature, but also the Branch letter and any other special communications made to branches in this country for a fee of £2.2s.0d. per annum.

- 2. Branches formed in Dominions where there is as yet no Dominion or National Society should be branches of the Union until such time as a Dominion Society is formed. The branch would then become a Branch of the Dominion or National Society.

[These minutes included (719) Overseas Budget; (720) Committee Members; (721) Religion & Ethics Committee; (729)(2) Commissions; (731) L.N.U. Branches in foreign countries; and (732) Associated Branches in the Dominions.]

- (b) MANAGEMENT. Subject to an amendment in minute 113 to read as follows, the minutes of the Management Committee dated December 11th 1934, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

117. Honorary Presidents - Subscription. The Secretary reported that although the General Council at the last Annual Meeting at Wembley had elected the Honorary Presidents and the other Honorary Officers of the Union subject to their being members of the Union, none of the Honorary Presidents had paid their subscription for this year.

Resolved:- "That the Chairman in his speech to the General Council on December 19th should ask the Council to rescind that part of their previous resolution which required Honorary Officers to be (subscribing) members of the Union."

The following 4 new Branches, 2 Junior Branches, and 22 Corporate Members, were formally recognised:-

Branches: Berwick - North, Berwickshire; Falkirk, Stirling; Friern Barnet, Middlesex; London, Higham Hill P.S.A. Branch; Wray, Lancs; Junior Branches: St. James' School, Derbyshire; Bude Collegiate School for Girls, Sunderland. Corporate Members: Men's Meeting, Leighton Buzzard; Cumberland St. P.M. Church, Reading; Parochial Church Council, Ashford; Co-operative Provident Society, Derby; The Ecclesiastical Parish of Tormohun including the Tor Church and All Saints Church; Torquay; Furrugh Cross Cong. Church, Torquay; Woodgrange Wesleyan Methodist Church, Forest Gate; Westburne Sisterhood, Bournemouth; The United Methodist Church, Wellington, Liverpool; Ebenezer Baptist Church, Burnley; Colne & District Co-operative Society, Colne; Lumb Baptist Church, Waterfoot Manchester; Withington Presbyterian Church, Manchester; Queen Street P.M. Sunday School, Farnworth; St. Andrews Presbyterian Church of England, Heaton Chapel, Manchester; National Council of Women, Lincoln; The Ethical Union, London; The Central Synagogue, Portland Street, London; East London Synagogue, Stepney; Trinity Presbyterian Church, Streatham; St. Andrews Presbyterian Church of England, Upper Norwood; Mechanics' Institute, Nottingham; Branch of the C.E.M.S., Witney; St. Nicholas Pres. Church of England, Shrewsbury; St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Croydon; Wallington - Brotherhood; Heather Road Mission, Senior Boys' Class, Birmingham; Camp Hill Pres. Church, Birmingham; Low Moor P.M. Church, Bradford; Wesley Place Cong. Church, Bradford; St. Johns Church, Yeading; Free Church Ministers Fraternal, Middlesboro'.

It was reported that there were now 1,967 Branches, 400 Junior Branches, 958 Corporate Members, and 424,187 members.

[These minutes included (111) Corporate Members; (112) Branches; (113) Honorary Presidents; (114) Education and Internationalism; and (115) Sir Francis Piggott.]

(c) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The Secretary reported upon the proceedings of the Staff Appointments Committee held earlier in the day. This Committee recommended -

1. That the Nottingham Branch be informed that Headquarters could not spare Miss Tynan to act as Secretary of the Nottingham Branch after the end of February, and that she should then transfer her headquarters to Leicester; that her name should be kept in mind in case a vacancy should occur in London; that the heartiest congratulations of the Committee be conveyed to Miss Tynan upon the success of her work in Nottingham and upon the results obtained in the membership campaign during Armistice week.

2. That Miss Spaully be allowed an amount up to £2 to purchase a camera in order that she might take photographs in India to illustrate a lantern lecture on the I.L.O.
2. (a) That subject to the approval of Dame Adelaide Livingstone, Miss Went be appointed Private Secretary in the Public Meetings Department at a salary of £120 per annum.
- (b) That Mrs Downer be appointed assistant to the Appeals Department at a salary of £260 per annum.
- (c) That Miss Macdonell be appointed to catalogue the Union's Labour Library for expenses at the rate of 25/- per week for not more than twenty weeks.

The Secretary said he would ask Miss Audrey Richards to help Miss Macdonell as far as possible.

- (d) That Miss Jackson be appointed assistant in the Publicity Department at a salary of £200 per annum.
4. That Miss Grew be given a fortnight's extra leave at Christmas and that for the next six weeks she should not remain at the office after 4.30 p.m.
5. That if Mr Clark Gibson was prepared to undertake the honorary Secretaryship of the Christian Organisations Committee and the Religious and Ethics Committee on the condition that his Private Secretary should spend her whole time at Headquarters, his offer be gratefully accepted and that a salary of a Private Secretary, not exceeding £3 per week, be paid by the Union.
6. That resolution (118) of the Committee held December 4th be rescinded and that in view of her long service and while she acts as deputy chief of the Typing Room, Miss Rice be granted an increase of 5/- per week as from January 1st 1925.
7. That the Secretary be asked to make enquiries for a trained Librarian who would be willing to undertake the duties of Librarian to the Union in return for an honorarium not exceeding £2 per week.

The Committee's report was adopted subject to the question of the appointment of a Private Secretary to the Public Meetings Department being left in the hands of the Chairman of the Executive and the Chairman of the Staff Appointments Committee.

Resolved:- "That Mr E.W. Morton-George be invited to serve on the Staff Appointments Committee in place of Mr Charles Roberts, resigned."

324. MEDALLION. It was reported that in accordance with the Berners Trust the Union had power to declare the agreement null and void if the Berners Trust had not raised the prescribed capital by the 15th December. Mr Claremont reported that the capital had not been raised, and it was

Resolved: - "That the agreement with the Berners Trust be cancelled."

325. BRITISH LEGION. Admiral Drury Lowe stated that he had been in communication with the British Legion and had discussed with them the question of securing a closer link between the Executive Committee of both bodies. In view of the fact that General Maurice was a member of both Executives, the British Legion had suggested that he should be asked to represent the views of the British Legion to the Union's Executive and those of the Union to the Legion's Executive.

Resolved: - "That subject to the concurrence of General Maurice the suggested arrangement be accepted and that Admiral Drury Lowe be thanked for his action in the matter."

326. NORTH AFRICAN COMMITTEE. The Chairman drew attention to several problems, some of them likely soon to become urgent, and it was

Resolved: - (a) That a Committee to be called the North African Committee be appointed to study these problems

(b) That the following be invited to serve on that Committee: -

Brig. General C. D. Bruce, C.B.E.
C. Delisle Burns, Esq. M.A., D.Lit.
J. W. Harris, Esq.
The Countess of Selborne
Professor Arnold Toynbee
Charles Roberts, Esq.
Rt. Hon. Tom Shaw, M.P.
Sir H. M. Johnston, K.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Leonard Stein, Esq.
Professor C. Webster.
Sir Charles Hobhouse, Bt.
Mrs Dugdale.
Mr Wilson Harris.

327. NEXT MEETING.

Resolved: - "That the next ordinary meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, January 22nd 1925."

Gilbert Murray

UNAPPROVED LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15 GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, JANUARY
22nd 1925 AT 11.15 a.m.

C/13.
27.1.25.

PRESENT: - Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); G.N. Barnes,
C. Delisle Burns, D.J. Cadbury, Mrs A.W. Claremont,
H.A.L. Fisher, the Viscountess Gladstone, J.H. Harris,
Sir Arthur Haworth, J.W. Hills, Sir Charles Hobhouse,
Rear-Admiral S.R. Drury Lowe, E.W. Horton-George,
Prebendary E. de M. Rudolf, Raymond Unwin, Cecil Wilson,
and L.M. Wynch: together with the Secretary.

MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr David Davies, Mrs Ogilvie Gordon, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Lord Queenborough, Lady Selborne, Mrs Runciman, Mr Vivian and Mr Graham White.
2. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held December 18th 1924 were approved as circulated.
3. EXECUTIVE - CHANGES. It was reported that Mr Tom Shaw, Mr J. de V. Loder and Captain Sidney Herbert had been pleased to accept seats upon the Executive Committee.
4. DEPUTATION TO PRIME MINISTER. The Chairman reported that the Prime Minister had agreed to receive a deputation on February 3rd at 7.30. The Prime Minister wished the deputation confined to six members, two speeches and there was to be no Press report.

Professor Murray said that he had written to Lord Grey to ask him to lead the deputation. The constitution of the deputation, together with the speakers was left in the hands of the Chairman and Major Hills.

5. MEDALLION SCHEME. The Secretary reported that he had attended a meeting of the Medallion Committee on the previous day. The question of prizes to persons who had submitted designs for the Medallion was raised, and it was

Resolved: - "That the matter be referred to the Finance Committee for report."

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending January 20th 1925 showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £1,511.19.8d with estimated outstanding liabilities amounting to £1,206.1s.0d.

Professor Murray stated that he had received a communication from Sir Theodore Morison telling him that he had written to Lord Grey criticising the expenditure of the League of Nations Union. Professor Murray had acknowledged the letter and also written to Lord Grey mentioning certain facts which he might use in his reply to Sir Theodore. Sir Theodore had asked that a special Committee of persons who believe that there could be a very considerable reduction in the expenditure of the Union, without making any serious difference to its work, should be appointed to enquire into the expenditure of the Union and make definite proposals.

The Secretary pointed out that the figures used by Sir Theodore in his letter to Professor Murray were wrong and he corrected them.

The matter had been discussed at the Finance Committee on the previous day and the Finance Committee had passed the three following resolutions: -

1. To recommend to the Executive Committee not to agree to the appointment of the Committee proposed by Sir Theodore Morison in his letter to Professor Murray.
2. That if a Committee of investigation is appointed it should be a representative one appointed on behalf of the General Council of the Union.
3. To appoint a special sub-committee consisting of Mr Merton-George, Mr Claremont, Sir Edgar Harper, and Prebendary Rudolf to ascertain what economies, if any, could be effected without affecting the Union.

The Committee suggested that Professor Murray should write to Sir Theodore Morison and ask him or other members of the Tyneside Council to visit this office and talk over the whole matter with the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee, or the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

7. I.L.C. CONVENTIONS - WHITE LEAD. The Committee considered a memorandum on the subject of the I.L.C. White Lead Convention and

Resolved: "That when a deputation meets the Prime Minister it should urge the ratification of that Convention."

Mr Barnes urged that the deputation should also raise the question of the Hours Convention and this was agreed to.

8. GENERAL COUNCIL - MINUTES. The Committee received the minutes of the General Council held December 19th 1934, and the Council's resolution asking the Executive Committee to appoint a special sub-committee to consider the question of a simple flat rate percentage in regard to membership subscriptions was referred to the Finance Committee.

9. NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM. The Committee received a memorandum on the New Hebrides Condominium, and as this arose through a minute of the Overseas Committee, it was

Resolved: - "That the memorandum be referred to the Overseas Committee."

10. BRITISH EMPIRE AND THE LEAGUE. The Chairman reported that Professor Keith had drafted a memorandum on the British Empire and the League which had not been published and he also told the Committee of a discussion he had had with Professor Philip Baker.

Resolved: - "That the matter be left in the hands of the Chairman."

11. GENEVA PROTOCOL. The Committee considered the present situation in regard to the Geneva Protocol and also the following resolution proposed by Mr Raymond Unwin: -

"Seeing that the acceptance of the Protocol without amendment now seems improbable, it is desirable that the Union should consider what amendments would best meet the various difficulties which have been raised. The points to be considered should include among others the method of selecting the final tribunal of arbitration; the meaning and effect of the 'presumption of aggression' in certain cases; the question of majority and unanimous decisions of the Council in reference to various questions involved; and the particular bearing of the

Protocol upon the organisation of the British Empire, the reference to include also the broader question of whether the adoption of the general principles of the Protocol would call for a further development of machinery for securing the alteration by reasonable methods of the status quo, the alteration of which by force, or threat of force, the Protocol would prevent; and if so, whether any proposals could be made in this direction; e.g. is it desirable that the International Court should be empowered when deciding questions according to a Treaty to add a recommendation that the Treaty seems in need of reconstruction."

Resolved:- "That the Committee which considered amendments to the Draft Treaty of Mutual Assistance be asked to meet again, together with Mr Tom Shaw and Lord Hartington, and that they be asked to consider and suggest amendments, if any, to the Geneva Protocol."

12. HOTEL REBATE SCHEME. The Committee considered a memorandum by Colonel Fisher urging that Hotels should be approached with a view to their granting 10 per cent on their bills to 21 members of the Union. If accepted it would probably mean a great increase in 21 members.

Resolved:- "That the memorandum be referred to the Finance Committee for report."

17. REPORTS ON COMMITTEES.

- (d) GERMAN SUB-COMMITTEE. As a matter of urgency the Committee considered the following resolutions of the first meeting of the new German sub-Committee held January 21st 1925:-

(a) That a letter be sent to Count Bernstorff as Chairman of the German League of Nations Society, conveying the following resolutions:-

(i) That the British League of Nations Union fully realises the standpoint of the German Government and people in relation to the obligations involved in the acceptance of Article 16 of the Covenant, and will take steps to bring this attitude to the notice of the British Government forthwith;

(ii) That in the opinion of the Union it is extremely improbable that the Assembly of the League would allow the abrogation of Article 16 of the Covenant;

(iii) That the apprehensions which have inspired the German Note of December 12th 1924, are met by the fact that Germany's participation active or passive in military sanctions could only be required of her as a result of a unanimous decision of a council of which she would be a permanent member.

(b) That the Executive Committee should send as soon as possible a deputation to the Foreign Minister and Lord Cecil in order to explain the view of the Union in relation to the recent Note of the German Government on Article 16, which will come up for discussion at the meeting of the League Council in March.

Resolved:- That a letter be sent to Count Bernstorff as suggested and that as the Committee were already sending a deputation to the Prime Minister when the Foreign

Secretary would be present the question be mentioned then.

Subject to this the minutes of the German sub-Committee were approved and adopted.

- (b) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated December 18th 1924, of which an oral report had already been made to the Executive held December 18th 1924, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (121) Miss Tynan; (122) Miss Spaul; (123) Staff Meeting; (124) Vacancies; (125) Miss Grew; (126) Christian Organisations and Religions and Ethics Committees; (127) Miss Rice; (128) Miss Smith; (129) Mr Finney; and (130) Librarian.]

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

- Resolved: - 1. That Mr Clark Gibson be appointed as honorary Secretary to the Christian Organisations Committee and the Committee of Religions and Ethics.
2. That Miss Constance Clark be appointed Assistant Secretary at a salary of £3 per week.
3. That Mr Clark Gibson be given an allowance for expenses at the rate of £44 per annum.
4. That the Standing Staff Committee be informed of the conditions of Miss Clark's appointment and the reason for the appointment not being advertised.

- (c) LABOUR ADVISORY. The minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee dated December 18th 1924, and January 15th 1925, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

In view of the fact that the Women's Advisory Council had recommended on February 26th that a special joint Committee of the Labour Advisory Committee and the Women's Advisory Council be created for the purpose of advising the Executive in regard to I.L.C. Conventions, and that the Labour Advisory Committee on 13th December had suggested that no useful purpose would now be served by such a Committee, it was

Resolved: - "That the matter be referred to the Women's Advisory Council for their views."

[These minutes included (87) Co-operative Leaflet; (88) Publicity for I.L.C.; (89) Labour Organisations; (90) Differential Legislation; (91) W.A.C. and L.A.C. Committee; (92) Vice-Chairman; (93) I.L.C. Conventions; (94) L.N.U. Conference; (95) Publicity for I.L.C.; (96) Composition of Committee; (97) L.N.U. Conference; (98) ratification of White Lead Convention.]

- (d) FINANCE. The Secretary reported the following resolution of the Finance Committee held 21.1.25 and this was adopted: -

"That a notice be inserted each month in HEADWAY respecting the Council's Vote, stating amount of Vote, amount received, and balance still to come; with encouraging remarks and advice to branches as to raising their quotas."

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14. STUDENTS RECEPTION. Lady Gladstone reported that the Hospitality Committee was giving a reception on Friday, February 13th to all overseas and foreign students in Colleges and schools of the University of London. The reception would be held in the great hall of the University, Imperial Institute, South Kensington from 8 to 12 and guests would be received by the Viscountess Cecil of Chelwood and the Vice Chancellor of the University. Foreign students would be given a free invitation, students from this country would be welcomed but would be asked to pay 2/- for tickets, and members of Headquarters Committees were asked to take tickets at 5/- each and urged to come to the reception. Committee members were also asked if possible to make a donation to the special fund which is being raised to meet the expenses of the party which would amount to about 5000 and which was not provided for in the general fund of the Union.

Gilbert Murray

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, JANUARY
24TH, 1925 AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman) G.N. Barnes,
C. Delisle Burns, Philip Baker, Mrs. A.W. Clare-
mont, the Viscountess Gladstone, John W. Hills,
E.W. Morton George, and L.M. Wynch; together
with the Secretary.

MINUTES.

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr. Cadbury, Mr. David Davies, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Mr. H.A.L. Fisher, Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, Rear-Admiral Drury-Lowe, Lord Queenborough, Mrs. Runciman, Mr. Raymond Unwin, Mr. Whitehead and Mr. Cecil Wilson.
16. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Executive dated January 22nd, 1925 were approved as circulated.
17. DEPUTATION TO PRIME MINISTER. The Chairman reported that Lord Grey regretted he was unable to lead the deputation. The Chairman proposed that the six members of the deputation should be two Conservatives, two Liberals and two Labour. He thought of asking Lady Gladstone, Major Hills, Lady Selborne, Mr. Tom Shaw, Mr. Whitehead and Sir Arthur Haworth. If Mr. Tom Shaw or Mr. Whitehead were unable to accept, he would ask Mr. R.W. Wilson or Mr. Delisle Burns. If Sir Arthur Haworth could not attend, he would ask Lady Bonham Carter. The Committee concurred in these suggestions.
18. BRITISH EMPIRE AND THE LEAGUE. The Chairman said he would be making a speech on the following day at Oxford on the British Empire and the League and it was suggested that a verbatim report of that speech might be obtained.
19. GENEVA PROTOCOL - AMENDMENTS COMMITTEE.
Resolved:- "That the meeting of the Committee to consider certain proposed amendments to the Geneva Protocol be summoned for the following Tuesday at 12 o'clock."
20. GERMAN SUB-COMMITTEE. The German Sub-Committee having expressed the desire that one member of the Executive Committee should be appointed to serve upon it, the Committee
Resolved:- "That Sir Charles Hobhouse be asked to join the German sub-Committee."
21. I.L.O. CONVENTIONS.
Resolved:- "That a letter on the question of I.L.O. Conventions as suggested by the Labour Advisory Committee be sent to the Prime Minister, Home Secretary, and the Minister of Labour, and if possible before the deputation is received by the Prime Minister."
22. NORTH AFRICA COMMITTEE.
Resolved:- "That before the North Africa Committee is summoned a memorandum on the whole subject be prepared by the Intelligence Section and circulated for the

consideration of the Executive Committee."

23. INTER-ALLIED DEBTS.

Resolved:- "That the Economic sub-Committee be asked to report on the subject of the present position of the problem of Inter-Allied debts, and to say whether any, and if so what, action might easily be taken by the Executive Committee."

24. SINGAPORE. RESOLUTION OF JAPANESE LEAGUE OF NATIONS ASSOCIATION.
The Committee received the following resolution of the Japanese League of Nations Association:-

"It is the opinion of the League of Nations Association of Japan that the execution of the naval base plan at Singapore:

- 1) may produce an unfavourable reaction on the traditional friendly relations between Japan and England;
- 2) may afford to the militarists in part the pretext for competitive armament and materials for their propaganda.

It is further of opinion that this plan is without harmony with the spirit of the League and nullifies the effect reached by the Washington Conference. For this reason, the League of Nations Association of Japan invites the careful consideration of the important effect of this proposed naval base plan at Singapore."

Resolved:- "That this resolution, together with a copy of the letter received from M. Sugimura, be forwarded to the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary for their information."

25. IRISH FREE STATE - REGISTRATION OF TREATY. The Chairman reported that he had been in correspondence with M. Ruysen who had stated that the Irish League of Nations Society had asked that the question of the registration of the Irish Treaty be placed upon the agenda of the next Council.

Resolved:- "That a memorandum on the subject of the registration of the Irish Free State Treaty be circulated for consideration of the Executive at its next meeting."

26. OPIUM. Mention was made of the following resolution by the Leytonstone Branch -

"That the League of Nations Union be urged to move immediately with the local branches with a view to organising a protest against the British Empire continuing to take part in the opium trade."

In view of the work of the Opium Conference now in session at Geneva, the Committee deferred consideration of this resolution.

27. EGYPT. The ~~Secretary~~ ^{Committee} considered a communication from Mr. Crammer of the Gloucester Branch criticising the attitude of the Executive in regard to Egypt. Certain members of the Gloucester Branch had resigned to mark their disapproval of Mr. Crammer's criticisms. The Secretary proposed to ask Colonel Wyatt to point out to the people who have resigned their membership of the Gloucester Branch that they need not also resign their membership of the Union. The Secretary further reported that in response to an invitation of the

Acton Branch he had met certain members of the Acton Committee who had been and were extremely critical of the Executive's action in regard to Egypt. The Acton Branch would, however, be satisfied if the Executive would now associate themselves with the following proposals made by Mr. Fisher in the House of Commons on December 15th:-

1. That questions arising about the compensation to be paid to Egypt in respect of her disbursements in Sudan during period of Condominium be referred to the League.
2. That the League Council nominate a Chairman for the Nile Water Commission that the Government propose to set up.
3. That the League be invited to draw up regulations for the protection of foreign residents in Egypt as a substitute for the Capitulations which should be abolished as soon as possible

Resolved:- "That the action suggested by the Secretary in regard to Gloucester be approved and that the Acton Branch be informed that the Executive welcome the proposals of Mr. Fisher."

28. CAPTAIN BERKELEY - RESIGNATION. The Chairman reported that Captain Berkeley had intimated to him that he wished to resign his seat from the Executive Committee.

29. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS. The Committee of Religions and Ethics having proposed the appointment of Miss Behrens as a member of the Overseas Committee in the following terms:

"That the Overseas Committee be asked to add Miss E. Behrens to their Committee "

and the Overseas Committee having considered this recommendation on the previous day and having passed the following resolution:-

"That the [Overseas] Committee, having given further consideration to the question of liaison with the Religions and Ethics Committee, and to minute 325 of the latter Committee on the subject, is of opinion that the connection between the two Committees has been satisfactorily achieved by the appointment of Mr. Wynch, a member of the Religions and Ethics Committee, to the Overseas Committee."

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Resolved:- "That it appears unnecessary to add to ~~that~~ ^{the Overseas} Committee another member of the Religions and Ethics Committee."

Subject to the above, the minutes of the Committee of Religions and Ethics dated 20.1.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (327) Home and Foreign sub-committees; (328) Secretary to Committee; (329) Future Meetings; and (330) Mr D. Ellison.]

(b) FINANCE. Subject to the postponement for further consideration of minute 6(a) (Pensions Scheme) until the replies had been received from the various Insurance Companies giving alternative quotations for endowment insurance and deferred annuity policies, the minutes of the Finance Committee dated 21.1.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

It was further

Resolved:- "That the draft Pensions Scheme be shown to the Staff Members Standing Committee."

[These minutes included (2) HEADWAY, (3) 1925 Budget; (4) appeals; (5) Financial Statement; (6) Staff Pensions; (7) Council's Vote for 1925, and (8) Cheques.]

- (c) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS. The minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated 21.1.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

The Chairman expressed the hope that in the event of Dr. Lock's sermon not being printed elsewhere, the question of printing it as a pamphlet should be seriously reconsidered.

[These minutes included (3) Corporate Membership; (4) Luncheon - Corporate Members; (5) Missionary Societies; (6) British and Foreign Sailors' Society; (7) Rev. J. Clark Gibson; (8) Date of Meetings; (9) Salvation Army; (10) League of Nations Hymn; (11) Handbills; (12) Continental Chaplains; (13) Prayer Book; (14) Peace Sunday; and (15) Dr. Lock.]

- (d) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated 22.1.25 together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (2) Christian Organisations and Religions and Ethics Committees; (3) Librarian; (4) Library; (5) Miss Guttman; (6) Mr. Lascelles; and (7) Miss Currey.]

- (e) MANAGEMENT. The minutes of the Management Committee dated 22.1.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (3) Branches; (4) Resolutions; and (5) Mr. Roberts.]

- (f) OVERSEAS. As a matter of urgency the Committee considered the following minute of the Overseas Committee held on the previous day:-

2. Commission for the Equitable Treatment of Foreigners. The Committee were of the opinion that any discussion either in the Plenary Congress or the Council of the Federation involving the question of immigration served no useful purpose, and instructed its delegates to urge this view at the meeting of the Commission on the Equitable Treatment of Foreigners to be held in Paris on February 7th and to abstain from voting on any resolution that might be submitted to the Commission on the subject..

The Committee did not approve of this minute and

Resolved:- "To ask Professor Philip Baker and Mr. Wynch to collaborate with a view to drafting a memorandum which might be submitted to the Council for consideration."

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30. VISCOUNTESS GREY - RECEPTION.

Resolved:- "That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Lady Grey for the Reception which she had given on the previous evening to members of the League of Nations Union."

31. MR. H.A.L. FISHER.

Resolved:- "That the heartiest congratulations of the Committee be accorded to Mr. H.A.L. Fisher on his appointment as Warden of New College, Oxford."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 5TH 1925 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT:— Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); Philip Baker, G.N. Barnes, Percy Bigland, C. Delisle Burns, Lady Violet Bonham Carter, Mrs. A.W. Claremont, Lady Denman, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Charles Hobhouse, John W. Hills, Rear-Admiral S.P. Drury Lowe, E.W. Merton George, Mrs. Runciman, Lady Selborne, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, and L.M. Wynch; together with the Secretary.

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- 32 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Mr. Cadbury, Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, Mr. Tom Shaw and Mr. Cecil Wilson.
- 33 MINUTES Subject to verbal amendments in minutes 27, 29(a) and 29(f) the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated January 29th 1925, were approved as circulated.
- 34 GERMAN SUB-COMMITTEE. Sir Charles Hobhouse intimated that he would be pleased to join the German sub-Committee.
- 35 DIFFERENTIAL LEGISLATION FOR WOMEN IN INDUSTRY. Lady Denman referred to the minutes of the Executive Committee of the 4th December relating to differential legislation for women in industry. The Committee decided to ask the Chairman to write a letter to the Women's Advisory Council explaining the position taken by the Executive Committee. Lady Denman, the Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Barnes were asked to consult with Professor Murray in the drafting of this letter.
- 36 RT. HON. LEIF JONES.
Resolved:— "That an invitation to accept a seat on the Executive be accorded to the Rt. Hon. Leif Jones."
- 37 FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending February 3rd 1925 showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £810.1s.1d. with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £1,400.
- 38 DEPUTATION TO PRIME MINISTER. The Chairman reported that the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary had received the Union's deputation on the previous Tuesday. The deputation consisted of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Clynes, Lady Violet Bonham Carter, Lady Selborne, and Mr. Tom Shaw, who were accompanied by Dr. Garnett.
Lord Grey had been prevented from leading the deputation but he sent the following letter which had been read:—

"Engagements in the North prevent me from being in London before Thursday and I hope you will be able to convey to the Prime Minister my great regret at not being with the deputation on Tuesday. The Geneva Protocol, like the Treaty of Mutual Assistance and Guarantee before it, is an attempt to solve the problem of security. The system of exclusive alliances and competition in armaments, that existed in Europe before 1914, proved a lamentable failure. The Protocol adopts another and more hopeful principle. From the British point of view there are objections to some parts of it. There is force in some of these objections, but we hope, that after full examination and consultation with the Dominions, the Government will be able to propose some amendments, that will meet valid objections. It would be most unfortunate, if we were continually to reject, what is proposed at Geneva, without giving any indication of something that the British Commonwealth of Nations is prepared to support. The problem of security lies at the very root of European difficulties. To solve it is the paramount need in international affairs. Our rejection or non-acceptance of what has hitherto been proposed or accepted by other nations makes the problem more than ever pressing and urgent."

After discussion of the report of the deputation given by Professor Murray and Major Hills, it was

- Resolved:—
1. That Professor Murray should see Lord Gray and suggest that he might write a letter to the Times.
 2. That a letter signed by the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman be sent to the Prime Minister pointing out the dangers which, in the opinion of members of the League of Nations Union, irrespective of party, would attend the policy of substituting as an alternative to the Geneva Protocol a partial agreement with France and Belgium, even though it were provided that Germany would be at liberty to join. Such a policy could not be regarded as a satisfactory solution of the combined problems of arbitration, security and disarmament.

30 GENEVA PROTOCOL - AMENDMENTS COMMITTEE.

Resolved:— "That the name of Mr. Delisle Burns be added to the Geneva Protocol Amendments Committee."

- 40 DUNFORD HOUSE. The Chairman reported that he had received a communication from Mr. T. Fisher Unwin who was prepared under certain conditions to offer Dunford House, formerly the residence of Richard Cobden, to the Union for Summer Schools, etc.

Resolved:— "That the matter be referred to the Finance Committee for report."

- 41 MISS CANZIANI. The Chairman reported that Miss Canziani, an artist, had called upon him and was prepared to offer some of her paintings on League of Nations subjects which might be made into

postcards to be sold and the profits of which devoted to the work of the Union.

Resolved: - "That the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Editorial Committee."

42. NORTH AFRICA. A memorandum on North Africa was deferred for consideration to the next meeting of the Committee.

43. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) OVERSEAS. The minutes of the Overseas Committee dated January 28th 1925, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted. The Executive, however,

Resolved: - "To reconsider minute 746 (Federation Journal) in the light of any report that Sir Willoughby Dickinson might make on his return from Brussels."

[These minutes included (738) German sub-committee; (739) Visit of Secretary of German Society; (744) British L.N.U. Branches in foreign countries; (740) Federation Journal; (749) Grotius Commemoration; (752) Irish Treaty; and (753) Speaker for Caen.]

- (b) EDUCATION. The minutes of the Education Committee dated January 30th 1925, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

498. Deputation to the President of the Board of Education.

Resolved: - "That the Secretary should write asking the President of the Board of Education to receive a deputation."

[These minutes included (486) Composition of Committee; (487) Bibliography; (488) Text Book for children; (489) Meetings; (492) Films; (497) Educational Associations (498) President, Board of Education.]

- (c) FINANCE. The minutes of the Finance Committee dated February 4th 1925, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

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repealed*

9. Berners Trust Medallion Scheme.

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Resolved: - "That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Mr E.W. Morton-George, be appointed a sub-committee to choose between the two designs and to supervise the production of the medals."

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[These minutes included (9) Berners Trust; (10) Hotel Rebate Scheme; (11) Membership subscriptions; (12) Appeals Department; and (13) Mr David Davies.]

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

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

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PRESENT: - Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); Philip Baker, Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, Percy Bigland, Delisle Burns, Lady Violet Bonham Carter, Mrs A.W. Claremont, A.W. Claremont, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, H.A.L. Fisher, J.H. Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, J.W. Hills, Sir Charles Hobhouse, J. de V. Loder, Rear-Admiral S.R. Drury Lowe, E.W. Morton-George, Lord Queenborough, Raymond Unwin, Henry Vivian, H. Graham White, and L.M. Wynch: together with the Secretary.

Dr Ripkin, Secretary of the German League of Nations Society, was present by invitation of the Committee.

M I N U T E S

44. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr L.J. Cadbury, Sir Grattan Doyle, Mrs Ogilvie Gordon, and Mr Tom Shaw.
45. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held February 5th 1925, were approved as circulated.
46. COUNT BERNSTORFF. The Chairman reported receipt of a letter he had received from Count Bernstorff and which needed an interpretation of Article 213 of the Treaty of Versailles. He proposed to ask the Intelligence Section for an opinion of the Article, and also to refer the whole question to the German sub-committee for its recommendations.
- Resolved: - "To agree to these proposals."
- Admiral Drury Lowe said he would be pleased to join the German sub-committee.
47. RT. HON. LEIF JONES. The Secretary reported that Mr Leif Jones had accepted a seat on the Executive Committee.
48. GENEVA PROTOCOL AMENDMENTS COMMITTEE.
- Resolved: - "That the name of Sir Willoughby Dickinson be added to the Geneva Protocol Amendments Committee."
49. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending February 17th 1925 showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £1,594.10s.7d. with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £1,200.
50. PARLIAMENTARY BY-ELECTION.
- Resolved: - "That for the future members of the staff be not permitted to resign without notice in order to stand as candidates for Parliament except with the express approval of the Staff Appointments Committee in each particular case."

51. GENEVA PROTOCOL. A memorandum on the question of defensive alliances was referred for consideration and further report to the Protocol Amendments Committee.

Mr J. de V. Loder said that he would consult with Professor Baker with a view to writing a letter to the "Times" on the question of military conventions.

The Committee received the two following resolutions:-

- (a) Flixton Branch - 27.1.25.
 "That this meeting convened by the Flixton Branch of the League of Nations Union is of the opinion that the Geneva Protocol should receive the signature of the representative of the British Nation, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Foreign Secretary and to the Member of Parliament for this division -- (Stretford)."
- (b) Rushden Branch - 9.2.25.
 "That this meeting respectfully urges the Government to ratify the Geneva Protocol subject to such reservations, conditions or amendments as, after consulting the British Dominions, the Government may consider necessary and be able to persuade the other members of the League to accept."

A recent speech of Sir Robert Borden to the Canadian Society was mentioned, and it was

Resolved:- "To communicate with the Dominion Societies asking them to let the Union have copies of such speeches at the earliest opportunity."

52. IRISH FREE STATE - REGISTRATION OF TREATY. The Committee received a memorandum on the Registration of the Irish Free State Treaty.

The Secretary pointed out that at the last meeting of the Committee an incorrect minute of the Overseas Committee in regard to the non-registration of the Irish Treaty had been adopted. That minute should have read as follows:-

"The Secretary reported that the Irish Society had addressed a letter to the Federation on the non-registration of the Irish Treaty."

Resolved:- "To take note and approve the minute as amended."

53. NORTH AFRICA - MEMORANDUM. The Committee received a memorandum on Morocco and the Chairman said that he would discuss the matter again with the Intelligence Section before the Committee on North Africa was summoned.
54. CITY OF LONDON - MEETING. The Secretary reported that he had seen Mr McKenna earlier in the week and had discussed with him the holding of a Public Meeting in the City. Mr McKenna considered that such a meeting would serve a useful purpose and promised to speak. He urged that the principal speech should be made by Lord Balfour. He further suggested the meeting should

be held during or after the third week in April.

A letter had been prepared asking Lord Balfour to make the principal speech and the Chairman promised to write a covering letter.

55. OPIUM. The Committee received the following resolution of the Leytonstone Branch:-

"That the League of Nations Union be urged to move immediately with the local branches with a view to organising a protest against the British Empire continuing to take part in the opium trade."

Resolved:- "That a statement of the whole position in regard to opium should appear in the March number of HEADWAY."

56. PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE. The Committee received a report of the Parliamentary Committee held on February 12th.

57. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated 5.2.25 together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (9) Library; and (10) Mr Goudie]

58. GENEVA PROTOCOL. The Secretary stated that he had read the proofs of a book by Mr Roth Williams which Messrs. Allan and Unwin were about to publish. The book dealt with the Geneva Protocol, the British Empire and the League, and would appear within a week. He commended it to the notice of members of the Committee.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15 GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, MARCH 5th
1925 AT 11.15 a.m.

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PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); Philip Baker, G.N.Barnes, J.Delisle Burns, L.J.Cadbury, Mrs A.W. Claremont, Lady Denman, Sir W.H.Dickinson, Marquess of Hartington, J.H.Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Sidney Herbert, Leif Jones, J. de V. Loder, E.W.Morton-George, Charles Roberts, Mrs Runciman, Mrs Oliver Strachey and L.M.Wynch: together with the Secretary.

MINUTES

59. APCLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Bigland, Sir Grattan Doyle, Major Hills, Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe, Lord Queenborough, Mrs Cecilie Gordon, Lady Selborne, Mr Graham White, Mr Whitehead and Mr Cecil Wilson.
60. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated February 19th 1925 were approved as circulated.
61. NEW MEMBERS. The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, welcomed the Marquess of Hartington, Captain Sidney Herbert and Mr Leif Jones, on taking their seats for the first time.
62. I.L.C. CONVENTIONS. The Secretary pointed out that on December 4th the Executive Committee had passed a resolution -

"That Union speakers should be asked when speaking upon the I.L.C. Conventions to point out the divergencies of view in the Union and that as far as possible literature on the I.L.C. should also make mention of this fact."

He had informed the speakers on the staff of the Union of this resolution. Subsequently, however, the Chairman had explained this resolution to the Labour Advisory Committee who had recorded the explanation on their minutes as follows:-

"That the divergencies of opinion upon individual I.L.C. Conventions which official Union speakers may be asked to expound refer to a controversial point of a technical or administrative order only, and not to the principles of the I.L.C. as laid down in Part XIII of the Peace Treaty."

These minutes had subsequently been approved and adopted by the Executive Committee, and the Secretary now desired to know whether the Executive wished him to issue further instructions to the speakers in accordance with the last quoted minute.

The Chairman explained the situation and said that he had since received a deputation from the N.U.S.E.C. and he thought a compromise had been arrived at about which he would report later. Meantime he did not think it was necessary to send any fresh instruction to speakers. To this the Committee agreed.

63. GENEVA PROTOCOL.

(a) Proposal to send Professor Baker's book to M.P.'s. The Secretary reported a communication from Mr F.G.Fenman suggesting that it would be a good plan to ask the principal Branches in the various constituencies to send a copy of Professor Baker's book on the Geneva Protocol to their Member of Parliament.

Resolved: "That the suggestion be approved and that such a letter be sent to Branches at the earliest opportunity."

(b) Amendments Committee.

Resolved:- "That Mr J. de V. Loder, M.P. be invited to join the Geneva Protocol Amendments Committee."

(c) New Pamphlet. It was reported that a new pamphlet written by Mr Wilson Harris which was an exposition of the Geneva Protocol had been sent with the compliments of the Secretaries of the Parliamentary Committee to all Members of the House of Commons.

64. NORTH AFRICA.

Resolved:- "That a further memorandum on the subject of North Africa be prepared, and that the North Africa Committee be not summoned until that memorandum is considered."

65. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending March 3rd 1925, showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £1,491.15s.10d with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £768.9s.2d.66. MR BRANTING. The Secretary reported that on the death of Mr Branting he had, on behalf of the Executive Committee, sent a message of sympathy to the Swedish Minister and a telegram to the Swedish League of Nations Association. Replies had been received from Baron Palmstierna and Baron Adelsward expressing their thanks for sympathy.

Resolved:- "To approve of the Secretary's action in despatching these communications."

67. GENEVA ASSEMBLY - DELEGATES. Consideration of the following resolution proposed by Sir Charles Hobhouse was adjourned:-

"That in view of the resolution of the General Council dated January 20th 1922 -

'That the British Delegates at the Assembly should be a Minister of the Crown... and two others approved by Parliament to represent the public opinion of the country.....'

And in view of the announcements made in the Press; The Executive Committee is of opinion that the second and third Delegates should be free to express their own views while not formally opposing in the Assembly or its Committees the policy of the Government on which the first Delegate will speak and vote."

68. MEDALS - REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE. The Committee received a report of the sub-committee on Medals. It was explained that the Finance Committee had considered the sub-committee's report

and had recommended modifications of their findings. The Committee

Resolved:- "To accept these findings as modified by the Finance Committee as follows:-

1. That as neither pair of designs as submitted is suitable for the Union's purpose, resolution 43(c) of the Executive dated February 5th 1925, in so far as it accepts the sub-committee's recommendations 'to secure a supply of finished medals on the terms offered in the Mint's letter, be rescinded.

2. That the facts be placed orally before the Deputy Master of the Mint and that he be informed that the Union does not regard itself as liable to pay more than six guineas to each of the four artists.

69. SINGAPORE. The Secretary reported receipt of a communication dated February 28th from the Foreign Office in reply to the Union's letter dated January 30th enclosing a resolution of the Japanese League of Nations Association, in regard to the proposed Naval Base at Singapore. The Foreign Office were quite agreeable to the letter being published.

Resolved:- "That the letter from the Foreign Office, together with the resolution of the Japanese League of Nations Association, be published in the press, and that a copy of the Foreign Office letter be sent to the Japanese Association."

70. TREATY OF VERSAILLES - INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE 213 - COMMUNICATION. The Committee considered the minutes of a meeting of the German sub-committee held on March 3rd. These minutes were concerned with Count Bernstorff's letter dated 10.2.25. This letter protested on behalf of the German League of Nations Society against the interpretation given by the League Council of 27.9.24 to Article 213 of the Versailles Treaty, and which dealt with the nature and extent of the powers of investigation conferred by the Treaties of Versailles, St. Germain, Trianon, and Neuilly on the League of Nations. The German sub-committee pointed out that the following three questions were raised in Count Bernstorff's letter:-

1. May the word "investigation" be made to cover a continued investigation, or is the investigation to be temporary and occasional?
2. Is Germany entitled to be represented on the Commissions of Investigation?
3. Is the investigation to cover all departments of public life or only naval, military and air matters?

In reply to these questions, the sub-committee were of the opinion that

1. While the right of investigation is a permanent right, and is applied to all ex-enemy states, this right would probably be exercised by means of temporary and occasional Commissions;
2. Germany would only be entitled to be a member of the Armaments Investigation Panel if and when she became a member of the League of Nations. When she does become a member of the League, she should have full and equal rights of investigation with all other members of the Panel, all the more because she does not claim to investigate her own armaments;
3. Article 213 of the Treaty of Versailles should be referred to the International Court of Justice for interpretation
 - (a) as to the extent of its application;
 - (b) as to what the word 'investigation' really connotes;
 - (c) as to whether such investigation should be confined to military, naval or air matters or is capable of extension to all departments of public life.

The Committee also considered a memorandum which the Intelligence Section had prepared at the request of the Chairman.

- Resolved:-
1. That the memorandum of the Intelligence Section be received.
 2. To agree to the proposal of the Chairman that he should reply to Count Bernstorff agreeing with recommendation (3) of the sub-committee, and pointing the moral that so many of these difficulties would be overcome after Germany joins the League of Nations.

71. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - PLACE OF MEETING. Consideration of a communication from Sir N. Grattan Doyle in regard to a place of meeting of the Executive was adjourned to the next meeting.

72. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated 19.2.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted. Subject to the recommendation in minute 22 in regard to Miss Lucy Mair being regarded as experimental for a month, the minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated 26.2.25, together with the further recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (12) Library; (13) Mr Goudie; (14) Librarian; (15) Miss Tynan; (17) Librarian; (18) Miss Peggy Smith; (19) Mr Goudie; (20) Mr Llewelyn Williams; (21) Mr T.C. Archer; and (22) Miss Mair.

- (b) MANAGEMENT. The minutes of the Management Committee dated 19.2.25 together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (7) Branches; (8) Christian Science Monitor and (9) Liverpool complaints re Council minutes.]

- (c) LABOUR ADVISORY. On the understanding that the proposed memorandum to Branch Secretaries should not be specially circulated, but should await the next issue of a communication to Branches, and subject to the deletion of the word "all" in minute 18(b)(2) the minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee dated 19.2.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

It was reported that the following had accepted seats upon the Committee:-

C. Delisle Burns, Esq. M.A., D.Litt.,
Miss Madeline Symons,
Lawrence Cadbury, Esq.,
Trevelyan Thomson, Esq. M.P.
Captain L.H.Green.

Captain Small was asked to prepare a memorandum for consideration of the Committee in regard to I.L.C. publicity.

[These minutes included (13) Publicity for I.L.C.; (14) German Labour Organisations; (15) Composition of Committee; (16) L.N.U.Conference; (17) White Lead Convention; (18) Secretary's Report; and (19) London Campaign.]

- (d) WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. The Committee considered the minutes of a special meeting of the Women's Advisory Council dated February 23rd 1925, which had met to consider the Union's attitude towards the question of how far the principles of the I.L.C. involved protective or differential legislation in regard to women in industry.

Resolved:- "That the Labour Advisory Committee be asked to nominate four members to meet four members of the Women's Advisory Council under the Chairmanship of Professor Murray for the purpose of arriving at some definite conclusion."

Subject to the above and the non-acceptance of the recommendation "that the full text of all the relevant clauses of the Versailles Treaty and of the Covenant of the League of Nations should be published in HEADWAY and elsewhere," the minutes of the Women's Advisory Council, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

As a matter of urgency the Committee considered the following resolution of the Women's Advisory Council held March 3rd 1925:-

"To support the application made by various International Organisations of Women for an additional Assessor, representative of these organisations to be appointed to the Child Welfare Section of the League of Nations Committee for the protection of Women and Children."

Resolved: - "That the resolution be forwarded to the Government."

[These minutes included (118) I.L.C. Propaganda; (120) German L.N. Society; (125) Representation on Executive; (127) Women's Advisory Council; (128) Child Welfare Section]

- (e) MINORITIES. The minutes of the Minorities Committee dated 24.2.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (2) Minutes of Committee; (3) 'Numerus clausus' in Hungary; (4) Extension of Control of League]

- (f) EDITORIAL. The minutes of the Editorial Committee dated 24.2.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (2) Business arising from minutes; (3) Plays; (4) Miss Canziani; (5) Posters; (6) Home University Library; (7) Sir Robert Borden's speech; and (8) New Publications]

- (g) FINANCE. Subject to the Secretary being requested to pursue further enquiries in regard to Dunford House (minute 22) and report further, the minutes of the Finance Committee dated 25.2.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (15) Medallion Scheme; (16) Financial Statement; (17) Appeals Department; (18) Economics sub-committee; (19) Rule 12; (20) Staff Pensions; (21) Council's Vote for 1924; (22) Dunford House; (23) Poster; (24) Federation finances; (25) New Education Fellowship; and (26) Cheques]

- (h) OVERSEAS. The minutes of the Overseas Committee dated February 25th 1925, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (757) German sub-committee; (764) Federation at Brussels; (766) Plenary Congress; (767) New Hebrides Condominium; (768) Overseas Report; (769) Rt. Hon. Newton Rowell; (770) Plenary Congress; (771) Dr Branting; and (772) New States on Baltic]

Resolved: - "That the Union should endeavour to get publicity for the resolution of the Canadian League of Nations Society in regard to the Geneva Protocol."

- (i) EDUCATION. The minutes of the Education Committee dated 27.2.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (21) List of meetings; (22) Education Authorities; (24) Esperanto; (25) Junior Red Cross; (26) League News for the Young; (28) Films; (29) N.U.T.; and (31) Empire Day Celebrations]

S. Murray

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD
AT 15 GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, MARCH 12th
1925 AT 11.30 a.m.

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19.3.25.

PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); Philip Baker, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Percy Bigland, C. Delisle Burns, Lady Violet Bonham Carter, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Marquess of Hartington, J.W. Hills, J. de V. Loder, Sir Frederick Maurice, E.W. Morton-George, Prebendary E. de M. Rudolf, T. Shaw, Henry Vivian, H. Graham White, L.M. Lynch, and Herbert Worsley: together with the Secretary.

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73. APCLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr and Mrs Claremont, Mr Cadbury, Sir Arthur Haworth, Mrs Ogilvie Gordon, Rear-Admiral Drury Lowe, Mr Perry, Mr Roberts and Mr Whitehead.
74. ROTARY CLUBS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE. The Committee considered a memorandum on co-operation between the Union and Rotary Clubs. The memorandum proposed a reciprocal arrangement.

On the one hand one member of each of the one hundred and eighty Rotary Clubs of Great Britain would specially concern himself with international affairs and be assisted by the Union to find a sufficient supply of competent speakers to address the Rotary Club on this subject; he would also be encouraged to join the Union as a full member and to take an active part in the work of the local branch, and endeavour to get his Rotary Club to become a Corporate Member of the Union.

In return the Union would endeavour, in co-operation with other League of Nations Societies, to increase and render more effective, the work of the League under Article 23 of the Covenant to secure and maintain equitable treatment for the commerce of all Member States.

To this end the Union might appoint a new Commerce Committee which would serve the trading community as the Labour Advisory Committee serves industry and would invite the other League of Nations Societies to do likewise.

The Rotary International Association for Great Britain and Ireland proposed that three representatives of their Association should discuss matters with three representatives of the Union at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22nd.

Resolved:- 1. To ask the following to meet the three representatives of the Rotary Club Movement:-

Sir Arthur Shirley Benn,
Mr David Davies,
Major General Sir Frederick Maurice.

2. That the question be placed on the agenda for the Assembly of the Voluntary Societies to be held at Warsaw.

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At the instance of Sir Arthur Shirley Benn who stated that the International Chamber of Commerce was concerning itself with the League's relations to international trade, and that Dr Walter Leaf, was Chairman of the British National Committee of the Chamber, it was further

Resolved:- 3. That consideration of the question of appointing an Advisory Committee on Commerce be deferred and that in the meanwhile Sir Arthur Shirley Benn be asked to consult Dr Walter Leaf and to report again to the Executive Committee."

7⁵. FACT AND PROTOCOL. The Committee considered the question of issuing a statement to the Union's speakers concerning the German proposals for an alliance or regional understanding which would include Germany as well as Great Britain, France, Belgium, and perhaps Italy. Communications from the President of the Preston Branch from the East Ham Branch and from the Burslem Branch urging continued support to the Geneva Protocol, were also considered.

In view of the fact that Mr Chamberlain was at the very moment making his statement to the League's Council in Geneva, and since therefore the Committee was unaware of the precise nature of the Government's policy as well as of the German proposals, it was

Resolved:- 1. That the question of issuing a statement to speakers be deferred for consideration to the next meeting of the Committee.

2. That meanwhile a reply on the following lines might be sent to Branches or speakers who enquired concerning the Union's attitude:-

The Union supports the aims and the broad lines of the Protocol as strongly as ever. (The Protocol must in any case come before the Assembly of the League next September).

The Union warmly welcomes the German proposals in so far as they are consistent with the Protocol: they may even provide a step towards the Protocol. They are not, however, an alternative to, or a substitute for, the Protocol.

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7⁶. GENERAL COUNCIL - ANNUAL MEETING. The Secretary reported a communication from Liverpool suggesting that the Annual Meetings of the Council should be held on the 23rd and 24th June.

Resolved:- "To approve of these dates."

G. A. Murray

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15 GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, MARCH 19th
1925 AT 11 a.m.

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PRESENT:- Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); Philip Baker, Percy Bigland, C. Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury, Sir W.H. Dickinson, H.A.L. Fisher, the Viscountess Gladstone, John W. Harris, the Marquess of Hartington, Sir Arthur Haworth, J.W. Hills, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Leif Jones, J. de V. Leder, Rear-Admiral S.R. Drury Lowe, Mrs Oliver Strachey, Herbert Worsley, E.W. Merton-George, and L.M. Wynch: together with the Secretary.

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77. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Sir N. Grattan Doyle, Mrs Gilvie Gordon, Mrs Runciman, Lord Queenborough, Mr Vivian, Probdary Rudolf and Mr Unwin.

78. MINUTES. Subject to the word "was" in the last paragraph of minute 72(c) being replaced by the words "had been", and subject to paragraph (3) of minute 72(d) being amended so as to read -

"Subject to the above and to consideration of the recommendation 'that the full text of all the relevant clauses of the Versailles Treaty and of the League of Nations should be published in HEADWAY and elsewhere' being postponed until after the meeting of representatives of the two Committees..."

the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held March 5th 1925, were approved as circulated.

79. SPECIAL MEETING - MINUTES. The minutes of the special meeting of the Committee held March 12th 1925, were approved as circulated.

80. MEDALS. The Secretary reported that the Finance Committee at its meeting held on the previous day had resolved to ask Mr Claremont, the Union's honorary solicitor, to see the Deputy Master of the Mint and to explain to him that the Union did not consider itself liable to pay more than six guineas apiece to each of the four artists who had submitted designs.

Resolved:- "That Mr Claremont be asked to endeavour to negotiate a settlement."

81. CHILD WELFARE. It was reported that the Government had appointed an additional Assessor to the Child Welfare Section of the League of Nations Committee for the protection of Women and Children in accordance with the resolution of the Executive Committee held on March 5th.

Resolved:- "To express satisfaction to the Government that it had been found possible to make this appointment."

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82. DUNFORD HOUSE. The Secretary reported that he had seen Mr Kenneth MacLennan in regard to Dunford House and that a further report would be presented at a later meeting.
83. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending March 17th 1925, showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £1,386.0s.1d, together with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £985.13s.4d.
84. THE FACT AND THE PROTOCOL. The Committee again considered the question of the issuing of a statement to the Union's speakers concerning the Protocol and the German proposals. It was

Resolved:- 1. (a) "The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union reaffirms its faith in the principles of arbitration, security and disarmament upon which the Fifth Assembly of the League of Nations founded the Geneva Protocol. They believe that the Fifth Assembly achieved a great advance towards permanent peace by recognising that arbitration, security and disarmament go hand in hand.

They believe that it is vital that the important opportunity now presented for securing these purposes should not be lost.

Noting with satisfaction that on March 17th 1925, the Council of the League with the concurrence of the British Member has unanimously placed the Protocol upon the Agenda as the principal item for discussion by the League's Sixth Assembly in September next, and further noting the important statement sent last week to Geneva by the Canadian Government, the Executive Committee again urges H.M. Government forthwith to summon a special Committee representative of all sections of opinion, here and in the Dominions, in order to examine the proposals of the Protocol and any other proposals which will achieve the same purpose of arbitration, security and disarmament.

The Executive Committee appeals to the branches and members of the Union to co-operate in the education of public opinion and in the furtherance by all constitutional means of the policy founded on these principles, unanimously adopted by the Fifth Assembly of the League of Nations."

- (b) That this resolution be sent to the Government, the branches and the Press.
2. That it was undesirable to summon a special meeting of the General Council to consider this matter before Easter.
3. That the two speeches made by Mr Chamberlain to the League Council together with the speeches of M. Briand and Dr Benes, and the Canadian Government's telegram (with a note to the effect that this was the only note from the Dominions that was published) be published as a pamphlet.

- (4) To approve and adopt the following resolution of the Christian Organisations Committee and the Committee of Religions and Ethics and to communicate it to Corporate Members and to the religious Press as coming from those two Committees:-

The Committee of Religions and Ethics)
The Christian Organisations Committee)

noting that the Sixth Assembly of the League of Nations is to consider afresh the Geneva Protocol and other plans for strengthening the Covenant in respect of arbitration, security and the reduction of armaments,

earnestly hope that the League will not fail to maintain its declaration that every war of aggression constitutes a crime against the community of nations and the unity of civilisation.

The Committee trust that the members and Corporate Members of the League of Nations Union, as well as its sister societies overseas, will spare no effort to impress this truth upon the conscience of mankind.

The Committee further hope that the Churches and other religious societies in Great Britain will unite to urge H.M. Government, by acceding to the special agreement provided for in Article 36 of the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice, forthwith to accept the jurisdiction of the Court in all or any of the classes of legal disputes named in that Article."

- (5) That the following cable be sent to the Canadian League of Nations Society:-

"The League of Nations Union desires to assure the Canadian Society of its warm appreciation of the Note addressed by the Canadian Government to the League of Nations regarding the Geneva Protocol and expresses the hope that the Canadian proposal to supplement the provisions of the Covenant regarding the settlement of non-justiciable disputes may be further explored with a view to achieving a great progress towards realising an important part of the aims of the Protocol."

- (6) That Professor Baker be asked to prepare an analysis of the statement of the Protocol made by Mr Chamberlain to the League Council; and that this analysis be considered by the Committee with a view to its inclusion in a subsequent edition of the pamphlet ordered in the third resolution of this minute.

85. MANSION HOUSE MEETING. The Secretary reported that the Prime Minister and Mr McKenna had promised to address a meeting at the Mansion House on behalf of the League of Nations Union probably on April 20th.

86. NORTH AFRICA COMMITTEE.

Resolved:- "To approve of the following terms of reference to the North Africa Committee:-

"That the Committee be asked to consider and report whether there are any, and if so, what, circumstances in North Africa which affect international relations and threaten to disturb international peace or the good understanding between nations upon which peace depends."

It was further

Resolved:- "That this meeting be now summoned."

87. WARSAW CONFERENCE - COMMUNICATION FROM DR DUMBA. A communication from Dr Dumba inviting the Union's delegates to the Warsaw Conference to visit Vienna, was referred to the Overseas Committee.

88. OPIMUM. The following resolution of the Rushden Branch was considered:-

"That this Branch of the League of Nations Union urges the Executive of the Union to ask the British Government to enquire into the possibility of the registration and control of opium-smokers for the purpose of gradually reducing their number and keeping opium away from the rising generation in British Far Eastern possessions."

Resolved:- "To approve of this resolution and that it be sent to the Government."

89. NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST ASSOCIATION. The Secretary reported a communication from the Chelsea Branch requesting the Executive Committee to support a manifesto by the Near and Middle East Association. The manifesto urged that in view of the unrest produced in the Balkans by violations of the frontier between Yugo-Slavia and Albania, and the consequent difficulty in obtaining a stable government or economic development in the latter country, the League of Nations should appoint a permanent frontier Commission. This Commission it was suggested should consist of representatives of the Yugo-Slav and Albanian Governments and of a neutral president appointed by the League. The manifesto also pointed out the distress of the inequitable treatment of minorities and the destitution resulting from their being forced to emigrate has created a situation of grave danger in the Balkan Peninsula.

Resolved:- That the Executive Committee associates itself with the terms of the manifesto.

90. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) MANAGEMENT. The minutes of the Management Committee held 5.3.25 and 12.3.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (11) Lantzic; (12) Branches; (13) Corporate Members; (16) Branches; (17) City of London Branch; (18) Political Parties; and (19) Mr. Lynch.]

91. MISS ETHEL BEHRENS. A proposal that Miss Ethel Behrens, in view of her interest and practical experience of League of Nations work abroad, be added to the Overseas Committee was referred to that Committee.

92. NEXT MEETING. In the absence of Sir Nicholas Grattan Doyle consideration of his communication in regard to a place of meeting of the Executive Committee, and the resolution on the question of delegates to the Geneva Assembly was adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

G. Murray

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15 GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd
1925 AT 11.15 a.m.

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17.4.25.

PRESENT: - Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); Philip Baker,
G.N.Barnes, C.Delisle Burns, Mrs A.V.Claremont,
Sir W.H.Dickinson, the Viscountess Gladstone,
J.H.Harris, the Marquess of Hartington, Sir Arthur
Haworth, Sidney Herbert, W.Rennie Hey, J.W.Hills,
Sir Charles Hobhouse, Rear-Admiral S.R.Drury Lowe,
Sir Frederick Maurice, E.W.Morton-George, Lord
Quenborough, Charles Roberts, Mrs Runciman, Mrs
Strachey, Henry Vivian, and L.M.Wynch: together
with the Secretary.

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27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Mr Cadbury, Mrs Ogilvie Gordon, Prebendary Rudolf, Lady Selborne, Mr Shaw, Mr Urwin, and Mr Graham White.
28. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated March 19th 1925, were approved as circulated.
29. ROTARY CLUBS - CO-OPERATION. The Secretary reported that it might be impossible for Mr. Davies to attend the Conference which it was proposed to hold on April 22nd and asked the Committee to appoint someone in his stead. Major Hills said he would be able to attend on that day if the meeting was not before 4.30.
- Resolved: - "To ask Mr. Vivian Carter whether 4.30 would be as convenient a time for the Conference."
30. DUNFORD HOUSE. The Secretary reported that he had received a letter from Mr. MacLennan to say that he was unable to co-operate with us in regard to Dunford House as the cost of running the House for the maximum number of guests possible would be prohibitive.
- The Chairman said he would write a letter to Mrs. Fisher Unwin.
31. MANSION HOUSE MEETING. The Secretary reported that on the occasion of the Mansion House meeting when the Prime Minister and Mr. McKenna would speak, the vote of thanks would be proposed by Mr. Grenfell, the senior Member for the City, and Sir Arthur Shirley Benn had suggested that Mr. Henry Bell be asked to second.
- Resolved: - "To invite Mr. Bell to second the vote of thanks."
32. NORTH AFRICA COMMITTEE.
- Resolved: - "That the North Africa Committee be summoned at an early date — if possible before Easter."
- Sir Charles Hobhouse accepted the invitation of the Executive Committee to become Chairman of this Committee.
33. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending March 31st 1925 showed a bank balance on that date amounting to £1,300.4s.3d. with outstanding accounts amounting to £705.6s.3d.

100 ANNUAL REPORT. Subject to the Secretary being authorised to add any important detail which might have been omitted, the draft Annual Report was approved.

101 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) WOMEN'S ADVISORY. Subject to the adjournment to the July meeting of the Executive Committee, of minute 125, the minutes of the Women's Advisory Committee dated 3.3.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (120) German L. of N. Society; (125) Representation of Women on Executive Committee; and (127) Membership of Council.]

(b) FINANCE. The minutes of the Finance Committee dated 16.3.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (28) Medallion Scheme; (29) Financial Statement; (30) Membership Subscriptions; (31) Hotel Rebate Scheme; (32) Mansion House meeting; (33) Mr. Archer; (34) Appeal; (35) Prebendary Rudolf; and (36) Cheques.]

(c) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS. The minutes of the Committee of Religions and Ethics dated 18.3.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (332) Executive Committee; (333) Literature sub-Committee; (334) Next Meeting; (335) Home Committee; and (336) Geneva Protocol.]

(d) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS. The minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated 18.3.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (3) Arising out of Minutes; (6) Corporate Members; (7) Church of England and Corporate Members; (8) Geneva Service; (9) Stockholm Conference; (10) Wembley; and (11) Protocol.]

(e) HOSPITALITY. Subject to the substitution of the word "might" for "world" in the seventh line in minute 120, the minutes of the Hospitality Committee dated 18.3.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

Resolved:- "That the grateful thanks of the Executive be accorded to Mrs. Oliver Brett and Lady Salisbury for the parties which they had held under the Union auspices."

[These minutes included (123) Co-optations; (124) Reception; (129) International Club; (130) International Congress of Radiology and (132) Resignations.]

(f) LABOUR ADVISORY. Subject to the introductory paragraph of the resolution in minute 27 being deleted, and the reference of the proposed resolutions for the Warsaw Conference being referred to the Overseas Committee, the minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee dated 19.3.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

The memorandum on L.N.U. Publicity work for the I.L.O. was received.

Ratification of Conventions. Mr. Barnes drew the attention of the Committee to an answer given by Mr. Betterton in the House of Commons in reply to Captain Benn.

Resolved:- "That the attention of the Labour Advisory Committee be directed to the answer given to Captain Benn in the House of Commons on March 5th by Mr Betterton on behalf of the Government and that the Committee be asked to consider and advise on what action, if any, should be taken to provide for Parliament functioning, as was intended, as the 'competent authority' respecting ratification or otherwise of conventions of the International Labour Organisation."

Lord Hartington said that he would also bring the matter before the Parliamentary Committee.

[These minutes included (22) Composition of Committee; (24) White Lead Convention; (25) Meetings; (26) Letter to Branch Secretaries; (27) Publicity for I.L.O.; (28) Federation of League of Nations Societies; (29) Women's Advisory Council; (30) L.N.U. Delegate to Co-operative Congress; and (31) Next Meeting]

(g) OVERSEAS. Subject to the addition of the names of Professor Baker, Major Hills, and Captain Small, if funds sufficed, to the list of names proposed for the Union's delegation to the Warsaw Conference; and to resolution 701 to refer only to the Paris Branch, (and with the exception of minute 766 referring to the special Campaign Secretary) the minutes of the Overseas Committee dated 25.3.24, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

754. Rt. Hon. Newton Howell. Professor Baker stated that Mr. Howell said that he proposed to return to England some time in June.

Resolved:- "That Mr. Howell be asked to speak for the Union on his visit to England."

[These minutes included (775) European Co-operation Committee; (Dr. Nossig) (776) German sub-Committee; (777) L.N.U. Branches; (778) Equitable Treatment for Foreigners; (779) Grotius Commemoration; (780) Warsaw;

(781) Fidae; (782) Plenary Congress;
 (783) British Delegation to Warsaw; (784) Rt. Hon.
 Newton Rowall; (785) Plenary Congress; (786) Dr.
 Branting; (787) Opium Committee; (788) Special
 Campaign Secretary; (789) Standing Orders; (790)
 Hochschule fur Politik; (791) Miss Lockett;
 (792) Miss Spaul; (793) Rotary Clubs; (794)
 Overseas Report; and (795) Miss Behrens]

(n) EDUCATION. Subject to the reference of the proposed resolution for the Warsaw Conference being referred to the Overseas Committee, the minutes of the Education Committee dated 27.3.25 together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (35) List of meetings, etc.; (36) Local Education Authorities; (37) London County Council; (38) Lord Eustace Percy; (39) Film sub-Committee; (40) Junior Red Cross; (41) Welsh Leaflet for teachers; (42) Education Associations at Edinburgh; (43) Resolutions; (44) Summer Schools; and (45) Miss Bradfield's charts]

(i) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The Secretary reported orally upon the meeting of the Staff Appointments Committee held earlier in the day.

(j) MANAGEMENT. The Secretary reported orally upon the meeting of the Management Committee held earlier in the day.

(k) MINORITIES. Subject to the proposed resolution for the Warsaw Conference being referred to the Overseas Committee, the minutes of the Minorities Committee dated 24.3.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

102 WARSAW CONFERENCE. Several Committees having recommended resolutions for the agenda of the Warsaw Conference, it was

Resolved:- "That the resolutions for the Warsaw Conference mentioned in the preceding minutes be referred to the Overseas Committee with a request that they will arrange them in a convenient order for consideration at Warsaw, placing first the resolutions concerning the Geneva Protocol and suggesting such alterations in the subsequent resolutions as may be necessary to harmonise the whole."

103 INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES — SPECIAL CAMPAIGN SECRETARY. Mr. David Davies having offered to present to the Union by a deed under seal the sum of £1,000 a year for 6½ years for the purpose of a Special Campaign to be undertaken by the International Federation of League of Nations Societies, the Committee at Mr. Davies' request

Resolved:- That the Committee do agree to the following conditions attaching to the promise made by Mr. David Davies, M.P. to contribute to the League of Nations Union One thousand pounds a year (subject to deduction of income tax) for six-and-a-half years from 1st April 1925:-

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- (1) That the sum mentioned shall be used exclusively for a special three years campaign for the education and organisation of public opinion in favour of greater co-operation between the nations and especially between France, Germany and Great Britain.
 - (2) That a Special Campaign Secretary shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Federation of League of Nations Societies at a minimum salary of \$400 a year with the addition of travelling expenses and subsistence allowances.
 - (3) That the duties of such Secretary shall be (a) to prepare a scheme for the Special Campaign, (b) to assist in giving effect to the scheme when it has received the approval of the Federation and (c) to raise the necessary funds for carrying out the scheme.
 - (4) That such Secretary shall be responsible to the Secretary General of the Federation for the discharge of his duties, but shall devote himself exclusively to the special work for which he is appointed, and not be utilised for other work of the Federation; except only for the purpose of temporarily exchanging duties with another officer of the Federation under conditions approved by the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union, provided that after the lapse of one year from the appointment of the Special Campaign Secretary this Committee will not approve any such condition without first consulting Mr David Davies.
 - (5) That such Secretary shall devote the whole of his time to the service of the Federation but shall be granted leave at the rate of three working days for each complete month of service.
 - (6) That the appointments shall be terminable upon three months' notice being given by either side at any time.
 - (7) That there shall be a scale of travelling expenses and subsistence allowances to be approved by the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union.
 - (8) That the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union will disburse to the Federation such part of the annual sum as may be required from time to time for the salary of the Special Campaign Secretary and the travelling expenses and subsistence allowances referred to and for no other purpose, and will accept responsibility for seeing that these conditions are observed.
 - (9) That separate accounts shall be kept and rendered periodically of the income and expenditure in connection with the Special Campaign.

- (10) That if there should be any surplus at the end of any year it shall be utilised in such manner as Mr David Davies may direct.
- (11) That after three years the said annual sum shall be utilised in such manner as Mr David Davies shall direct after consultation with the Executive Committee.
- (12) That these conditions shall not be amended or rescinded without the written consent of Mr David Davies.

It was further

Resolved:- "That the grateful thanks of the Union be accorded to Mr David Davies for his generous gift."

44. FACT AND PROTOCC L.

(a) The Committee considered a memorandum on the German Security proposals drafted by Professor Baker. Certain amendments were made and it was

Resolved:- "That the final draft be left in the hands of the Chairman and Professor Baker after which it might be published as an addendum to the pamphlet "The Governments and the Protocol."

(b) The attention of the Committee was drawn to the following resolution of the National Council for the Prevention of War:-

"The National Council for the Prevention of War have already stated that in their view the principles of the PROTOCC L of Geneva should be approved and accepted. The Council regrets that the British Government's declaration in favour of the principles of Arbitration, Disarmament and Security, made at the time of the Government's rejection of the Protocol, was not accompanied by practical proposals to give effect to these principles. The Council sees, however, in the statements made that Germany is willing to settle its frontier difficulties without recourse to war and in the Canadian insistence on the development of the methods of International Arbitration and Jurisdiction the lines along which the proposals in the rejected Protocol might be revived. The Council draws the attention of the Members of the House of Commons and of the British public to the fact that the Protocol has not been buried but has been referred for further consideration to the Assembly of the League of Nations at its 6th meeting next September.

The Council therefore urges the Government to set up a Committee of all Parties which may consider the retention of the plan of the Protocol, unanimously endorsed by all the Delegations present at Geneva at the last meeting of the Assembly, as a practical system for the settlement of international disputes. In that way the Council believes that the Delegates of the Government may be able to present to the Assembly of the League next September a policy which would have behind it the support of the nation as a whole."

(c) Protocol Committee.

Resolved: - 1. That a meeting of the Protocol Committee be summoned in order to consider the following resolutions suggested by Sir Willoughby Dickinson for the Warsaw Conference:-

"The League of Nations Union recommend that the following resolutions be agreed to by the International Federation of League of Nations Societies, viz:-

- (a) That the Federation considers the Geneva Protocol to be the most satisfactory instrument as yet produced for carrying into effect the objects of the Covenant of the League of Nations, and earnestly hopes that the Assembly of the League will not put it aside until some other equally effective method of ensuring security and peace has been agreed upon.
- (b) That, in any agreement to be substituted for the Geneva Protocol it is essential that the following provisions be included:-
 - (1) Agreement by all members of the League to accept, in every dispute, the decision of either arbitrators or the Council of the League.
 - (2) Recognition, by every member of the League, of the jurisdiction of the Permanent Court of International Justice under Article 36(2) of the Statute of the Court.
 - (3) Agreement to accept the decision of the Permanent Court in every question of interpretation of the Covenant and of all supplementary agreements.
 - (4) Prohibition of all aggressive war and adequate powers to prevent it either by the action of the League or by means of supplementary regional agreements made with the consent of the Council and consistent with the Covenant.
 - (5) An effective scheme by which the sanctions contained in Article 16 of the Covenant shall be enforced.
 - (6) Reduction of armaments under agreement to be arrived at by means of an international conference.
- 2. That these resolutions in whatever form the Protocol Committee recommends them for adoption by the Executive Committee be submitted to the Overseas Committee along with the other resolutions mentioned above.

105. MR CECIL WILSON - RESIGNATION. The Secretary reported the resignation of Mr Cecil Wilson.

Resolved: - "That Mr Wilson's resignation be accepted with regret and that a suggestion that Mr Rennie Smith should take his place be adjourned for consideration to the next meeting of the Committee."

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106. NEXT MEETING.

Resolved: - That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, April 20th 1925.

A communication from Mr J.H.Harris to the Chairman in regard to Togoland; a communication from Sir Nicholas Grattan Doyle in regard to a place of meeting of the Executive Committee and a resolution in regard to the Geneva Assembly delegates by Sir Charles Hobhouse, were adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

107. EASTER HOLIDAYS.

Resolved: - "That the office be closed for Easter from Thursday mid-day until the following Tuesday morning."

C. Murray.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT
15 GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, APRIL 30th
1925 AT 11.15 a.m.

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PRESENT: - Professor Gilbert Murray (Chairman); Percy Bigland,
C. Delisle Burns, L.J.Cadbury, Mrs A.W.Claremont,
Sir Willoughby Dickinson, the Viscountess Gladstone,
Sir Arthur Haworth, J. de V.Loder, Sir Frederick
Maurice, E.W.Morton-George, Henry Vivian, Herbert
Worsley, and L.M.Wynch: together with the Secretary.

M I N U T E S

108. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Professor Baker, Major Hills, Mr Harris, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Rear-Admiral S.R.Drury Lowe, Mr Roberts, Mrs Aunciman, Prebendary Rudolf, Mr Shaw, Lady Selborne and Mr Graham White.
109. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee dated April End 1925 were approved as circulated.
110. MR RENNIE SMITH. A suggestion of Mr Cecil Wilson's that his place on the Executive Committee should be taken by Mr Rennie Smith was adjourned for consideration at the Annual Meeting of the General Council.
111. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending April 28th 1925 showed a Bank Balance on that date amounting to £1,220.17s.1d. with estimated outstanding accounts amounting to £1,186.9s.1d.
- Attention was drawn to the Balance Sheet and to the fact that for the first time in its history, the Union was solvent.
- Resolved: - "That the congratulations of the Committee be accorded to Dr Garnett upon the financial situation which the Committee considered to be in a large degree the result of his painstaking efforts."
112. MANSON HOUSE MEETING. The Committee considered the arrangements for the Mansion House meeting which was being held that afternoon.
113. ROTARY CLUBS. The Committee considered the Report of the Conference which met to consider co-operation between the Union and Rotary Clubs, and approved the following unanimous recommendations of the Conference:-
1. (a) That a circular letter should be sent from the head office of the R.I.B.I. to Rotary Branches advising each Branch to appoint one person to attend to League of Nations business in the cause of international peace;
 - (b) That this person should arrange for addresses to be given on the general cause of international peace including the work of the League of Nations; and
 - (c) That co-operation should be maintained in all possible ways with the local branch of the Union in furthering the specific activities of Rotary.

- (2) That a joint Committee of the Rotary International Association for Great Britain and Ireland (R.I.B.I.) and of the Union be constituted to consist of not more than five persons appointed by Rotary, and not more than five persons appointed by the Union. The joint Committee would report to the Executive of the Union as well as to the Executive of the R.I.B.I. The members of the Committee should include persons chosen on account of their membership of, or contact with, the British National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce. The reference to the joint Committee should be:-

to consider and advise upon means of co-operation between the Union and rotary in promoting international trade and particularly in establishing, with the help of the League of Nations, an international standard of business ethics throughout the world.

11. WARSAW CONFERENCE.

(a) Resolutions. The Committee considered resolutions and accompanying explanatory statement proposed by the various Committees of the Union and co-ordinated by the Overseas Committee for submission to the Ninth Plenary Congress of the Federation of League of Nations Societies at Warsaw in July. They were approved in the following form:-

I

THE GENEVA PROTOCOL

The League of Nations Union suggests that the Plenary Congress of the Federation should consider the Geneva Protocol and the situation created by the refusal of the British Government to accept it. The reasons for making this suggestion are as follows:-

By Article 8 of the League of Nations Covenant the Signatory Powers imposed upon the Council of the League the obligation to "formulate plans for reduction of armaments to the lowest point consistent with national safety and the enforcement by common action of international obligations." It therefore became necessary to define clearly what are the international obligations under the Covenant and accordingly the Draft Treaty of Mutual Assistance was prepared and submitted by the Fourth Assembly, (1923) to the national governments. After a change in Government this Treaty was rejected by Great Britain. But two months later the new British Government joined in devising another scheme which ultimately became the Geneva Protocol. This Treaty in its turn is not acceptable to the present Government. When the British delegate informed the Council of the League in March, 1925, that his Government would not accept the Protocol he agreed that the question should be placed on the agenda of the Sixth Assembly and in doing so he said that the British Government "remains firmly attached to the principles of arbitration and disarmament, and is anxious to do its share in giving peace and security to the world." On the same occasion he stated that in the opinion of the British Government "the best way of dealing with the situation is, with the co-operation of the League, to supplement the Covenant by making special arrangements in order to meet special needs; that these arrangements should be purely defensive in character; that they should be framed in the spirit of the Covenant; working in close harmony with the League and under its guidance, is manifest".

Such arrangements are now (May 1925) under discussion in the form of a proposed Pact between certain European powers. These arrangements are designed to contribute to the permanent peace of Europe, by providing, in the case of certain frontiers, the security against aggression which was aimed at by the two previous Treaties and is indispensable to any scheme of mutual disarmament.

In these circumstances it is clear, not only that the whole question raised by the Protocol, and such partial arrangements as are mentioned above, will be before the Assembly in Geneva in September, but also that there is general concurrence that some definite action should be taken towards attaining security and peace by the acceptance of arbitration and disarmament. It is therefore to be expected that the Assembly will not disperse without having elaborated some method by which to secure these objects.

While the League of Nations Union holds the opinion that the Protocol, or some alternative plan involving the main principles of the Protocol, is needed to carry out satisfactorily the purposes of the Covenant, the Union considers that such partial arrangements as have been mentioned may, under suitable conditions*, constitute a most important step for attaining these objects.

For these reasons the League of Nations Union thinks it advisable that the Plenary Congress of the Federation should consider what are the main principles which should underlie any scheme accepted in substitution for the Protocol, and lay the result of such consideration before the Assembly of the League when it meets in September. Accordingly, the League of Nations Union submits the following resolutions:-

- * The British Union believes that a regional agreement for the preservation of peace between Great Britain, France, Germany and (possibly) other countries interested in the frontiers of Germany may contribute in the highest degree to the permanent peace of Europe, provided that it
1. be framed in the spirit of the Covenant of the League of Nations,
 2. be worked in close harmony with the League and under its guidance,
 3. include a compulsory procedure for the peaceful settlement of all justiciable disputes between the parties,
 4. provide for the immediate entry of Germany into the League with a seat on the Council, and
 5. be open to other interested Powers to join.

THE PLENARY CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF
LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES RESOLVES as follows:-

- (1) "That the Federation considers the Geneva Protocol to be the most satisfactory instrument as yet designed for achieving a general reduction of armaments and the full purposes of the Covenant of the League of Nations and earnestly hopes that the Assembly of the League will not put it aside until some other equally effective method of ensuring security, disarmament and peace has been agreed upon.
- (2) "That in any agreement to be substituted for the Geneva Protocol the following essential principles of the Protocol should be retained:-
 1. Prohibition of all aggressive war.
 2. Agreement by all Members of the League to accept in every dispute some form of peaceful settlement.
 3. Recognition by every Member of the League of the jurisdiction of the Permanent Court of International Justice under Article 36 (2) of the Statute of the Court, but without prejudice to the right of any State to make reservations compatible with the said clause.
 4. Agreement to accept the decision of the Permanent Court in every question of interpretation of the Covenant and of all supplementary agreements.
 5. 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 so organised under the League as to prevent all aggressive war.
 6. Reduction of armaments under agreement to be arrived at by means of an international conference.
- (3) That the Federation welcomes the increased probability of Germany joining the League with a permanent seat on the Council and recognises that for Germany to do so is essential for securing the purposes of the Protocol, or of any adequate alternative plan.
- (4) That the above resolutions be submitted to the Sixth Assembly of the League of Nations.

II

EDUCATION

The Plenary Congress resolves:-

1. "That the National Societies be asked to furnish reports as to the steps taken by them to give effect to the resolutions on school text-books and instruction adopted by the Eighth Assembly;

2. That the National Societies continue to work on the lines suggested in those resolutions --

to improve the relations of organised peoples to one another;
to increase the sense of the interdependence of nations;
to bring conviction that it is a crime to resort to war instead of submitting a dispute to peaceful processes of settlement;
to make known the existence, aims and achievements of the League of Nations and the terms of its Covenant;

3. That each Society consider the possibility of preparing and arranging for the distribution of:-

- (a) A leaflet containing suggestions for the consideration of teachers in framing schemes of lessons on the League of Nations.
- (b) A pamphlet such as "Teachers and World Peace."
- (c) A paper for Boys and Girls on the lines of "League News".
- (d) A lantern lecture for schools.
- (e) A film for schools.
- (f) A bibliography of suitable books for children and young people on the League of Nations.

4. That the National Societies be recommended to organise Summer Schools on the League in their own countries and to co-operate with the Federation in organising at Geneva an International Summer School supplementary to that organised by the Geneva Institute of International Relations for English-speaking peoples

5. That in order to promote the study of international affairs the National Societies be urged to direct their special attention during the coming year to the closer co-operation with organisations for the development of adult non-vocational education in their respective countries, and to co-operate as fully as possible with the World Association for Adult Education."

III

I.L.O.

The Plenary Congress resolves:-

1. "That the Secretariat of the Federation shall circulate once a year a summary record of the work done by each national society to give effect to resolution No.12 (Education Commission) of the 8th Plenary Congress, Lyons, 1924, whereby national societies pledged themselves to action in their own countries "with a view to the ratification of the largest possible number of inter national labour conventions;

That for this purpose each national society shall submit its own record of such work at the date required by the Secretariat, distinguishing in its report

- a) efforts made directly with the national government;
- b) co-operation with the national societies represented at the International Congress on Social Policy, Prague 1924, on lines approved by the Council of the Federation, October 1924 (v.1924 Bulletin No.5, pp.33-4).

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- c) general educational work on behalf of the I.L.O.
2. That members of the Federation of League of Nations Societies should approach the National Societies of the International Congress on Social Policy, Prague 1924, in their respective countries with a view to arranging a joint delegation to the British L.N.U. Conference on "Social Insurance and the I.L.O." to be held in London in the autumn of 1925."

IV

MINORITIES"The Plenary Congress

- (a) noting the fact that the Assembly of the League is not at present made aware of the extent to which the Council is called upon to exercise its functions under the Minority Treaties,
urges that the Annual Report on the work of the Council presented to the Assembly by the Secretary-General should give a list of all petitions, received by the League during the past year, that comply with the five conditions laid down in the present procedure. Such a list should give particulars comprising:-
- 1) The date on which the petition was received by the League,
 - 2) The country and minority from which the petition emanated,
 - 3) The subject of petition,
 - 4) The decision taken with regard to it.
- (b) recommends that a further attempt should be made to induce the Council of the League to refer all petitions which fulfil the five conditions laid down in the present procedure to the Permanent Court of International Justice for an advisory opinion or for decision."

(b) Commission on Equitable Treatment of Foreigners. The Committee approved the recommendations of the Overseas Committee that the British Delegation should move the following amendment at the Warsaw Conference:-

"The League of Nations Union, while recognising the supreme importance of the question of immigration and the need for the further discussion of this subject, is, however, of opinion that the time is not yet ripe for the adoption of the specific resolutions contained in the Report of the Commission on the Equitable Treatment of Foreigners. The League of Nations Union would suggest that before the formulation of any such definite resolutions, the whole subject, depending as it does very largely on the education of public opinion, should be further studied and brought up again at the Tenth Plenary Congress."

The Committee also approved the suggestion that if the above amendment was defeated at Warsaw, the British Delegation should abstain from voting on the resolutions contained in the Report of the Commission and also if the component sections of the report were to be considered separately, the Union could agree to those parts of the report which

did not deal with immigration (e.g. the question of Assimilation and the Protection of Emigrants).

(c) Delegates.

Resolved:- "That subject to the approval of the Finance Committee a sum of £5 be added to the allowance of each delegate who wished it."

It was further

Resolved:- "That up to the limit of 20 imposed by the rules of the Federation, the number of the Union's delegation include, not only persons already invited to serve as delegates, but also the wives of delegates or other members of the Union accompanying the delegation provided always that the Union shall incur no additional cost on account of this resolution."

115. HEADWAY - PROPOSED NEW FORM. A suggestion that HEADWAY should be published in a different form was considered and it was

Resolved:- "That the question be referred to the Editorial Committee."

116. INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON SOCIAL WORK AND SERVICE. The Secretary reported the desire of the British Commission of the International Congress on Social Work and Service, of which Sir William Collins is Chairman, that the Union should be represented upon that Commission, and of a resolution of that Commission that Major Hills be invited to join the Executive Committee of the British Commission of the Congress.

The Committee expressed the hope that Major Hills would find it possible to accept the invitation.

117. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) STAFF APPOINTMENTS. The minutes of the Staff Appointments Committee dated 2.4.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (24) Editorial and Publicity; and (25) Mr Dennis Grinling.]

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

- (b) MANAGEMENT. The minutes of the Management Committee dated 2.4.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (21) Recognition of Branches; (22) City of London Branch; (23) Resolutions.]

- (c) FINANCE. The minutes of the Finance Committee dated 3.4.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (27) Membership subscriptions; and (28) Hotel Rebate scheme.]

Subject to the Editorial Committee agreeing to resolution 7, in minute 46, the minutes of the Finance Committee dated 24.4.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (41) Financial Statement; (42) Accounts for 1925; (43) Federation Offices; (44) Mr Reid; (45) Empire Day meeting; (46) HEADWAY; (47) Hotel Rebate scheme; and (48) Cheques.]

- (a) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS. Subject to the non-acceptance of the recommendation that the Union should hold a meeting in the Conference Hall after the end of Empire Day's service at Wembley (minute 75), the minutes of the Christian Organisations Committee dated 22.4.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

33. Manifesto from the Churches. The Secretary reported that since the Christian Organisations Committee the Archbishop of Canterbury had amended the proposed Manifesto to the Prime Minister which he and the Archbishop of York were now prepared to sign. It was

Resolved: - "That the three Archbishops and three leading Free Churchmen be asked to sign the Manifesto to be sent to the Prime Minister."

[These minutes included (31) Model resolution on Corporate membership; (32) Church of England and Corporate Membership; (33) Manifesto; (35) Wembley; (36) S.P.C.; (37) World Alliance and the L.N.U.; together with an amended draft prepared by the Secretary of the Union on the joint statement of policy originally proposed by the Bishop of Oxford for circulation to Christian congregations associated with both bodies.]

- (a) LABOUR ADVISORY. Subject to the word "opinions" in the last line but one of minute 37 being altered to "Conventions", the minutes of the Labour Advisory Committee dated 23.4.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

35. Competent Authority for ratification of I.L. Conventions.

Resolved: - 1. That the Executive do what it can, through the League of Nations Parliamentary Committee, and otherwise to persuade Parliament that, while the Government may be legally entitled to withhold ratification of international labour conventions at the instance of the King in Council without consulting Parliament, yet in view of the intention of the Peace Conference when preparing and approving Part XIII of the Treaty, the Government should not for the future decide to withhold ratification of international labour conventions without first obtaining the recommendation of Parliament, and so giving Parliament an opportunity of discussing the issues involved, in each particular case.

2. That Mr George Barnes and Mr Ben Tillett attend as delegates a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee to explain the attitude of the L.A.C. on this point.

[These minutes included (35) Competent Authority for Ratification of I.L. Conventions; (36) Warsaw Conference; (37) Mr Roscoe Brunner; (38) German Labour Movements; (39) Women's Advisory Council; (40) Secretary's Report.]

- (f) **EDUCATION.** The minutes of the Education Committee dated 24.4.25, together with the recommendations contained therein, were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (48) Meetings; (49) Education Authorities; (50) Film Committee; (51) Welsh Leaflet; (52) Resolutions for Warsaw; (53) Lord Eustace Percy; (54) Summer Schools; (55) Adult Education.]

- (g) **MINORITIES.** The Committee considered the following resolution of the Minorities Committee:-

"The Committee, recognising that the Polish and Roumanian Nationality Laws and the Nationality Bill now before the Latvian Parliament are apparently in contradiction to the Minorities Treaties and are furthermore calculated to cause serious hardship by creating a large class of Heimatslosen, or persons without any national status whatever, recommend that the annexed extracts from these Laws be brought to the attention of H.M. Government and that application be made to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to instruct the British Delegate on the Council of the League of Nations to take the necessary steps to obtain an avis consultatif from the Permanent Court of International Justice on the question whether these Laws constitute infractions of the relevant Minorities Treaties."

The Chairman said that he would write to Mr Chamberlain.

115. **CASTLEFORD PAGEANT.** The Secretary told the Committee of a Pageant to be held at Castleford on May 16th and he asked members of the Committee who might be free on that date and who would care to attend to let him know. The Castleford Committee were particularly anxious that a member of the Executive should be present.

G. M.



