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

MINUTES of a meeting of the ECONOMICS COMMITTEE held at 11, Dartmouth Street, on Wednesday, 1st November, 1944, at 6 p.m.

Present: Durbin (Chair), Chantler, Mrs. Clarke, Edwards, Flanders, Gollancz, Kaldor, J. H. Wilson, Young, Gray (Secretary)

Apologies: Albu, Clarke, Tress, T, Wilson, Worswick.

(1) NEW MEMBERS L. John Edwards was welcomed to the Committee. At the suggestion of the Research Planning Committee, Ian Mikardo and David Worswick were also co-opted.

(2) REPORT ON WORK IN HAND

(a) Cost of Reconstruction A first pamphlet, limited to the cost of social services only, to be drafted as soon as possible.

(b) Industrial Controls book The last chapter was nearing completion. All other chapters had received general approval, except Building, which Buckatzsch was being asked to amplify. It was agreed that Cole should see the chapter before revision.

(c) Monopoly. Draft nearing completion.

(d) Structural Unemployment Draft nearing completion

(e) Use of Land No pamphlet forthcoming. Notes, comparing the White Paper with the Uthwatt Report, has been passed to the Editor of the Quarterly, together with suggestions for an article in the next number. It was agreed to ask (1) Lord Latham, (2) Goronvy Daniel, to draft a pamphlet.

(f) Employment Policy Question and Answer pamphlet, on the Beveridge Report and the White Paper, in preparation.

(g) Coal Industry Book in preparation.

(3) REPORT FROM RESEARCH PLANNING COMMITTEE on the future work of the Economics Committee. This was received and its recommendations accepted, i.e. to give priority to (a) the fundamental theory of socialism and economic planning, (b) statistical studies, (c) the relation of the State to industry not yet socialised. Socialisation studies would be undertaken if qualified people became available to do them.

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(4) FUTURE WORK Section A of the Chairman's suggestions were fully discussed and the following decisions taken:

A.1 Marxist economic thought A longish pamphlet on a wider theme, "A Socialist Guide to Modern Economic Thought", should be written for popular consumption. It should take modern Marxist ideas in its stride and compare them with "orthodox" lines of thought. Suggested authors: (1) Joan Robinson, (2) H. D. Dickenson, (3) John Strachey.

A.2 Economic Planning and Social Ownership R. W. B. Clarke to be invited to write a pamphlet on the long-term aspects of this theme when the draft of his final chapter of the book on Industrial Controls had been received.

A.3 Economic Planning and Political Liberty No decision to be made until Barbara Wootton's book comes out.

A.4-5. Pricing - Costing - Cost Accountancy These subjects to be tackled together by a Group of economists and accountants. Tom Wilson to be invited to convene, Fletcher, R. S. Edwards and Kaldor to join, and R. W. B. Clarke, Gaitskell and H. W. Singer to be consulted.

A.6 Changing Class Structure To be linked with D.6-7 and become largely statistical, giving a comprehensive survey of changes in ownership of income and property, industrial classifications, and class structure proper. Suggested authors (1) Mark Abrams, (2) D. Caradog-Jones. Failing these, Durbin to ask A. M. Carr-Saunders' advice.

A.7 Training for Industrial Control. D. N. Chester to be asked to suggest an author.

NEXT MEETING Wednesday, 15th November, at 6 p.m. to discuss the remaining suggestions for future work.

ECONOMICS COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Thursday, 19th April, 1945, at 6 p.m.

Present : Durkin (Chair), Albu, Chantler, Flanders, Tress, Worswick, Miss Burke, Gray (Secretary).

Apologies received from Clarke, Mrs. Clarke, Edwards, Mikardo, J. H. Wilson.

MINUTES of the last meeting. Approved.

REPORT ON WORK IN HAND (and decisions taken).

Guide to Economic Thought Dickinson's synopsis had come in and suggested a much bigger and more comprehensive booklet than was first intended. The author was being asked to proceed on these lines.

Pricing and Costing The Group had met half-a-dozen times to date and a certain amount of agreement between economists, accountants and industrialists had been reached. Because of unavoidable circumstances, however, the Group was beginning to disintegrate. The Committee urged that this should be prevented, if possible, and that a written document should be produced as soon as practicable.

Industrial Controls It was reported that Cole and Mrs. Cole had read the chapters as they stood and felt that they would not make a book without substantial revision and editing, which Cole was prepared to direct but not execute. The group was meeting again to discuss whether it could undertake this work.

Economic Planning and Social Ownership It was agreed that if the book on industrial controls was abandoned, the last chapter might be converted into a pamphlet on this theme.

Monopoly A second draft of the pamphlet had been written in the light of readers' comments and had been approved for publication by one. The other, Worswick, agreed to read it again within a few days. Lewis, Rostas and Flanders should be asked to form a group to discuss policy in greater detail.

Structure of Industry The convener reported that his Group had met once and drawn up a plan of research which involved considerable investigation. As yet, no one had been found to do it, but the possibility of dividing the work was being considered.

MINUTES of meeting of the RESEARCH PLANNING COMMITTEE held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Thursday, 13th September, 1945, at 4.30 p.m.

Present: Cole (Chair), Mrs. Cole, Durbin, Hughes, Parker, Robson, Young, Gray and Miss Burke.

Apologies: received from Albu and Woolf.

A Report from the Home Research Department and the Colonial and International Bureaus on current research and proposals for future research was discussed in considerable detail. The following main conclusions were reached:

- (1) FUTURE RESEARCH IN GENERAL. The Society should continue to be mainly concerned with independent research on both short-term and long-term problems, whilst co-ordinating its activities with the work of the Labour Party Research Department so as to avoid duplication of personnel and effort. In particular it was agreed that the Society should give attention to those parts of the Government's short-term policy which had not yet fully been worked out and on problems of policy for the Labour Party at the next General Election. It was agreed not to give general assistance to individual M.P.'s but to invite suitable M.P.'s, e.g. those elected to the proposed Parliamentary Committees of the Party, to join the Society's Groups or Committees which are discussing the same subjects. The officers were instructed to look around for a young M.P. who would be prepared to act as liaison officer between the Research Department and other M.P.'s. This work should, of course, be linked with the activities of the Fabian Forum.
- (2) POLITICS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
 - (a) It was agreed to establish a Political Committee at the earliest possible moment together with a sub-Committee on Local Government. Dr. Robson agreed to become Chairman of the Committee and among names suggested as possible members were F. Hardie, R.S.T. Chorley, J.E. McColl (Local Government only), W.T. Wells, R.H.S. Crossman and R.S.W. Pollard. It was further agreed to commence the work of the Committee with a Conference which Dr. Robson consented to call.
 - (b) In the meantime the items of research now being carried on into Local Government were noted and the officers were requested to take steps to get the standard local government tracts on Borough, Urban District, Metropolitan Borough, Parish and County Councils revised for republication, as well as new pamphlets on the functions of the more important local Committees, e.g. the Health and Town Planning Committees. The E.C. should be requested to grant small fees for the revision of each tract.
 - (c) Public Relations. The Editor of the "Quarterly" was requested to include an article on the general problems of the new Government's public relations in the next issue of the "Quarterly." A detailed enquiry into the subject would be one of the tasks of the proposed Political Committee.
 - (d) Future Legislation Although it might be impossible for the Society to bring out pamphlets on all pieces of major legislation during the next five years, in cases where the effectiveness of an Act depended largely on its interpretation by Local Authorities an explanatory pamphlet should be issued, if we had the available personnel, e.g. the Health

RESEARCH PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Research Planning Committee held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Tuesday, 5th March, 1946, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cole (Chair), Durbin, Faringdon, Hughes, Monck, Parker, Robson, Young, Gray, Mildred Bamford, Marjori Nicholson, Rosemary Burke.

Apologies from Margaret Cole and Leonard Woolf.

A GENERAL

The meeting was convened to discuss how far the Society's research personnel should be asked to devote themselves to long and short-term work respectively. Documents dividing current and projected research roughly into these two categories had been circulated to members in advance.

The Committee re-affirmed its previous decision (of 13.9.45) that "The Society should continue to be mainly concerned with independent research on both short and long-term problems, while co-ordinating its activities with the work of the Labour Party Research Department so as to avoid duplication of personnel and effort. In particular the Society should give attention to those parts of the Government's short-term policy which had not yet been fully worked out and on problems of policy for the Labour Party at the next General Election." But it realized that these generalized principles now need to be stated more concretely and in greater detail. The Society has clearly certain short-term functions to perform. Firstly, it can prepare policy statements for immediate issues - the future of British broadcasting for instance. Secondly, it can examine and focus attention on problems which will have to be tackled during the Government's present term of office but which may not otherwise receive early or sufficient consideration; distribution, wages and the House of Lords are among such subjects. But there is an all-too-marked tendency for members of Fabian groups, and in particular M.P.'s, to be pre-occupied with such short-term problems. The Society should be giving consideration to problems which may not assume practical importance until the Government is ready to face the electors again. Some work on Labour's next election programme can already be done by groups, etc. working on transitional problems, though detailed plans can be worked out only after taking stock of what has been achieved in Labour's first five years of power. Again, the Society needs to think beyond the mere implementation of election programmes and consider what steps need to be taken to make economic planning, and later socialism, work, i.e. to secure the co-operation of the people as workers, consumers and citizens in the building of a new Society.

The Committee tried to break down these long-term plans into specific tasks, and did so mainly under the heads of existing sub-committees. But certain tasks, it found, require to be tackled in a very general way - for the present at any rate - and the best method seemed to be a series of conferences.

- (1) It was agreed to recommend to the E.C. that a small, select conference should soon be held to discuss what kind of life we as Fabians want to see developed under socialism. This would be a wide subject, covering

* A list of work planned or being done by the various sub-committees is attached; each item has been placed for convenience's sake in one of the three main categories.

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| Series of Tracts "Socialism Today and Tomorrow" | This projected series of Tracts was discussed by an informal Committee on non-research publications | ? |
| Life under a Socialist State | Conference proposed at Research Planning Committee | ? |
| Local Democracy at Work (local election results) | W. G. Thornhill | Draft due any day now |

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

| <u>Work in hand</u> | <u>Group or Individual Responsible</u> | <u>Results Expected</u> |
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| The I.L.O. (Final title still to be decided) | Verbal report can be given | End of March or early in April |
| Plan for the reform of the B.B.C. European Service | Draft by A.F.G.Roy. To go to a group for discussion | Middle of April |
| The Future of Trade Unions in the British Zone of Germany | A. F. G. Roy | End of April |
| Socialist hand-book on Belgium | Group of Belgian Socialists | In view of postal and translation difficulties no date can be given - anything up to 12 months |
| Socialist hand-book on Italy | Group of Italian Socialists | Ditto |
| Soviet Foreign Policy | Name can be given verbally | 1st MS at end of March - amount of work then required cannot be determined until 1st draft is seen |
| <u>Work planned</u> <u>(Preliminary negotiations in hand)</u> | | |
| International Broadcasting | Pauline Sharpston, from material collected by Noel Newsome. | May |
| Reform of Foreign Office & Services Authority | Preliminary negotiations only in hand | |
| International Czechoslovakia (Socialist hand-book) | Leonard Woolf has this under consideration | |
| | Visiting Group of British Socialists to be arranged by Fabian E.C. Draft synopsis in hand | |
| A policy for the Ruhr | Group. Document to be drawn up by Rudolf Hermann | May |
| <u>Work proposed but not yet under way</u> | | |
| International Year Book on International Organizations | Documentary side to be done in office - commentary to be done by group, probably by correspondence | Cannot be decided until plans are more concrete. |

Coal Industry Wilson's book was now with the printer, but the author desired to publish independently, with a reference to the Society, in the Foreword.

Industrial Efficiency Albu reported that a skeleton Group was in existence and steps were being taken to find a suitable research worker to give part-time paid service.

Machinery of Planning and Control The Chairman, after long consideration of the subject, felt he had not the time to write a pamphlet on it. He agreed to approach D. N. Chester to write a pamphlet on Central Planning Machinery. Wadsworth was to be asked to write, in consultation with trade unionists, etc., a report on machinery of control in the cotton industry, similar to that recently done on the pottery industry.

Foreign Trade It was reported that the E.C. had asked for the formation of a joint group of economists and International Bureau members to discuss the possibility of research into this and related problems.

Changing Structure of Society Abrams' draft (35,000 words) had been completed and warmly approved by readers. Attempts were being made to secure pre-election publication.

Cost of Reconstruction It was reported that:

- (a) Kaldor and Barna were re-writing Appendix C to the Beveridge Report for publication by the Society as part of this series.
- (b) The pamphlet on the Cost of the Social Services had been held up by the geographical separation of the research team, and
- (c) The Group would almost certainly not be able to carry on with the remainder of its programme.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Thursday, May 17th, at 6 p.m.

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(4) HOUSING COMMITTEE (Chairman: G. D. H. Cole)

| <u>Work in hand</u> | <u>Group or Individual Responsible</u> | <u>Results Expected</u> |
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| Survey of local authority housing plans | Mark Abrams and Ruth Glass | Draft pamphlet in about three months |
| Direct Labour | E. J. Cole | Quarterly article in next issue |
| <u>Tentative</u> | | |
| Price rings in the building industry | Ian Bowen? | These projects will be discussed at the next meeting Thursday, 21st March, 1946. |
| Pre-fabrication of permanent houses | G. D. H. Cole | |
| Housing administration. Housing legislation | | |
| <u>Long-term</u> | | |
| Obsolescence in Housing | Mark Abrams and Ruth Glass | ? |
| Supply and training of building workers. | | ? |
| Building priorities. | | ? |

(5) FILMS GROUP (Chairman: H. L. Beales)

| <u>Work in hand</u> | <u>Group or Individual Responsible</u> | <u>Results Expected</u> |
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| Statistical analysis of Cinema Exhibitors returns to the Board of Trade | Grebenik | About July |
| <u>Tentative</u> | | |
| Examination of the legal position with regard to showing films | W. Farr | Held up because Farr was ill. Possibly about June |
| Inquiry into supplies of film equipment | Baxter and Road | Uncertain |
| <u>Possible future work</u> | | |
| Use of film strip in visual education | | |
| Continued agitation for the setting up of an adequate Visual Education Council by the Ministry of Education | | |

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(1) ECONOMICS COMMITTEE

| <u>Work in Hand</u> | <u>Group or Individual Responsible</u> | <u>Results Expected</u> |
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| Relations of Govt. with Public and Private Industry | Individual project: by H. Fraser Urquhart on basis of chapter from Controls book. | First draft out with readers. |
| Raw material's controls | Worswick's chapter for Controls book awaiting personal amendment. | Draft to be made when final set-up of controls is determined |
| Allocation of resources between industries | Group, with L. Rostas temporarily in charge | Draft possibly by Autumn (early) |
| Monopoly policy | Group with Allan Flanders in charge | uncertain |
| Labour Management | Group, under Patricia Mayo | Draft in April |
| Structural Unemployment | Individual - Margaret Stewart | Draft always expected - never comes |
| Distribution | Group, under Charles Smith, M.P. Enquiry on short-term policy about to begin | Enquiry must be completed by September |
| Cost of Social Services | Group under Mrs. E. Clarke | Draft pamphlet (unsuitable) in; to be discussed and re-written (by May?) |
| Foreign Trade | Group under N. Kaldor preparing policy for International Trade Conference | Must be completed by June |
| Land Use | Individual - Lord Piercy | One just hopes for the best |
| Rating Reform | Individual - M. P. Fogarty | Completed - final editing in progress |
| Socialist Guide to Modern Economic Thought | Book by H. D. Dickinson | Should be in by the summer |
| Industrial Incentives | Group with D. G. MacRae as paid research officer | Pamphlet expected Sept.-Nov. Conference in May-June |
| <u>Tentative Proposals</u> | <u>Group or Individual Responsible</u> | <u>Results expected</u> |
| Long-term trade policy. Effects on Employment Policy | Foreign Trade Group? | ? |
| Co-ops and the Community | Group under E. V. Francis? | ? |
| Trade Unions under a Labour Government | Group under George Brown, M.P.? | ? |
| <u>Longer-term ideas</u> | <u>Group or Individual Responsible</u> | <u>Results expected</u> |
| Five year plan of industrial research | To be prepared | Next meeting - April? |

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(2) POLITICAL COMMITTEE* (Chairman: Dr. Robson)

| <u>Work in Hand</u> | <u>Group or Individual Responsible</u> | <u>Results Expected</u> |
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| B.B.C. | Sub-Committee (Francis Noel-Baker, M.P., Chairman) | April |
| Regionalism | Committee to be formed from meeting to be held 5th April | |
| Reform of the House of Lords | Sub-committee Chairman: Lord Chorley | Synopsis in May |
| <u>Tentative</u> | | |
| Function and Composition of Local Statutory Committees. | Group on the subject just formed under R. S. W. Pollard | Pamphlet in about six months? |
| Relations of local and Central Government (particularly Finance) | Will come within province of the proposed Group on Regionalism | |
| Central machinery for economic planning | To be considered at next full committee meeting | |
| Reform of the Civil Service | It is proposed to set up a Group in Oxford to do research on this subject | |
| <u>Long-term</u> | | |

List of projects marked with an asterisk on Dr. Robson's draft plan for research which was circulated previously

(3) EDUCATION COMMITTEE (Chairman: Harold Shearman)

| <u>Work in hand</u> | <u>Group or Individual Responsible</u> | <u>Results Expected</u> |
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| Revised edition of the Education Act pamphlet | Lady Simon | April |
| Technical education and juvenile employment | Mrs. Large | Draft expected within six months |
| <u>Tentative</u> | | |
| Future of the Universities | To be discussed at next meeting, 19th March | |
| <u>Long-term</u> | | |
| Co-operation with Education Group in House of Commons | 5 M.P.s on the Education Group have agreed to join the Committee | |
| A policy for the full implementation of the provisions of the 1944 Act | To be considered by full Committee meeting | Should be worked out during the year |

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This Committee was formed only a few months ago and has not as yet got very far ahead.

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B.6,8,9. Central Planning Machinery, Machinery of Econom Control, Trade Unions; also Foreign Trade and other suggestions to be taken at a meeting of the Committee on Wednesday, 13th December; at 6.30 p.m.

At this stage the Chairman left, and Albu took his place.

INDUSTRIAL EFFICIENCY

Albu to draft a short synopsis for discussion by a Group.

PROGRESS REPORT (on decisions taken at the last meeting)

- 1) Land Planning Lord Latham was unable to write a pamphlet for some months. Daniel was being approached.
- 2) Guide to Modern Economic Thought Joan Robinson, when refusing, had suggested A. Radomysler. He was unable to take it on for some months, though interested in the proposal. It was agreed to approach Dickinson next.
- 3) Costing, etc. A Group was now being formed, with T. Wilson as convener. Agreed that Albu should join the Group, and Basil Smallpiece and John Diamond to be considered as possible members.
- 4) Changing Class Structure Abrams' synopsis had come in. It was decided to ask him to go ahead.
- 5) Training for Industrial Control Mrs. Layton, Col. Urwick and Appleby to be considered as possible authors.

ADOPTED RESEARCH SCHEMES

The independent groups on Labour Management (convener: Joan Thompson) and The Future of the Gas Industry (possible author: Joan Mitchell) were, at the suggestion of the Secretary, taken on by the Committee; also the pamphlet on The Machine Tool Industry by L.A. Forney, originally planned by the Industrial Group.

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11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on November 22nd, 1944, at 6 p.m.

Present: Durbin (Chair), Albu, Chantler, Meddaway, Tress, Gray.

Apologies: Mrs. Clarke, Edwards, Flanders, Worswick, Young.

FUTURE WORK

(a) Statistics

- D.1. Cost of Post-war Social Services In hand
- D.2. Post-war Labour Budget Agreed that the Cost of Reconstruction Group should be asked to tackle this item at a later stage in their enquiry, if possible in time to produce a pamphlet before the General Election.
- D.4. Balance of Payments To be considered as part of the foreign trade problem.
- D.3 & 5. Post-war Investment and Distribution of Resources To be taken together, with a view to a pamphlet on factors determining the structure of post-war demand and savings. Chantler, Tress, Worswick, Kaldor, Champernowne and Manning Dacey to be approached for suggestions.
- D.6. Changing Social Structure Dealt with last time.
- D.7. Distribution of Income and Property D. Caradog Jones to be asked to draft a pamphlet.

(b) Applied Theory

- B.1. Lessons of Wartime Planning To be left over until the last chapter of the Controls book has been discussed.
- B.2. Employment Policy In hand - popular, Quiz pamphlet.
- B.3. Structural Unemployment In hand.
- B.4. Post-war Structure of Industry Cairncross, Postan and Ferney to be asked to join a group, together with Albu, Chantler and Tress.
- B.5. Future of the Engineering Industry To be held over for the time being.
- B.7. Control of Monopoly In hand.

legislation. Such pamphlets will be particularly appropriate where a Fabian Group has been formed to follow the progress of a Bill through Parliament, as has been done with the Education Bill. Close consultation should be maintained with the Labour Party Research Department to avoid duplication of effort.

(3) SOCIAL SERVICES

(a) Social Insurance. In view of the proximity of legislation on the basis of the White Paper, it was agreed to ask Mrs. Joan Clarke if she was prepared to convene a small Group from the people who had helped on the Social Security Committee and in the preparation of the Social Security book, to assist the Minister of National Insurance where practicable and to follow his Bill through Parliament.

(b) Housing. G.D.H. Cole agreed to act as Chairman at a preliminary meeting of a Group to discuss what Housing research might be most usefully done by the Society. Suggestions for members included Mark Abrams, Sir Ernest Simon, G. McAllister, E. W. Gilbert, E.G. Cole, Ruth Glass and Irene Barclay.

(4) ECONOMICS AND INDUSTRY

(a) It was generally agreed that all research projects at present in hand should be completed as soon as possible and that the Economics Committee policy of concentrating on problems common to industry as a whole should be continued.

(b) Industrial Controls. It was reported that in view of the continuously unfolding policy of the new Government and the time taken for printing by nearly all publishers there was no guarantee that if the book on Industrial Controls was completed its chapters would not be thoroughly out of date when published. It was decided to abandon the book if practicable and to publish as many of the chapters as possible as pamphlets.

(c) Distribution. It was reported that the Evidence for the Board of Trade Committee on Census of Distribution was now almost completed and would be submitted in the near future. After some discussion as to whether any further useful work could be done in this field before the first census results were published it was agreed to set up a small Group, to be convened by Charles Smith if willing, to consider the possibility of research and policy formation on short-term issues. Members suggested were F.A. Cobb, H.A. Silverman, Joan Robinson and Joan Mitchell. As a first step it was suggested that an introductory pamphlet on the future of Utility production should be prepared, e.g. by Joan Robinson or N. Kaldor.

(d) Industrial Efficiency. Albu's written proposal for a Discussion Group of industrialists and others was accepted with the suggestion that M.P.'s having industrial experience should be invited to take part.

(e) Film Industry. After a short report of unsuccessful attempts to initiate research into this industry, the Committee decided that in view of the importance of this subject special efforts should be made to get the Group working properly. Hugh Gaitskell should be asked to suggest possible members from the feature film industry and N. Davenport should be considered in this connection also.

(5) Colonial and International Bureaus. The Reports of these two Bureaus were held over as neither Chairman was present.

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economic democracy, industrial incentives and the use of leisure among other related problems. The first conference would be very general and would have to be followed by others.

(2) The following were asked to form a sub-committee to discuss the programme and arrangements for such a conference: Margaret Cole, Durbin, Gray, Hughes, Monck and Parker.

B POLITICAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

This Committee was asked to consider at its next meeting the possibility of commencing research at once on the following long-term problems:-

- (1) The central machinery for economic planning and how to make it work smoothly and effectively.
- (2) The relation of central and local government, with particular regard to finance.

It was suggested that some of this work - or the research which the Committee proposes to do on civil service reform - might conveniently be undertaken by a group working in Oxford. Fulton, Harrison and McKenzie were given as possible names and D. N. Chester was suggested as a possible convener and link with the Political Committee.

C ECONOMICS AND INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE

This Committee should be asked to

- (1) Prepare a five-year plan of industrial research, giving special attention to problems of efficiency and workers' co-operation and participation in management of both socialized and privately-owned industries.
- (2) Hold a weekend conference on incentives to efficiency as soon as sufficient material had been prepared by D. G. MacRae for his group.
- (3) Set up a small working group to conduct research into the position of trade unions in a planned economy. (It was realised that the Economics Committee had endeavoured to set up such a group before, but had encountered difficulties in securing personnel; names suggested for this group were G. Brown, M.P. (Chair), E. Fletcher, B. Roberts, Williamson, Legge, L. J. Callaghan, M.P., A. Filson, T. Young and H. Hynd, M.P.)
- (4) Form a similar group with E. V. Francis on his proposed study on Co-ops and the Community. W. P. Watkins should be one of its members.
- (5) Keep a fairly permanent group of economists to watch out for the reappearance of unemployment (structural or cyclical). (If the Foreign Trade Group adheres to its present intention to give eventual consideration to possible fluctuations in the demand for British exports, it should be able to do the job well if its members are willing).

D OTHER HOME RESEARCH COMMITTEES

These should be left to follow their existing programmes, with two exceptions:-

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FABIAN SOCIETY - RESEARCH BUREAU ::: 37 GREAT JAMES ST LONDON W C 1

MINUTES of a meeting of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTION held at 37 Great James Street at 5 p m on Thursday 12 January 1939.

Present Franklin (chair), Babbage, Filson, Hadfield, Martin, Parker, Hughes.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of December 1 Taken with agenda and approved.
- 2 Direct Labour Filson reported on lines of revision of his report, and this was approved for publication in the Quarterly.
- 3 Central Purchase of Supplies A draft letter to be sent to the Leaders of Labour Groups on Borough Councils with a Labour majority or large minority, on condition that Morrison approved and that Strauss was also in favour.
- 4 Library Reorganisation
 - (1) It was reported that the Public Libraries Union Catalogue had offered to supply the required information on book purchase.
 - (2) Hadfield was asked to prepare a draft reply to the statement by the Executive Committee of the London and Home Counties Library Association for consideration at the next meeting.
- 5 Open Spaces Report postponed.
- 6 Community Centres A draft outline by Babbage was approved, and he was asked to proceed with a 10,000 word report.
- 7 Further Work
 - (1) A draft outline on Social Welfare by Richmond Postgate was to be sent to the Section members for their comments.
 - (2) P. Asterley Jones was to be asked to submit a draft outline on Local Authorities Joint Boards.
 - (3) The possibility of work on London Hospitals to be considered.
- 8 Next Meeting Thursday 9 February at 5 p m.

H. D. HUGHES
Asst Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the RESEARCH COMMITTEE held at 3 45 p m on Monday 30 January 1939 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Franklin (chair), Mrs Bolton, Cole, Mrs Cole, Durbin, Mitchison, Robson, Woolf, Galton, Parker and Hughes.

1 Report on Work in Hand This was received. It was decided

(1) to circulate the outline and minutes of book on the Government Regulation of Industry to all members of the Research Committee for their comments.

(2) to recommend that a decision be made by the Executive Committee on the proposed book on France in March.

(3) to get the material on Facts and Figures edited. A committee was then to be created to consider the draft and take necessary steps to fill gaps.

2 ^{E.C.} Standing Orders relating to Committee (referred for consideration by Rules Committee). The following draft was suggested:

(a) The Research Committee shall be appointed each year by the new Executive Committee after its election. Its membership need not be limited to that of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may appoint additional members who shall be members of the Society.

(b) It shall supervise the research work of the society and create such sections and sub-committees for the carrying out of this work as it thinks fit. Membership of such research sections and sub-committees need not be limited to members of the society.

(c) Publications All work submitted for publication shall be dealt with by the Research Committee or as it may direct. No publication shall take place without approval by the Executive Committee, or in case of urgency by the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

3 Research Committee Standing Orders The following were adopted:

(a) All work submitted for publication shall normally be sent by the office to suitable readers after consultation with the chairmen of the relevant sections and sub-committees.

(b) Each section and sub-committee shall make what arrangements it thinks fit for giving final approval to publications it recommends for publication.

4 Hon. Research Secretary It was decided to appoint such an officer. E.F.M. Durbin was selected for the post.

5 Research Secretary It was decided to recommend the appointment of a paid Research Secretary from the end of June 1939 at a salary of £200 a year to be reconsidered at the end of 6 months in the light of his capacity and the finances of the Society. It was recommended that the post be advertised.

JOHN PARKER
Joint General Secretary

1 Socialisation Studies

- (1) Transport Much work has been done on a book on this subject. It varies in quality. The principal author has been approached as to whether material should be published as a separate book and/or utilised by authors of certain chapters in the book on Government Regulation of Industry.
- (2) Insurance (now promised by June 1939)
- (3) Chemical Industry (draft received; being circulated for criticisms)
- (4) Coal (outline of proposed book to be submitted)
- (5) Motor Trade (progressing)

Note It is still very difficult to get workers on socialisation, as general interest has swung over to international affairs and immediate social reform measures.

2 Planning Section

- (1) Government Regulation of Industry (a book edited by Michael Stewart has been put in hand; this will cover a good deal of work which the Planning Section originally intended to deal with)
- (2) Other Work (see Financial Organisation and Distribution)

3 Distribution

The book on this subject prepared by Peter Vinter is awaiting revision by the office before going again to the committee for approval. Allen & Unwin are anxious to publish but have not yet seen the MSS.

4 Financial Organisation (special grant for research worker)

Work is being done on the National Investment Board; schemes of investment which might form the basis of a Socialist employment policy are being collected. Work so far done includes a memorandum surveying all the literature on the Labour Party's financial policy, with recommendations for future work; and a memorandum analysing recent trends in investment and in the organisation of the long term capital market, with special reference to increasing Treasury control of the new issue market.

5 Food Policy (special grant for research worker)

- (1) Introductory report on 'The Need for a Food Policy' (on malnutrition and public health).
- (2) Preliminary reports on sources of supplies and methods of distribution of some essential foodstuffs (eggs, fish, meat, bacon, sugar, milk and milk products, potatoes, other vegetables and fruit, bread).

- (3) The work now being done is the amplification of these preliminary reports. So far the commodities which have been dealt with thus at greater length are fish, fruit and vegetables, and eggs.

6 Social Services (special grant for research worker)

Since the completion of the preliminary survey, work is being undertaken on the following subjects:

- (1) The services that deal with the unemployed - viz. the Unemployment Insurance scheme, the Unemployment Assistance Board, and Public Assistance provision for the able-bodied unemployed - are being studied both in isolation and in relation to one another, with the purpose of drawing up specific plans for their reform and possible extension.
- (2) A survey of the health services with proposals for coordination and reform.
- (3) Further work on wages and family allowances.

An attempt will then be made to coordinate recommendations with Party commitments. Particular attention will be paid to their financial side.

7 Haldane Society

- (1) Police Reform (being revised by the office for further consideration by Committee)
- (2) Jury Service (article awaiting publication in Quarterly; draft bill completed - to be introduced under 10 minutes rule in the House)
- (3) National Legal Service (report nearing completion)
- (4) Retirement of J.P.s (draft bill in preparation)
- (5) Iron and Steel (draft bill long in preparation)
- (6) Law of Libel (Herbert's bill under consideration)
- (7) Patent Medicines (draft bill in preparation)

8 Local Government Section

- (1) Rent Rebates (revision completed; submitted to readers)
- (2) Direct Labour (article completed for publication in Quarterly)
- (3) Central Purchase of Supplies in London (work in hand)
- (4) Library Reorganisation (report completed; criticisms being considered)
- (5) Open Spaces (work in hand)
- (6) Community Centres (synopsis of report approved)
- (7) Municipal Finance (synopsis of report approved)
- (8) Social Welfare (outline of report under consideration by Section)

Manchester A draft Municipal Policy for Manchester and Salford (in hand)

Scottish Group A number of studies on administrative problems in connection with the Scottish Office (in hand)

10 International Section(1) Colonies

- (a) West Indies (pamphlet received and generally approved by readers)
- (b) Trusteeship (outline being prepared)
- (c) Facts and Figures (an outline prepared and meeting of contributors arranged)
- (d) Ceylon (in preparation)

(2) Central and Eastern Europe

- (a) Hungary (report revised and ready for publication)
- (b) Turkey (draft received and sent to readers)
- (c) Yugoslavia (draft received and sent to readers)
- (d) Rumania (nearing completion)
- (e) Bulgaria (nearing completion)
- (f) Greece (promised February)
- (g) Poland (synopsis to be considered)

(3) Population (book completed and sent to readers)

- (4) France (pamphlet put in hand in the summer reported to be progressing; NFRB officers recommended preparation of book; suggested authors are being approached to see if there is a strong enough team to make a book worth while)

(5) Totalitarian War (progressing)(6) Union of South Africa (outline approved and work put in hand)(7) World Government (possible work being discussed)(8) Mexico (work to be started)

- (9) Mediterranean Situation (outline being prepared)
- (10) New Start for the League (after much revision, this book is nearing completion)
- (11) Dominions and Colonial Policy (nearing completion)
- 11 Publicity - Government Departments (pamphlet in hand)
- 12 Facts and Figures (collection of material in hand for a pamphlet in readiness for the next General Election)
- 13 Training of Teachers (pamphlet completed and submitted to Labour Party Education Committee for criticism)
- 14 House of Lords (work on pamphlet resumed after long delay)
- 15 Local Press (factual study being made)
- 16 General Pamphlets
The Case for Equality (in hand)

JOHN PARKER
Joint General Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTION held at 5 p m on ④
Thursday 9 February 1939 at 37 Great James Street, London W C 1.

Present Franklin, Hadfield, Martin, Mrs Martin, Hughes.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 12 January 1939. Approved.
- 2 Central Purchase of Supplies A draft letter which had been approved by Morrison and Strauss was accepted and ordered to be sent to the Leaders and Whips of all Labour Borough Council groups with a majority.
- 3 Library Reorganisation Summary of reply by Hadfield approved for publication in the Quarterly.
- 4 Open Spaces No report received.
- 5 Community Centres Franklin, Mrs Stocks and Mrs Drake were appointed to act as readers of Babbage's preliminary report when received.
- 6 Social Welfare Richmond Postgate to be asked to prepare a report on Public Relations of Local Authorities.
- 7 Local Authorities Joint Boards Work postponed.
- 8 London Hospitals Work to be reconsidered when Miss Beach Thomas's report on Health Services was received.
- 9 Rent Rebates Mr & Mrs J.H.Martin and J.G.Martin approved as readers.
- 10 Next Meeting Thursday 9 March 1939.

MINUTES of a meeting of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTION held on Thursday 20 April 1939 at 37 Great James Street, W C 1.

Present Babbage, Filson, Franklin, MacColl, Mrs Martin, R.S. Postgate, Polly Hill, Hughes.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of February 9 Approved. It was decided that MacColl should draft a model resolution on Library Reorganisation for the Annual Conference of the London Labour Party, to be submitted for approval to the next meeting of the Section.
- 2 Work of Metropolitan Boroughs Filson was asked to formulate more definite suggestions for the next meeting. Suggested names of collaborators were invited. If possible, corresponding reports on the work of provincial local authorities of different types were to be obtained.
- 3 Central Purchase of Supplies Further action was referred to the next meeting in the expectation of receiving further replies to the questionnaire.
- 4 Community Centres Work proceeding.
- 5 Open Spaces MacColl offered to report to the June meeting of the Section.
- 6 Public Relations R.S. Postgate to proceed with the preparation of a memorandum.
- 7 National Health Insurance, Tuberculosis Service, Maternity and Child Welfare Services Consideration of memoranda on these subjects referred to a special committee.
- 8 Rent Rebates Publication of a revised and enlarged edition reported.
- 9 Local Government Finance Work proceeding.
- 10 Taxation of Land Values Memorandum when received to be considered by sub-committee and report made to the Section.
- 11 Assessments Ditto.
- 12 Next Meeting Friday 19 May at 5 p.m.

H. D. HUGHES
Asst Secretary

(5) H.B.12

FABIAN SOCIETY - RESEARCH OFFICE ::: 37 GREAT JAMES ST LONDON W C 1

MINUTES of the eighth meeting of the FOOD POLICY COMMITTEE was held on
2 May 1939 at 42 Bernard Street, W C 1.

Present Mrs Cole (in the chair), Gaitskell, Parker, Bulmer, Smith.

(1) The Secretary reported that the Labour Party had set up a Fishing Committee which was to present a report to the Whitsun Conference. It seemed that the Party Food Committee would not meet again until after the Conference.

(2) The future work of the Committee on Food Policy was discussed. The Secretary was instructed to draw up a summary of conclusions reached and recommendations made in the case of separate commodities. This was also to indicate lines to be followed up in reaching general conclusions upon agriculture and marketing machinery and on distribution. A meeting to discuss this was to take place on May 24.

(3) The reports on Tea, Bread and Meat were discussed by the Committee. It was emphasised that the Secretary should send copies of these to contacts in these trades for their comments and criticism.

CHARLES SMITH
Research Assistant
and Secretary of Committee

Mr B12

FABIAN SOCIETY - RESEARCH OFFICE ::: 37 GREAT JAMES ST LONDON W C 1

MINUTES of meeting of the HEALTH SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTION held at 37 Great James Street, W C 1 at 5 pm on Friday 5 May 1939.

Present R. Beach Thomas, Mrs Bolton, H. Franklin, Dr Somerville Hastings, Mrs Martin, Polly Hill, Parker, Hughes.

- 1 Miss Beach Thomas reported on comments received on the three memoranda on National Health Insurance, Maternity and Child Welfare, and the Tuberculosis Service.
- 2 It was decided to defer consideration of N.H.I. to a further meeting at which a memo on the School Medical Service could also be discussed.
- 3 The reports on Maternity and Child Welfare and the Tuberculosis Service were considered in detail. After revision by Miss Beach Thomas they were to be submitted for consideration to the Public Health Advisory Committee of the Labour Party. The question of publication by the Fabian Society would be considered in the light of their report.

H. D. HUGHES
Assistant Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTION held at 40 Great James Street, W C 1, at 5 p m on 19 May 1939.

Present Filson, Franklin, Mr & Mrs Martin, Hughes.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of April 20 were approved.
- 2 Membership of Section It was decided to invite A.M.Blake and Miss Beach Thomas to join the Section.
- 3 Work of Metropolitan Boroughs Action on this was deferred until September.
- 4 Central Purchase of Supplies Franklin to approach Dr Felton for approval; if secured, Hammersmith, Fulham, Lambeth and Southwark to be invited to ask the LCC to tender for appropriate supplies and to report on the results after one year's working.
- 5 Community Centres Letter received from Babbage offering report in about ten days.
- 6 Public Relations No report.
- 7 Health Services Report Minutes of Sub-Committee of May 5 approved.
- 8 Local Government Finance Report promised in about six weeks.
- 9 Structure of London Government It was decided to prepare a report on the existing authorities and methods of administration. Franklin to prepare a short general synopsis and preliminary reports on the following services to be submitted to the next meeting:
 Education - Franklin
 Housing - Mrs Martin
 Health and Hospitals - MacColl
 Drainage and Water - Franklin
 Transport - Martin
 Gas and Electricity - T.G.N.Haldane
 Police - Franklin
 Fire Brigade - A.M.Blake
 Culture and Recreation - H.D.Hughes
 Planning, Rating and Assessment to be considered later.
 A.W.Filson to prepare a report on the political complexion of the Greater London area.
- 10 Comparison of various types of outer London authority The following to be approached:
 Miss Beach Thomas - County Council
 J.H.Wilson - County Borough
 McKinnon Wood - Rural District Council
- 11 Resolutions for London Labour Party Conference Members wishing to draft model resolutions suitable for consideration at the Annual Conference of the London Labour Party were asked to bring them for discussion at the next meeting. The following were suggested:
 Library Reorganisation (MacColl)
 Central Purchase of Supplies (Martin)
 Community Centres (Babbage)
 Holiday Camps
- 12 Date of Next Meeting 30 June 1939.

Report on Research ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::: 19 May 1939

Only the items on which there is fresh information to report since the last meeting of the committee (30 January 1939) are recorded. Owing to the arrears of work sent in to the office awaiting editing etc for publication, less pressure than usual has been placed upon those with work in hand to get it completed.

1 Published

Pamphlets - (1) PARENTHOOD AND POVERTY
(2) LABOUR IN THE WEST INDIES
(3) RENT REBATES (revised edition)

Quarterly articles - (1) HOUSING POLICY AND THE BUILDING SOCIETIES
(2) FREE LEGAL AID
(3) THE JURY SYSTEM
(4) REORGANISATION OF LONDON LIBRARIES

2 In the Press

Book - SOUTH EAST EUROPE

3 Filed

- (1) Draft Bill on Socialisation of Iron and Steel Industry
(received from Haldane Society; a copy placed at the Labour Party's disposal)
- (2) Memo on Trade between Great Britain and Brazil in recent years
- (3) Memo on Trade between Great Britain and India 1900-1939
- (4) Memo on Organisation of Anti-Nazi Propaganda
- (5) Memo on Modern Methods of Propaganda (submitted to the Labour Party, London Labour Party, etc)

4 Submitted for Publication

- Pamphlet - (1) FRANCE
(Readers recommended against publication in present form; and suggested a shortened pamphlet (15,000 words) to be rewritten by Research Secretary)
- (2) TRAINING COLLEGES
(This pamphlet - by Brian Simon - is being considered by the Labour Party Education Committee in conjunction with one from the National Union of Teachers. The question of publication will not arise for some time.)

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- (1) Financial Organisation Work on schemes of investment for an employment policy has been held over temporarily, pending the publication of local authorities' plans of capital expenditure. A pamphlet is being prepared on the National Investment Board, on the basis of previous research work on the long term capital market.
- (2) Food Policy (i) The preliminary reports on the separate food-stuffs have now been revised and expanded. The commodities covered are milk and milk products, fish, fruit and vegetables, meat, bacon, bread, sugar, eggs.
(ii) The conclusions reached as a result of the survey of the supply and distribution of each of these foods have been summarised; lines for general conclusions and recommendations on home agriculture, distribution, imports and methods of increasing food consumption are being discussed.
(iii) The preliminary report on The Need for a Food Policy is being revised and new material available since the first draft was written is being incorporated.
- (3) Social Services (i) The work that has already been done on the unemployment services is being largely rewritten and condensed, for possible publication as a pamphlet. Although particular attention will be given to detailed questions of reform, the pamphlet will be to some extent a general descriptive outline. Work on this subject which cannot be included in the pamphlet will, it is hoped, be written up in the form of a supplementary report.
(ii) Memoranda on National Health Insurance, the School Medical Service, Tuberculosis Service and Maternity and Child Welfare have been written by Miss Beach Thomas and are at present being revised. They are to be submitted to the Labour Party Health Services Advisory Committee. It is suggested that those on the Tuberculosis Service, Maternity and Child Welfare and National Health Insurance should be published as a pamphlet.
(iii) Some work has been done on public assistance - particularly on the P.A.C. as a service supplementing other forms of social service income, since this would be an important part of any general outline of the social services.
- (4) Local Government Section
- (a) Work in hand - 1 Central Purchase of Supplies
2 Community Centres
3 Open Spaces
4 Public Relations
5 Local Government Finance
6 Assessments
- (b) Work contemplated - 1 Survey of Administration of Services in Greater London area
2 Comparative Survey of Work of Metropolitan Boroughs
3 Comparative Survey of Work of different types of Local Authority

(5) International Section

- (a) Colonial Facts and Figures
- (b) Mexico - outline being prepared
- (c) Poland
- (d) Union of South Africa
- (e) Trusteeship

- (6) Facts and Figures Preliminary draft being revised for submission to readers.
- (7) Patent Medicines The original draft Bill with criticisms has been submitted to the Haldane Society for revision.
- (8) Public Utilities Draft of chapter on Gas received; progress known to be taking place on Totalisators, Sugar, Water, and Transport. Other authors sent reminder.

6 Projects under Consideration

- (1) Book on France An outline has been drawn up and authors invited to contribute.
- (2) Pamphlet on Public and Private Schools Synopsis submitted to Mrs Drake for consideration.

7 Work sent in but not yet ready for publication

- Books - (1) Distribution
- (2) Chemical Industry
- Pamphlets - (1) Police Reform
- (2) French Social Services (see 4(1))

8 Suggestions submitted for further work

- Pamphlets - (1) Scandinavia
- (2) Revision of FREEDOM IN OUR TIME
- (3) Organisation of Industrial and Scientific Research

9 Persons offering help in research

- (1) Atherton
- (2) Miss Baker
- (3) Schultz
- (4) Mrs White
- (5) Haldane Society

JOHN PARKER
Joint General Secretary

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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y

MINUTES of a meeting of the RESEARCH COMMITTEE held at 2 30 p m on Tuesday 23 May 1939 at 40 Great James Street, W C 1.

Present Mrs Cole (chair), Durbin, Finer, Franklin, Mitchison, Parker, Hughes and Padley. Apologies received from Mrs D ake & Woolf.

1 Minutes of meeting of 30 January 1939 These were approved.

2 Report on Research This was approved.

3 Immediate work of Research Secretary

- (1) Preparation of list of memos in files for circulation.
- (2) Completion of work on Police Reform.
- (3) " " " " Distribution.
- (4) " " " " Chemical Industry.

Revision of the pamphlet on French Social Services was to have preference over all other work if the author agreed.

4 Suggestions submitted for Further Work

- (1) Pamphlet on Scandinavia It was decided not to proceed with the proposal.
- (2) Report on Organisation of Industrial and Scientific Research It was decided to await completion of work by PEP and ASW before taking any further action.
- (3) Pamphlet on Voluntary Hospitals It was decided to refer this proposal to the Health Services Committee.
- (4) Book on Civil Liberty It was decided to approach Schultz and ask if he would write a book of Pelican length and type, under the guidance of the Haldane Society, Finer, Mrs Cruchley and Franklin, to cover ground dealt with in Freedom in our Time, The Law of Public Meeting, Seditious Offences, etc, and on the Conscription Act, etc. Beales was to be approached re publication.
- (5) Book on Russia's Value as an Ally Further inquiries were to be made as to possible authors.
- (6) Propaganda Mrs Blanco White to be asked to prepare a tract on Modern Methods of Propaganda.

5 Arrangements for Further Research It was decided that Parker, Mrs Cole and Durbin should prepare a review of work done on the last research programme and submit proposals to the new Research Committee for a new programme to be put in hand.

6 Date of Next Meeting This was not fixed.

JOHN PARKER
Joint General Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTION held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on 30th June, 1939.

PRESENT: Babbage, Franklin, P.Good, Maling, Martin, Mrs. Martin, R.Simon, Hughes.

1. Minutes of May 19th. Approved.
2. Central Purchase of Supplies Franklin to see Dr. Felton and ascertain legal position.
3. Community Centres. Report from Babbage received and Franklin, Mrs. Drake and Mrs. Stocks to act as readers.
4. Public Relations. No progress.
5. Finance. Simon to submit summary of conclusions for next meeting. H.E.Whiting (JARVO), Douglas, Robson and Cole to be asked to act as readers.
6. Open Spaces. No report. Reminder to be sent to MacColl.
7. Structure of London Government. MacColl, Haldane & Blake unable to undertake work. Good offered to find people to deal with Gas, Electricity and Fire Brigade. The area taken to be the Metropolitan Police Area.

Preliminary report on Housing by Mrs. Martin received. This to be revised and other reports submitted for the September meeting.

8. Provincial authorities. P.E.P. broadsheets 136,141,146,150 to be discussed at the next meeting.
9. Model Resolutions for L.L.P. Conference.

The following were approved:

1. That the L.C.C. be congratulated on their initiative in planning the development of Community Centres and that they be urged to ensure that the organisation of such centres should provide for direct control by the residents for whom they are provided.
 2. That the London Labour Party be requested to explore the methods by which a central purchasing body might be set up either
 - (a) on behalf of the L.C.C. & Metropolitan Boroughs, or
 - (b) on behalf of the Standing Joint Committee of the Metropolitan Boroughs.
 - (3) MacColl to be asked to draft one on Library Re-organisation.
10. Next Meeting. . 5.0 p.m. on Monday, 17th July.

H. D. Hughes,
Assistant Sec.

MINUTES of a meeting of the RESEARCH COMMITTEE held at 4.30 p.m. on Friday, 7th July at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Dr. Finer (Chair), Mrs. Bolton, Mrs. Cole, G.D.H. Cole, Mrs. Drake, Durbin, Guest, Franklin, Martin, Robson, Stewart, Parker, Hughes and Padley.

1. Minutes of meeting of 23rd May, 1939. These were approved.
2. Arrangements for immediate work.
 - (a) It was decided that a new record of research be prepared.
 - (b) Proposed pamphlet on voluntary hospitals to be referred to Local Government Committee.
 - (c) Mrs. Blanco White's proposals for publication on Propaganda to be referred to Tracts & Pamphlets Committee.
 - (d) It was announced that a meeting was to be called to discuss the proposed book on Civil Liberties.
3. Report on Research. This was approved and the following decisions taken:
 - (a) Messrs. Robson and Parker to make preliminary enquiries and prepare a scheme for re-forming the political section.
 - (b) Dr. Haden Guest to prepare a preliminary report on the reform of African Land Laws.
 - (c) The Local Government Committee to be re-organised by Messrs. Franklin, Finer and Hughes to comprise a Central Committee and London and Provincial Committees.
 - (d) The final paragraph on economic matters was referred for further consideration to Messrs. Cole, Durbin, Gaitskell and Parker.
4. Letter from Mr. Foyle re Housing in Birmingham. It was decided to consider doing the work mentioned in the letter and to enter into negotiations with Messrs. Foyle and Fogarty.
5. Proposals for deputation to Ministry of Health referred to the executive.
6. Date of next meeting. Not fixed.

JOHN PARKER.

General Secretary.

FABIAN SOCIETY :::: 11 DARTMOUTH ST LONDON S W 1

MINUTES of a meeting of the INTERNATIONAL SECTION held at 52 Tavistock Square, W.C.1. at 5p.m. on Thursday July 13th 1939.

Present L.Woolf (Chairman), J.Bulmer, B.Keeling, H.Waymont, K.Zilliacus, H.D.Hughes, R.Padley.

1. Minutes of meeting December 9th approved.
2. Membership. J.Bulmer to act as Secretary; W.J.Emanuel, R.T.E.Latham, Michael Stewart to be asked to join.
3. Central and Eastern Europe : Reported to be in proof & publication in September anticipated.
4. Work Published. Report on publication of (1) Labour in the West Indies & (2) Parenthood and Poverty received.
5. Work in Hand:
 - (1) Colonial Facts and Figures. Miss Hindon almost completed this. To be sent to Woolf, Barnes, C.R.Buxton, John Maynard,Mcgregor Ross.
 - (2) Colonial Trusteeship. Reminder to be sent to L.Barnes.
 - (3) France. Revision of pamphlet 'The Popular Front' in progress. Agreed that Mrs Pickles be asked to read it.
 - (4) Totalitarian War. Work proceeding.
 - (5) Union of South Africa. Report on progress received.
 - (6) Mexico. Mr Jellinek reported to be writing this in Mexico. Woolf, K.Martin, B.Wootton to act as readers.
 - (7) Poland. Mr Pelham reported to have made good progress.
6. Egypt. Mr Waymont to draw up synopsis of a pamphlet to be done by a research group in Cairo. Quarterly article on Egypt almost finished.
7. Peace Bloc. It was agreed to ask the Union of Democratic Control to co-operate on a pamphlet to be written by Zilliacus and that it be circulated to the following persons: Arnold Foster, Brailsford, K.Martin, Beales, Gaitskell, Woolf, Keeling, Salter, Charles Buxton, and the U.D.C. Herbert Morrison to be asked to write introduction. Pamphlet later to be submitted to an 'ad hoc' committee of Woolf, Zilliacus and Dorothy Woodman or some representative of the U.D.C.
8. World Government. Work in progress.
9. Economic Policy after Cessation of Re-armament. An 'ad hoc' committee of the following to be called in September to consider possible lines of work: Durbin, Cole, Clarke, Keeling, Woolf, Gaitskell, Balogh, Zilliacus, A.K.Grant, Arnold Foster.
10. Colonial Land Laws: Drs Haden Guest and Macqueen to submit outline of work.
11. America. H.Laski to be asked to write a pamphlet.
12. Union Now. Article to be published in October Quarterly.

FABIAN SOCIETY ::::: 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTION held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. at 5.0 p.m. on 17th July, 1939.

PRESENT: Babbage, J. Bulmer, Filson, Franklin, Maling, Martin, R.Simon, R. Beach Thomas, Padley, Hughes.

1. Minutes of Meeting of 30th June. Approved.
2. Extract from Minutes of Research Committee. Received.
3. Provincial Authorities. P.E.P. broadsheets to be used by people working on Structure of London Government. To be referred to new Central Section for consideration as a basis for work.
4. Central Purchase of Supplies. No further progress, pending report from Dr. Felton.
5. Community Centres. Approved for publication.
6. Open Spaces. No report on progress.
7. Facts for Londoners. Filson to prepare synopsis for next meeting.
8. Structure of London Government. J. Bulmer to prepare report on social composition of membership of London local authorities.
9. Voluntary Hospitals. Dr. Joules to be asked to prepare pamphlet.
10. Local Government Finance. Summary of proposals by R. Simon discussed. Simon to revise and complete report.
11. Next Meeting. 5.0 p.m. on Friday, 22nd Sept., 1939.

H. D. Hughes,
Assistant Secretary.

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

A G E N D A for meeting of WAR AIMS COMMITTEE at 2 30 p m on Monday 2 October 1939 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

- 1 Personnel of Committee
- 2 Relations with other bodies carrying out research on this subject
- 3 Suggested work and personnel
- 4 Other business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the WAR AIMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE held at 2 30 pm on Monday 2 October 1939 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Mrs Cole (chair), Brailsford, Cole, Dr Hinden, K.Martin, Robson, Miss Warriner, Woodman, Woolf, Zilliacus, Parker, Hughes, Padley.

- 1 Relations with Other Bodies It was reported that a series of informal discussions had been held in conjunction with the UDC, and co-operation in planning research had been discussed with the UDC, the New Statesman and Nation, and unofficially with the RIIA and LNU.
- 2 Relations with Labour Party It was reported that the Labour Party had accepted the Society's offer of assistance; meetings were to be arranged from time to time with responsible Labour Party officials to discuss cooperation; close contact was to be made with the International and Imperial Advisory Committees of the Labour Party when those bodies met; Parker had been invited to represent the Society on the International Section of the Labour Party's Policy Committee.

3 Discussion of Future Work There was general discussion of the suggestions for work, and of Woolf's notes on them. It was felt that in view of the rapid succession of events no longer resulting from the initiative of the Western democracies, any detailed formulation of peace proposals would at present be of little value. It was stressed, however, that in spite of this it was necessary to visualise the kind of Europe to be desired.

Finally it was decided that the best arrangement for the present was to approach the problems outlined in the suggestions historically and endeavour to show, in a series of memoranda, why the peace of 1919 was not lasting; some attempt was to be made to apportion the blame between individuals and institutions. A short memo on work required and the general approach suggested was to be sent to all those offering to collaborate.

4 Concrete Proposals The following suggestions were made of subjects and personnel:

(a) A study of the working of the League and its work, under four headings -

- (i) Political (Frank Hardie, Arnold-Forster, Cambridge group).
- (ii) Economic & Financial (B. Keeling, Balogh, Meade).
- (iii) ILO, Social & Health Work etc (D. Woodman, Burge).
- (iv) The League as a piece of machinery (Zimmern, Rachmann, Freda White, H. Cummings, Meade, D. Bledlock). Memoranda to be written independently and compared.

(b) The territorial settlement and the causes, economic and nationalist, of subsequent changes (Barbara Ward, Shiela Grant Duff).

(c) Colonies and the problem of differential economic development (Dr Hinden in collaboration with a small consultative committee; names suggested were Creech Jones, L. Barnes, J. Huxley, Marjory Perham; others might be suggested by Woolf. It was suggested that work might be done on colonial machinery and forms of government, and the problems connected with unifying them.

(d) Economic development in other backward areas. The problem of the standard of living in agricultural areas (Tait, Brailsford, L.N. assistant of Butler).

(e) Federal Union from a socialist standpoint (D. Woodman to be responsible).

(f) Inter-allied economic machinery 1914/19 and now (Tom Maling). This was to be done in conjunction with those working on 4 (a).

5 Publication Brailsford to write a tract of 4-5000 words on the Indian Situation if it seemed desirable after the meeting of Congress leaders with the Government.

6 Next Meeting Future meetings to take place at 2 45 pm on Mondays. RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secy

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the WAR ECONOMICS COMMITTEE held at the offices of the New Statesman & Nation, 10 Great Turnstile, W.C.1, on Wednesday 4 October 1939.

Present Cole, Durbin, Jay, Parker, Hughes.

- 1 Parker to get in touch with Piercy and discuss work on Forms of Economic Control in Wartime. Jay and Maling were then to be seen - Maling to work in with this a study of Inter-Allied Controls.
- 2 Durbin to consider preparing a tract on War Finance.
- 3 Parker, via Berry, to approach Oxley and ask for a memorandum on Exchange Control. Other possible people: Arnold, Balogh, Elliton.
- 4 Jay to approach Balogh for a study of the Blockade and how far it could be made effective. Some money to be raised for this work if possible. Other possible people: Arnold, Dacey.

H. D. HUGHES
Asst Secretary

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTION held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, at 4 30 p m on 5 October 1939.

Present Mrs Bentwich, Mrs Bolton, Mrs Cole, Davies, Mrs Drake, Franklin, Lauder, Martin, Hughes, Padley.

- 1 The Local Government Section to be enlarged to include members who had offered assistance, and to act as a coordinating body for local government research.
- 2 A register of members of the Society engaged in local government to be compiled.
- 3 A questionnaire on existing arrangements among individual authorities for executive action and democratic control to be drafted in the office, approved by Mrs Bolton, Davies and Franklin, and sent to the above. The following to consider a report on material received: Mrs Bolton, Davies, Franklin, Humphreys, Lindgren, MacColl, Mrs Rackham, R. Beach Thomas, R. Wilson, a Welsh representative.
- 4 Work on areas and inter-relations of different authorities postponed.
- 5 Finance Report by Roger Simon on Reform of Rating System to be submitted to the Finance Committee for publication, with an introduction stressing the present urgency of the problem.
The Labour Party Education Advisory Committee to send a copy of a report on educational finance for consideration.
Smith of the London Council of Social Service to be asked for information on the existing position.
- 6 Health Services Mrs Bolton to prepare a synopsis of work and suggest personnel to undertake this.
- 7 Nutrition Haden Guest to be asked to prepare a preliminary memorandum.
- 8 Community Problems Mrs Bentwich to draft a report and suggest lines of work.
- 9 Housing Martin to draft questionnaire to be sent out with (3) above.
- 10 Michael Pease to be asked to prepare a report on the location of war-time industries.
- 11 Education Report by R.S. Postgate and comments on this referred to Labour Party Education Advisory Committee.

H. D. HUGHES
Assistant Secretary

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

You are reminded that a meeting of the RESEARCH COMMITTEE will be held at the Fabian Society, 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1, at 2.45 p.m. on Thursday 16 November 1939.

MEMBERS: Arnold, Berry, Mrs Bolton, Cole, Mrs Cole, Collard, Mrs Drake, Durbin, Finer, Franklin, Gaitskell, Haden Guest, Laski, Miss Lawrence, Martin, Mitchison, Robson, Stewart, Woolf.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of Research Committee of July
- 2 Correspondence with Ethical Union (already circulated)
- 3 War Economics Committee
(suggestions from G.R. Mitchison enclosed)
 - (a) Purpose and Scope of Work
 - (b) Personnel of Committee
 - (c) Method of Work and Research Personnel
- 4 Progress of Research since Report to Finance and General Purposes Committee
- 5 Other Business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the RESEARCH COMMITTEE held at 4 45 p m on
Thursday 16 November 1939 at 11 Dartmouth Street, London S W 1.

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Present Franklin (chair), Arnold, Mrs Bolton, Mrs Cole, Mrs Drake,
Haden Guest, Laski, Martin, Mitchison, Parker, Hughes, Padley.

1 Minutes of meeting of 7 July 1939 These were approved. It was reported:

(1) That Item 2d (Book on Civil Liberties) had been abandoned and was to be replaced by a pamphlet on The Law of Public Meeting in War Time.

(2) That Item 3b (Reform of the African Land Laws) was to be referred to the colonial section of the War Aims Committee for future work.

(3) That Item 3c (Reconstitution of Local Government Committee) had been brought about, but in a different way from that suggested, in view of the war.

(4) That all other proposals in these minutes had been abandoned owing to the war.

2 Report on War Aims Research It was reported that a War Aims Committee had been set up and that Dr Rita Hinden was acting as secretary. Work was being done in various sections, viz:

(a) The history of the League of Nations. Burge of the ILO was obtaining memoranda from Geneva. A group was working in Cambridge under Craig.

(b) Territorial changes since 1920 and their reasons. Memo in hand from Vandeleur Robinson and further work was progressing, including memos from various refugee organisations.

(c) Economic development of backward areas. A synopsis for a book on this by D.Warriner had been circulated.

(d) Federal Union from a socialist standpoint. D.Woodman working on this.

(e) Colonial Problems. Creech Jones and Woolf cooperating. Dr Hinden preparing preliminary memorandum as a basis for future work.

(f) Possible substitutes for the League. Mitrany had offered to work on this.

The following suggestions were made:

(a) An attempt to be made to find what work was being done in France; the French Socialist delegation coming to London to be approached.

(b) Haden Guest to send in synopsis for work on the repercussions of the blockade policy on the Colonial Empire.

3 Correspondence with Ethical Union It was decided to suggest to the Ethical Union that, as their suggestion for research was impractical, work should be undertaken on a survey of the effect of the war on life in a small country town. In particular attention was to be paid to changes in the economic status of specimen groups of the population as a result of war taxation both direct and indirect; the restriction of imports; evacuation; or other general causes. It was suggested that Polly Hill be asked to act as investigator.

4 War Economic Committee It was decided to set up a small committee consisting of Durbin, Mitchison, Clarke and Mrs Cole, which should consult with the XYZ group to prepare a scheme of research. It was agreed to submit a scheme of research, in the name of an experienced economist willing to undertake the work, to the Leverhulme Trust.

5 Honorary Research Secretary It was decided that the General Secretary be asked to carry out the duties of the Honorary Research Secretary during the latter's absence.

6 Synopsis of Book on Evacuation Referred to Local Government Committee.

7 Date of next meeting Not fixed.

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

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Note on some Economic Questions, suitable for examination by
the Fabian Society :: :: :: :: :: G R Mitchison

I suggest that the Fabian Society should attempt:-

(a) To take stock of the present position, as regards wartime imports and exports, capacity to pay for imports and carrying capacity, on the lines of an article, "The Sinews of War", by Walter Hill, in the current Political Quarterly:

(b) To examine, further than in that article, the questions of available foreign exchange, foreign investments and bullion:

(c) In the light of the above, to examine the incidence and extent of the stress on domestic resources and on the standard of living:

(d) In the light of the above, to consider questions of war finance, including taxation, capital levy during or after war:

(e) To form some idea of the rate of this draft on capital in the form of foreign investments, and of its effect.

I quite recognise that there are bound to be very large gaps in the information necessary for examination of any of the above questions. On the other hand they relate directly to War Aims. Without some attempt on them, there is the risk of the Society producing political suggestions insufficiently conditioned by the probable economic position.

I suggest that these matters cannot properly be organised either by the Executive, which has not enough time at its meetings, or by the office. There ought to be an economic committee, i.e. presumably either the small committee of 4th October, or some development of it. It should attempt to divide and allot the questions shown above, with such omissions or additions as it may think fit.

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RESEARCH ACCOUNT for fifteen months from July 1938 to September 1939

| | <u>Actual</u> | | | <u>Estimate</u> | | |
|---|--------------------|----|----------------|-----------------|---|---|
| | <u>Expenditure</u> | | | | | |
| | £ | s | d | £ | s | d |
| Expenses of appointing assistants | 12 | 13 | 11 | | | |
| Furniture, typewriters, etc | 21 | 5 | 3 | | | |
| Other payments in advance | 1 | 2 | 7 | | | |
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| Rent, Light & Heat, Cleaning, etc | 80 | 13 | 10 | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| Secretarial Work, Typing, etc | 180 | 1 | 1 | 104 | 0 | 0 |
| Health & Unemployment Insurance | 9 | 11 | 2 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Postages, Paper, Stencils, etc | 67 | 5 | 3 | 26 | 0 | 0 |
| Travelling expenses | 4 | 19 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Books | 30 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Telephone | 12 | 3 | 6 | | | |
| Salaries (£16.13.4 not yet paid to Mayhew) ^x | 783 | 6 | 8 ^x | 800 | 0 | 0 |
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^xC.P. Mayhew worked ten months before being called up. Owing to holiday arrangements, he has received one extra month's salary which he was to have worked off at the end of his period.

[@]Final deficit, after payment of 1 further month's salary to Mayhew £27.9.2.
Estimated value of stock of typewriters, books etc £12.0.0.

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

MINUTES of a meeting held to discuss the WAR ECONOMICS COMMITTEE at
12 45 pm on Thursday 23 November 1939, at the House of Commons.

Present Clarke, Durbin, Piercy, Parker, Padley.

- 1 War Finance It was reported that the XYZ group have prepared three memoranda on the bank rate, long term borrowing, and inflation, and are now pursuing more detailed inquiries into these topics; at the same time Douglas Jay is preparing work for the group on Foreign Exchange.

- 2 Future Work
 - (a) Foreign Trade Clarke agreed to prepare and carry out a scheme of work on this, on the line of G.R.Mitchison's memorandum.

 - (b) Control of Industry Piercy agreed to work on the present controls operating in wartime, with a view to their being retained as administrative machinery after the war.

 - (c) Munitions Monck to be approached.

 - (d) Price Control A group to be set up to study methods of price control and to collaborate with the XYZ group working on inflation. If possible the group to include a cost accountant and a deductive economist. Durbin to approach Edwards and Piercy to approach Neal.

 - (e) Wartime Economic Planning Work to be done on this if suitable persons could be found. It was suggested that the study should examine the nature of the machinery of central government economic control. Mitchison to be approached, Durbin to approach Barbara Wootton, Padley to approach Sargent Florence.

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTION held on Thursday
30 November 1939 at 4 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Franklin (chair), Mrs Bentwich, Mrs Cole, MacColl, Martin, Hughes,
Padley.

- 1 Publications It was reported that two pamphlets were being published
in December, one on Scottish Local Government and one on The Reform of
the Rating System.
- 2 The Health Services The Committee recommended Miss Beach Thomas's
memoranda to the Executive Committee with a view to publication with
an introduction describing wartime conditions.
- 3 Proposed Book on Evacuation It was reported that Mrs Clarke was
willing to work on this; and that C.H.Foyle had offered £25 towards
the work.
It was decided to continue the work with the following additions to
the synopsis:
 - (1) Some account of the reasons and methods of evacuation, as opposed
to its alternatives.
 - (2) Roger Simon to be asked for a section on Local Government Finance.
An attempt to be made to get in contact with the Board of Education's
permanent committee on finance. Grant Mackenzie to be asked for
copies of the Labour Party memos on the subject.
 - (3) J. MacColl to submit a memorandum on juvenile delinquency.
 - (4) A rural area to be included in the district report.
 - (5) Information to be obtained from someone in Wales.
- 4 Nedt Meeting To be held at 4 p m on December 18 subject to there
being sufficient business. A notice to be sent either way.

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

A meeting of the International Section will be held at the offices of the Society at 3 p m on Tuesday December 5th.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last meeting (already circulated).
2. Report of a meeting on War Aims held on 2nd October.

Matters arising out of this meeting.
3. Relations with Labour Party - Woolf and Parker to report
4. Work on League of Nations
 - a) contact established through MRK Burge (now on visit of Geneva) with Tait, Meade and others. Memoranda on various subjects in preparation.
 - b) Report received from W.J.Halse on economic and financial aspects
 - b) activities of League.
 - c) Mrs Silcox working at memorandum on same subject.
5. Work on territorial changes since Versailles.
 - a) Long synopsis from Vandeleur Robinson (received). Memoranda on portions of this subject promised by Vandeleur Robinson, Clare Hollingsworth, Barbara Ward (after Christmas) and Barbara Miller.
 - b) Sheila Grant-Duff promised memorandum on Greater Germany.
 - c) Six refugee organisations approached for their views on this problem with relation to the re-settlement after the war. No memoranda received to date.
6. Work on economic development of backward areas in Europe. D.Warriner presented a long synopsis for a book of about 25000 words, of which summary will be presented to the meeting. Synopsis now receiving criticism from various authorities. Memorandum also promised from Geneva.
7. Work on colonial problems.
 - a) Synopsis by R.Hinden for book on Economic Problems of the British colonies in Africa now being sent round for comment. Copies will probably be available at the meeting.
 - b) Requests sent out to various people for memoranda on steps towards self-government in the African Colonies and Protectorates on education and health services in Africa and on the position in the West Indies and Malaya. Replies will be reported to the meeting.
8. Work on Federal Union questions.
 - a) D.Woodman set some people to work on Federal Union from Socialist standpoint. No replies as yet.
 - b) J.W.Wilson doing some work on economic side of federation.
 - c) D.Mitrany interviewed by office and by Woolf - Woolf to report on this.
9. India. Tract by H.N.Brailsford published.

10. Japanese Colonial Empire. Memorandum promised by John Gadsby.
11. Memorandum by John Inman, to be circulated to meeting, on work on War Aims.
12. Any other business
13. Date of next meeting.

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the INTERNATIONAL SECTION held at the offices of the Society at 3 p m on Tuesday 5 December 1939.

Present Mrs Cole, Leonard Woolf, R.H.Tawney, Joan Bulmer, H.D.Hughes, Rita Hinden.

- 1 It was reported that the International Advisory Committee of the Labour Party had been planning research on somewhat similar lines to our own, but that a proposal to appoint a small committee to deal with such work had not yet been put into effect, and in the meantime the Labour Party was publishing a series of pamphlets on War Aims. Our plan of work appeared not to overlap in any way with the immediate plans of the Labour Party.
- 2 It was agreed to appoint a sub-committee of the International Section to deal with War Aims research. The members of this sub-committee will be requested to read and comment on memoranda and other work prepared in the course of this research, and generally to guide the work. It was decided to invite the following to act as members of this sub-committee: Arnold-Forster, P.J.Noel Baker, Prof. R.H.Tawney, Leonard Woolf, A. Creech Jones, Margaret Cole, Joan Bulmer and either E.A.Radice or Bernard Keeling, with Rita Hinden as secretary.
- 3 The following memoranda should be circulated to the sub-committee: WORLD GOVERNMENT by John Inman, EASTERN EUROPE AFTER HITLER by Doreen Warriner, THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE AFRICAN COLONIES by Rita Hinden. Also any further memoranda which might be ready before the first meeting the sub-committee.
- 4 The first meeting of the sub-committee for the discussion of the above memoranda was fixed for Tuesday evening, 16 January 1940, at 8 p.m. Professor Mitrany to be invited to this meeting, and his comments on D. Warriner's memorandum to be circulated to the meeting.
- 5 It was reported that Mitrany had agreed to work on a sketch of the New League, including a discussion of the Federal Union proposals.
- 6 It was agreed that all work prepared on League of Nations questions should be submitted to experts on French opinion before publication - names suggested were Paul Vaucher, W.Pickles, Charles Maurent, and Mantoux.

RITA HINDEN
Secretary, International Section
Sub-Committee

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

A meeting of the WAR ECONOMICS COMMITTEE will be held at the Fabian offices, 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, at 3 0 pm on Monday 29 January 1940.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of preliminary meetings of October 4 and November 23 (enclosed)
- 2 Consideration of outline of Piercy's work (enclosed)
- 3 Discussion of possibility of grant from a Trust Fund for Wartime Economic Research.
- 4 Other business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

N B A MSS likely to be of interest to members is enclosed.

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the WAR ECONOMICS COMMITTEE held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, at 3 p m on Monday 29 January 1940.

Present Mitchison, Piercy, Parker, Padley.

- 1 Minutes of meetings of 4 October 1939 and 23 November 1939 These were approved. It was reported that:
 - (a) Maling had submitted a synopsis on Inter-Allied Controls. Material for this work was being collected by Halse.
 - (b) Oxley had sent in a memorandum on Exchange Controls which had been used by Jay in the Daily Herald.
 - (c) Bosworth Monck had agreed to prepare work on the organisation of the engineering industry; the result to be submitted to the Labour Party Policy Committee.

- 2 Industry and the War Monck to be asked to submit a report similar to that sent in by Benham. The possibilities of collecting a series of such reports on the impact of the war on a number of firms by means of a questionnaire to be explored.

- 3 The Wool Situation Piercy to approach Barnby for information on this.

- 4 Government Controls Mitchison and Piercy to consider ways and means of obtaining information further to Piercy's outline of 23 Jan 1940. The office to report on what published material was available.

- 5 Leverhulme Trust Durbin's scheme was considered and drafting amendments suggested to be submitted with the original document to the Executive Committee. Dr Robson to be asked to sponsor the scheme.

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

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

A meeting of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTION will be held at 3 30 pm on
Wednesday 14 February 1940 at the Fabian Society office, 11 Dartmouth
Street, S W 1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 30 November 1939
 (enclosed)

- 2 Consideration of drafts for sections
 of Book on Evacuation

- 3 Other business

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

NOTE It is hoped to be able to circulate further section to members
 at a later date.

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTION held at 3 30 pm on Wednesday 14 February 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Franklin (chair), Babbage, Mrs Bolton, Mrs Bentwich, Mrs Cole, Mrs Drake, Mrs Martin, Mrs Spikes, Hughes, Padley.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 30 November 1939 These were approved. It was decided to ask Miss Beach Thomas to revise the memoranda on the Tuberculosis Services, the School Medical Service and Maternity and Child Welfare for publication in pamphlet form.
- 2 Book on Evacuation The sections circulated were approved subject to various drafting amendments. It was decided that the other two chapters of section I and the section on Education should be circulated to the committee. Other chapters to be circulated at the discretion of the General Editors.
- 3 Next Meeting To be held on Wednesday 13 March 1940 at 4 p m.

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the RESEARCH COMMITTEE held at 3 p m on Thursday 15 February 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Franklin (chair), Mrs Bolton, Mrs Cole, Guest, Mitchison, Robson, Mrs Spikes, Woolf, Parker, Hinden, Padley.

- 1 Minutes of Meeting of 16 November 1939 These were approved. It was reported:
 - (a) On Item 1(i). That readers had approved the pamphlet on The Law of Public Meeting but there was some doubt as to its saleability. It was decided that the MSS be further read by Franklin and the General Secretary.
 - (b) On Item 3. That Miss Hill was unable to undertake the work for the Ethical Union. At the request of the Executive Committee the Hon. Secretary and the General Secretary had interviewed candidates and recommended that the job be offered to Mrs Peggy Jay LCC. This decision had been endorsed by the Executive.
 - (c) On Item 4. That the War Economics Committee had found it difficult to get members to attend. It was decided to suspend this committee and to transfer its work temporarily to the Research Committee. A further attempt to start work was to be made after the conference on the Ministry of Supply in April. A further discussion was to take place with the XYZ group.

- 2 Leverhulme Trust Grants
 - (a) The Economic Development of the African Colonies It was decided to apply for a grant for research on the economic development of the British colonies in Africa. This work was to be submitted in the names of Woolf and Dr Hinden jointly. The work was to take 18 months; Dr Hinden was to conduct the research under the supervision of Woolf and with such clerical or statistical help as should be required. Dr Hinden was to receive £300 per annum. Details of the application to be left to Woolf and Dr Hinden; the sum asked for to be in the region of £750.
 - (b) The State and the Family Mrs Drake, Robson and the Hon. Secretary were authorised to apply for a grant for this at their own discretion, after further discussion as to the position of the Fabian Women's Group in the work and as to ways and means for research.
 - (c) In both cases the applications to be shown to Guest before being sent to the Trust.

- 3 Report on Research This was approved. It was suggested that inquiries be made as to the workings of the War Risks Insurance scheme and as to government practice in ensuring its own stocks with a view to initiating further work in insurance.

- 4 Date of Next Meeting Not fixed.

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

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

There will a meeting of the RESEARCH COMMITTEE on Thursday 15 February
at 3 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 16 November 1939
- 2 Schemes for submission to Leverhulme Trust

The Executive Committee discussed a number of proposals and asked the research committee to consider in detail schemes on the two following:

- (1) The Economic Development of the African Colonies
- (2) The State and the Family

The Executive also asked the Research Committee to look into proposals for work on State Control in the 1930s. It was suggested that two out of these schemes might be submitted to the Trust.

- 3 Reports on Research
 - (a) The Home Front
 - (b) International Section

- 4 Other business

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

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

You are asked to attend a lunch meeting of the Committee of the Fabian INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS GROUP to be held at Beguinot's Restaurant, Old Compton Street, W C 1, at 1 p m on Wednesday 28 February 1940.

Report on Work in Hand

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HOME FRONT TOPICS

1 Evacuation

Chapters in hand on History of Scheme (2); Public Health; Baxter; Family Life in Reception areas, J.Simeon Clarke; Community Centres, Babbage; Psychological Problems, Bowlby; Adolescents, Mrs Bentwich; Children, Calder; Delinquency, McColl; Blackpool, J.Hunter; Dagenham, O'Leary; Manchester, Lady Simon; North Wales, S.Herbert; East Anglia, Lady Sanderson; London, J.Simeon Clarke; Cambridge, Mrs Rackham.

Chapters promised and nearing completion on: Maternity & Child Welfare, Israel and Sayle; Nutrition, Guest; History of Scheme 2, Office; Education, Office.

Also numerous memos, reports and questionnaires from individuals concerned with the scheme.

2 Education

(a) Universities in Wartime Memo in hand from Dodds. Submitted to Labour Party Education Advisory Committee.

(b) The Effect of the War on Public Schools Symonds to submit synopsis.

(c) Juvenile Employment Dent to submit synopsis.

3 Health Services

Beach Thomas's memoranda shown to Polly Hill for criticism. Amy Sayle collecting material for a memo on Maternity and Child Welfare Services. Pratt preparing synopsis on Housing.

4 Food Policy

(a) Smith revising MSS and sending it off to Routledge.

(b) Margarine Watson preparing article for Quarterly, on basis of notes.

5 War Economics (see Minutes of War Economics Committee meeting)

(a) Transport Synopsis for research on Nationalisation in War by Ernest Davies submitted to Tracts Committee.

(b) Reports Memos have been put into files by: Marquand on South Wales; Milnes on Textile Machinery; Anon on The Small Firm. (These are all confidential memos.)

(c) Insurance Ginsberg reports unable to carry on work at the moment, but has promised to follow up Insurance Investment Policy at a later stage when facts are available.

6 Miscellaneous

Family Problems - Women's Group preparing synopses.

Public Meeting - MSS approved by readers.

Inter-Allied Controls - Preliminary factual study in progress.

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

INTERNATIONAL SECTION

(1) The following two memoranda have been approved by the committee and are now being expanded for possible publication in book form:-

- (a) EASTERN EUROPE AFTER HITLER, by Doreen Warriner.
- (b) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE AFRICAN COLONIES, by Rita Hinden.

(2) The following have been duplicated and discussed by the committee, and are being held for further reference:-

- (a) WORLD GOVERNMENT, by John Inman.
- (b) NATIONAL PROBLEM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, and THE ATTITUDE OF THE SOCIALISTS IN THE SUDETENLAND, by Jaksch.
- (c) DISCUSSION OF THE FEDERAL UNION IDEA VERSUS THE LEAGUE IDEA, by Tait.

(3) Preparatory material on the following subjects has been prepared for the committee to be used as a basis for further work, if necessary:-

- (a) Memoranda on LOANS AND CURRENCY ACTIVITIES OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, by W.J.Halse, and Mrs E.Silcock.
- (b) ORGANISATION OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH, by John Inman.

(4) Memoranda prepared and awaiting final discussion:-

- (a) PROBLEMS OF THE RESURRECTION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, by Vandeleur Robinson.
- (b) HEALTH IN WEST AFRICA, by Yoti Lane.

(5) Work in hand:-

- (a) Study of the TRANSITION PERIOD BETWEEN WAR AND FINAL PEACE - from the Allied point of view, by F.Jackson; from the defeated powers' point of view, by Mrs Wolloch.
- (b) PROBLEMS OF FEDERAL UNION AND FUTURE WORLD GOVERNMENT, by Professor Mitrany and Oliver Gollancz.
- (c) Memoranda on VARIOUS LEAGUE SUBJECTS - from I.L.O., Geneva.
- (d) COLONIAL LABOUR CODE, by Wilfred Benson.
- (e) STEPS TOWARDS SELF GOVERNMENT IN NORTHERN RHODESIA AND NYASALAND, by F.Green.
- (f) EDUCATION IN AFRICA, by A.Mayhew.

RITA HINDEN
Secretary, Inter-
national Section

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A meeting of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTION will be held
at 4 p m on Wednesday 13 March 1940 at 11 Dartmouth St.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 14 February 1940
- 2 Consideration of further chapters of
Book on Evacuation (enclosed)
- 3 Any other business

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTION held at 4 p m on
Wednesday 13 March 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Franklin (chair), Babbage, Mrs Bentwich, Mrs Bolton, Mrs Cole,
Mrs Drake, Martin, Hughes, Padley.

- 1 Minutes of meeting held on 14 February 1940 were approved.
- 2 Democratic Control and the New Poor Law Miss Lawrence to be asked
for a memorandum suggesting a programme of work on this. The memor-
andum to be circulated to the committee and comments invited before
the next meeting.
- 3 Book on Evacuation Chapters 3 and 4 were approved subject to certain
drafting amendments. Decided that Chapters 1, 2 and 4 of Section 2
be circulated to the committee and comments invited before the next
meeting.
- 4 Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 10 April 1940 at 4 p m.

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

Met 18/4

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

A meeting of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTION will be held on Wednesday 10
April 1940 at 4 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Book on Evacuation (three chapters enclosed)

- 2 Miss Lawrence's suggestions on the New Poor Law
 (to be circulated)

- 3 Other business

In view of wartime paper shortage members are requested to bring their documents.

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

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

MINUTES of meeting of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTION held on Wednesday 10 April 1940 at 4 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Franklin (chair), Mrs Bentwich, Mrs Bolton, Mrs Cole, Mrs Drake, Hughes, Padley.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of March 13 were approved.
- 2 Resignation A letter was read from Mrs A. Martin resigning from the committee. It was decided to ask Mrs Martin to remain on the committee at least until the elections in May, and to reconsider position then.
- 3 Book on Evacuation It was reported that Routledge had agreed to publish. Chapters 6, 7 and 11 were read and passed subject to various detailed amendments.
- 4 The New Poor Law Decided to begin work on the lines of Miss Lawrence's memorandum. A schedule of the types of administrative scheme and the scales paid in different areas to be prepared for the committee's next meeting.
- 5 Date of Next Meeting Not fixed.

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

The meeting of the RESEARCH COMMITTEE, fixed for 4.15 on Monday 20 May 1940, will be also a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, for the purpose of dealing with donations received since the last E.C. All members of the E.C. who can attend are therefore asked to do so. The meeting will be at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of last Research Committee meeting
 - Arising: (a) Law of Public Meeting - rejected on report
 - (b) Leverhulme Trust Grants - report, if any
- 2 Report on research programme since February (circulated herewith)
- 3 New Grants and Proposals
 - (a) From Sara Hall 'Trust for the dissemination of a knowledge of the work and principles of Robert Owen', of £200. The General Secretary to report correspondence.

Suggested suitable subjects: Health Services, Juvenile Unemployment etc, Juvenile Delinquency, The New Poor Law, etc, Evacuation; tract on George Lansbury.
 - (b) From Charles de Peyer, of £800. Disposition suggested after discussion with the donor, as follows:-
 - (i) Approximately £150 to assist Hermann Levy in a study of price rings and controls in wholesale and retail trade. G.D.H.Cole will report further.
 - (ii) An expenditure of £200-£250 for a year on a research worker to continue research upon Anglo-French cooperation past and future, already begun by H.Copeman, and to edit a monthly Anglo-French Bulletin of information - provided that the Executive Committee approves of this suggestion (see minutes of Anglo-French sub-committee enclosed).
 - (iii) In the event of the Leverhulme Trust not wishing to finance the work on colonial development, a grant of £50 to Rita Hinden to enable her to complete the work which she is at present doing.

The donor also wishes to expend a further £200 upon research work into the efficacy of Labour Party propaganda, to be performed by Miss Stella Jackson under the auspices of the Fabian Society.

It is suggested that £50-£100 will be used on overheads on the research side of these projects, that the remaining amount should be placed to reserve or used in buying paper, and that outside money should be raised for the Anglo-French bulletin.
- 4 Any other business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

Mr BK

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the ANGLo-FRENCH COOPERATION SUB-COMMITTEE held at 11 a m on Wednesday 8 May 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Cole (chair), Margaret Cole, Mitchison, Robson, Tawney, ~~Vaucher~~, Zilliacus, Parker, Hughes, Padley, Woolf, Hausk

- 1 Proposal for an Anglo-French Labour News Bulletin This was discussed. It was recommended that such a bulletin be produced and that an attempt be made to raise funds for the purpose. Cooperation should be established with the French trade unions and socialist movement with a view both to their providing information for the English bulletin and to setting up a similar group in France to prepare and circulate a similar bulletin. Parker and Zilliacus to interview Blum, Cole to write to Jouhaux, Vaucher to write to Lefranc.
- 2 Proposed Research Work It was recommended that a full time research worker be appointed for one year at a salary of £200-£250 to conduct detailed research into the implications of Anglo-French cooperation along the lines of Zilliacus' memorandum and Copeman's preliminary work. The research worker should also be engaged on editing the Bulletin proposed above. In consequence the person appointed should have a fluent knowledge of French and of conditions in France. He should also if possible have some technical knowledge of layout and editing.
- 3 Conference on Anglo-French Cooperation It was recommended that such a conference be held.
- 4 Finance Investigations to be made into the possibility of raising money from various individuals and trusts. The following were suggested: Baxton, Halley-Stewart and Staplin Trusts; Lord Davies, Sir E.D.Simon, G.R.Strauss.

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

be referred to the new Executive Committee.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

MINUTES of a combined meeting of the EXECUTIVE and RESEARCH COMMITTEES held at 4 15 p m on Monday 20 May 1940 at 11 Dartmouth St, S W 1

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Present G.D.H.Cole (chair), Mrs Bolton, Mrs Cole, Davies, Franklin, Haldane, Creech Jones, Martin, Ramage, Mrs Spikes, Parker, Hughes, Padley.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 15 February 1940 (Research Committee) Approved.
- 2 Conferences It was decided that the conferences on Post War Britain and Problems of European Settlement should be postponed until the autumn.
- 3 Sara Hall Trust It was reported that this Trust had promised to advance £70 for two pamphlets on the Health Services, and £50 for a survey of Juvenile Employment in war time. The Trust was prepared to receive further requests for grants for specific projects up to a total of £200.
- 4 Deposition of Anonymous Donation It was decided:
 - (i) To give a grant of £150 to assist Hermann Levy in a study of price rings and trade associations. Royalties on the resulting report to be divided equally between the author and the Society. Policy proposals to be discussed by a committee of the Society before publication.
 - (ii) To appoint a research worker for one year on Anglo French co-operation, salary £200-£250.
 - (iii) In the event of the Leverhulme Trust not wishing to finance Dr Hinden's work on colonial development, a grant of £50 to be paid to Dr Hinden in a manner arranged by the Hon. Secretary and General Secretary.
 - (iv) Research into socialist propaganda by Miss S.Jackson at a cost of £200. General Secretary to see the donor on this matter.
 - (v) Present stock of paper at Hereford Times to be purchased outright (£250) and Hereford to be given a standing order for further paper up to £25 monthly.
- 5 Anglo French News Bulletin It was agreed that such a bulletin should be produced, the work to be done by the research worker on Anglo French Cooperation. Anglo French sub-committee to inquire into possibilities of finance on behalf of the officers.
- 6 Report on Research This was approved. It was decided:
 - (i) Labour's Next Step To be sent to members with a covering slip.
 - (ii) Railways and War Further revision to be made under the supervision of the General Secretary.
 - (iii) Education for the Forces S.Swingler to be asked for synopsis to be shewn to W.E.Williams and Sherman (?).
 - (iv) Biographical Tract on George Lansbury Mrs Cole to consider writing this. Tracts Committee to investigate general position of Biographical Series.
- 7 Research Secretary The question of a possible increase of salary to be referred to the new Executive Committee.

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FABIAN SOCIETY : 11 DARTMOUTH STREET WESTMINSTER LONDON S W 1

A meeting of the ANGLO FRENCH COOPERATION SUB-COMMITTEE will be held in Leonard Woolf's flat, 37 Mecklenburgh Square, at 12 noon on Wednesday 29 May 1940.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 8 May 1940
- 2 Report on interviews with Leon Blum and others
- 3 Proposed Bulletin
 - (a) Form
 - (b) Finance
 - (c) Editorial Board
- 4 Appointment of research worker
- 5 Office accommodation
- 6 Any other business

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

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MINUTES of a meeting of the ANGLO-FRENCH COOPERATION SUB-COMMITTEE held at 12 noon on Wednesday 29 May 1940 at Leonard Woolf's flat, 37 Mecklenburgh Square, W C 1.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs Cole, Robson, Tawney, Woolf, Zilliacus, Hughes, Padley.

- 1 Report on Interviews It was reported that P.L.Yates had approached Seebohm Rowntree with a view to obtaining a grant for research work. If successful and available, Yates to work in full cooperation on the proposed research. If not available, Cole to approach Rowntree for an independent grant. Leon Blum was sympathetic to the proposed bulletin and had suggested that the committee communicate with Rossi in Paris and Henri Hauck in London. Hauck had promised to put material at the bulletin's disposal.
- 2 Proposed Bulletin
 - (i) Form Layout of a 4 pp. quarto bulletin entitled BRITAIN AND FRANCE: A SOCIALIST NEWS BULLETIN, and suggested contents of first number were decided.
 - (ii) Editorial Board Two committees to be set up: (a) A working committee - Mrs Cole, Crossman, D.M.W.P. and Zilliacus to be invited to form this. (b) An advisory committee - Blum, Jouhaux, Creech Jones, Laski and Ridley to be approached.
 - (iii) Finance and Paper Supply Mrs Cole and Zilliacus to discuss with R.W.Postgate the possibility of bringing out the bulletin as a supplement to THE TRIBUNE. Failing this the estimate from Speedee Press to be accepted. Parker to approach Dalton and either Herbert Morrison or John Jagger concerning possibilities of paper supply.
- 3 Research Appointment of research worker and additions to office accommodation were referred to the Officers.
- 4 Finance Cole to write to E.D.Simon, Lord Davies and Widdington of the Halley Stewart Trust, and to draft a letter asking for special donations for circularisation to all likely members of the Society. Parker to write to Sir Richard Acland and ~~and~~ Ponsoby.

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RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

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

A meeting of the FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP will be held at 11 Dartmouth Street,
S W 1, at 4 30 p m on Thursday 29 February 1940.

A G E N D A

- 1 Report on proposals for reorganisation of the
Women's Group drawn up at the request of the
Executive Committee of the Society
 - (1) Constitutional position
 - (2) Appointment of provisional
officers and committee

- 2 Consideration of future activities
 - (1) Research
 - (2) Discussion group
 - (3) Speakers' panel
 - (4) It is suggested that social activities
be referred to the Social Committee
of the Society

- 3 Consideration of outline of work by Mrs Drake
(enclosed)

M. I. COLE
B. DRAKE
M. D. SPIKES

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

MINUTES of the FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1,
at 4 30 on Thursday 29 February 1940. Mrs Cole in the chair.

An apology was received from Mrs Beadle, who expressed willingness
to carry on as Treasurer.

Mrs Spikes was appointed Secretary until the Annual Meeting.

Mrs Cole reported that owing to the war the activities of the Women's
Group had practically ceased - some members of the committee were evacuated &
the secretary had resigned.

Committee It was decided to call the present committee with the addition
of Mrs Jay, Miss Sutherland, Miss Symons and Mrs Spikes to make arrange-
ments for the annual meeting.

Annual Meeting It was decided that the meeting should be held in May,
at 6 p m - date to be decided by committee.

Financial Position This was discussed. It was recommended to the annual
meeting that the subscription of 2/6 for non members of the Society should
remain, but that members of the Society who expressed the desire to join
the Group should be allowed to do so without extra subscription.

Annual Dinner It was advised by the Executive Committee that arrangements
for social events be left to the Social Committee. It was agreed that the
dinner should be held on the same date as the annual meeting. Women doing
special work arising out of the war were suggested as speakers - e.g. Mrs
Newman on Price Control.

Speakers Panel It was decided to bring the panel up to date and to ask for
fresh speakers who would lead discussion on questionnaire.

Discussion of Mrs Drake's Memo was confined to the last page. Mrs Cole ex-
plained that Mr Robson and Mrs Drake were to sponsor a scheme of research
on the outline if funds could be obtained, and would cooperate with the
group. It was decided that the questionnaire needed careful consideration
and that a meeting should be held on April 4 or 11 to make a final draft
after suggestions had been sent in by Miss Sutherland and anyone present who
was interested. Exception was taken to the prominence given to USSR in the
outline.

Delegates Mrs Drake and Miss Murray to League of Nations Union, March 14.
Mrs Wilmot and Mrs Spikes to London Labour Women's Conference, April 13.

M. D. SPIKES
Secretary of Group

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WFB Book

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP will be held at 5 30 on Thursday 14 March 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1. It is hoped that you will make every effort to attend.

BUSINESS Arrangements for Annual Meeting and Dinner.

M. D. SPIKES
Secretary of Group

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

MINUTES of meeting of Executive Committee of FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, on 14 March 1940.

Present Acheson, Beadle, Bowie, Cole, Drake, Jay, Malone, Spikes.
Mrs Cole in the chair. Apologies from Mathew, Sutherland, Spenser.

Minutes of last meeting These were not read, as the minute book had not been handed to the Secretary.

Correspondence Applications for speakers were received from Coop Guilds in Forest Gate, Bexley and Chiswick, and from the Southwark Women's Section. It was suggested that these meetings might be used for introducing the research questionnaire where possible. Speakers were arranged.

It was decided to send a letter to speakers asking if they were still willing to be on the list, and if they would help with the questionnaire.

Dinner and Meeting It was decided to hold the dinner on May 21. The annual meeting was to be held on the same date and in the same place if possible - at 6 p m.

Miss Acheson agreed to make inquiries about suitable hotels. Suggested: Pinoli's, Craven, Royal, Comedy, Rubens. 6/- was suggested as the price of tickets, which would mean a price of 5/- for the hotel.

Suggested speakers were: Eileen Power, Mrs Stocks, Odette Keun, Rose Macaulay, Mary Hamilton, Lady Rhondda, Virginia Woolf. The first four were to be approached first.

Research Committee To be held at 5 o'clock on April 11.

M. D. SPIKES
Secretary of Group

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP will be held at 4 30 p m on Thursday 11 April 1940 (before the meeting of the Research Committee at 5) at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

M. D. SPIKES
Secretary of Group

A meeting of the FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP to form a RESEARCH COMMITTEE will be held at 5 p m on Thursday 11 April 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street, SW 1.

M. D. SPIKES
Secretary of Group

MINUTES of meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP held at 11 Dartmouth Street at 4 30 on 11 April 1940.

Present Mrs Cole (chair), Beadle, Bowie, Drake, Jay, Keeling, Malone, Mathew, Sutherland, Spikes.

Minutes of Previous Meeting Confirmed.

Mrs Malone reported that there would be a Labour women's conference in September. It was decided to consult the general Executive as to the position with regard to resolutions.

Dinner The secretary reported that Mrs Stocks was the only speaker who has accepted for the dinner: she had written to Margery Spring Rice.

Other names suggested were: E.M. Delafield, Dorothy Thompson, Ray Strachey, Storm Jameson.

A report of suitable hotels was given and it was decided to accept the offer of the Royal Hotel for a dinner at 3/6. The ticket for the dinner to be 4/6 including all extras.

Informal dress was decided upon.

Mrs Keeling offered help with details of printing etc.

MINUTES of RESEARCH COMMITTEE of the WOMEN'S GROUP held at 5 pm on 11 April 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Eighteen members were present.

Questionnaire A long discussion took place on the questionnaire, for which a rough draft was drawn up. It was left to the secretary to put it into shape and send it to Miss Sayle, Mrs Drake, Mrs Cole, Miss Sutherland for consideration and comment.

Discussion Meeting At the request of some members it was decided to hold a discussion meeting on May 23. Mrs Jay promised to open a discussion on 'Should married women work!'.

Nine members promised to speak on the Questionnaire.

M. D. SPIKES
Secretary of Group

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

There will be a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP on Thursday 9 May 1940 at 4.30 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1, to make final arrangements for the Annual Meeting and Dinner.

I enclose a few tickets for the Dinner in the hope that you will be able to dispose of them among your friends. Please bring unsold tickets and money to the meeting on Thursday.

M. D. SPIKES
Secretary of Group

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

MINUTES of meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP held at 4.30 on 9 May 1940.

- 1 Correspondence From John Parker re resolution at conference. Agreed to raise the matter at the Annual Meeting of the Society.
- 2 Annual Meeting It was agreed that Mrs Keeling take the chair at the Annual Meeting of the Group. The proceeding of election of Chairman of the Group was to take place at the first meeting of the Committee. It was agreed that Mrs Spikes give the Annual Report. Mrs Malone promised to report on the S.J.C.
- 3 Dinner The secretary explained that Susan Lawrence had agreed to take the chair. Speakers: Mrs Cole, Mrs Stocks, Mrs Spring-Rice, Storm Jameson. Seating: Mrs Keeling and Mrs Spikes to arrange seating on May 20.
- 4 Questionnaire The secretary reported on the completion of the questionnaire. The printing of 5,000 was suggested.
- 5 Research Meeting Celia Fremlin to be approached as speaker at the June meeting.

M. D. Spikes
Secretary of Group

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP will be held at 4 p m on Thursday 20 June 1940 at the National Trade Union Club, 12 Gt Newport St, W C 2.

This will be followed at 4 30 by tea, and at 5 CELIA FREMLIN, author of The Seven Chars of Chelsea, will address a meeting of the Women's Group. The subject will be Underpaid Domestic Labour. All women members of the Society and friends are invited, and there will be a silver collection to defray expenses.

M. D. SPIKES
Secretary of Group

A meeting of the INTERNATIONAL SECTION of the Fabian Society will be held on Tuesday 30 April 1940 at 4 p.m. in the House of Commons, in a room reserved in the name of John Parker M.P. You are cordially invited to attend.

RITA HINDEN
Secretary, Internatiohal Section

A G E N D A

- 1 Report of activities of Section since last meeting
- 2 Proposed research on problems of Anglo-French cooperation
- 3 Discussion on future activities of Section

MINUTES of meeting of the International Section held on Tuesday, 30th April 1940 at 4 p.m. in the House of Commons.

PRESENT L. Woolf (Chair), . Cole, J. Parker, R.H. Tawney, D. Warriner, K.Zilliacus, A. Creech Jones, R. Hinden, . Padley.

A report of the activities of the International Section since the outbreak of war had been circulated before the meeting. On discussing this report it became clear that the research work inaugurated by the International Section on the League of Nations and on questions of political reconstruction was not successful, whereas the work on the colonies was proceeding satisfactorily. It was reported to the meeting that questions of political reconstruction were being considered by the Labour Party, and a decision was therefore come to to leave the political aspects of a possible European reconstruction for consideration by the Labour Party, and to concentrate on problems of economic reconstruction and on the future of the colonies. On the proposed work of economic reconstruction it was decided that the best method of procedure was to invite an economic expert to draw up a comprehensive plan of work which would then be discussed by the International Section's Sub-committee. This plan of work should be so framed as to include problems of Anglo-French economic co-operation, and also to cover work on the economic reconstruction of Eastern Europe which has already been done for the Section. It was agreed to approach R.W. Clarke for the framing of the original plan of work.

With this decision to concentrate on work of economic reconstruction, it was agreed that memoranda already prepared or in the process of preparation on political questions, could be handed over to the Labour Party, as occasion arose.

On the colonial ^{sub}work it was suggested that work on Labour policy and the Social Services might be combined to form one comprehensive publication. The field of health and labour policy was already being covered and it was suggested that Education in Africa might be dealt with by either H.P. Scott or Major Fisher. Regarding the political future of the colonies, Maynard's memorandum should be circulated and the possibility of publishing it as a pamphlet should be looked into. It was suggested that Margery Perham should be invited to join the Drafting Sub-Committee of the Section.

It was decided to commence work on a fairly large scale on the problem of Anglo-French Co-operation. A synopsis outlining the scheme of work would be prepared by K. Zilliacus, and a special committee should be set up to supervise this work. The proposed membership of this committee was - K. Zilliacus, W. Robson, R.H. Tawney, P. Vaucher and G.R. Mitchison.

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

MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING of the FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP held at the Royal Hotel at 6 p m on 21 May 1940

The Minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and confirmed.

Mrs Spikes, speaking as temporary secretary, reported on the work of the Group. Miss Spencer had been secretary for the first part of the year, but with the outbreak of war all activities had lapsed except the provision of speakers. In February an attempt was made to revive the group, and the committee asked Mrs Spikes to take on the work of secretary until the annual meeting.

She reported that a good research group had been formed and a questionnaire drawn up. A discussion meeting had been held and several members had offered their services as speakers.

The Executive had decided that membership of the Group should be open to members of the Society without subscription, and that associate members should be admitted for a subscription of 2/6.

There was some discussion on the question of subscription, and a letter from Miss Hankinson was read opposing the new rule. It was moved by Miss Murray and seconded by Mrs Bolton that the action of the Committee be endorsed. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report Mrs Beadle apologised for absence. The financial statement, audited by Miss Hankinson, was read. It showed a balance of £28.0.2 on 31 March 1940.

An interesting report of the work of the S.J.C. during the year was given by Mrs Malone.

Election of Officers

Secretary: M.D.Spikes
Treasurer: Mrs Beadle
Auditor: Miss Hankinson
Committee: Mrs Keeling, Mrs Bolton, Mrs Jay,
Mrs Drake, Miss Sutherland, Mrs Mathew,
Miss Bowie, Mrs Malone; Mrs Cole
ex officio from Fabian Executive.

A message of sympathy was sent to Mrs Beadle, who was absent through illness.

M. D. SPIKES
Secretary of Group

ANGLO-FRENCH COMMITTEE

An important meeting of this Committee will be held on Monday
24 June 1940 at 4 p m at the offices of the Fabian Society,
11 Dartmouth Street, London S W 1, to discuss what the Fabian
Society can do under present conditions. M. Henri Hauck of
the French Ministry of Information has promised to be present.

M. I. COLE

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the ANGLO-FRENCH COOPERATION SUB-COMMITTEE held
at 4 pm on Monday 24 June 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Mrs Cole (chair), Cole, Hauck, Mitchison, Pickles, Zilliacus,
Hughes, Padley.

- 1 Previous Arrangements It was reported that a permit had been
promised by the Ministry of Supply for paper for the proposed bullet-
in; applicants for the post of research worker had been interviewed
by Mrs Cole, Zilliacus and Parker; no grant had been received from
Seebohm Rowntree; the Ministry of Information was sympathetic to
the proposed bulletin and might assist by buying copies.
- 2 Immediate Work It was decided to bring out a four page supplement
to the NEW STATESMAN AND NATION to be edited by Cole and Zilliacus
in the issue dated 29 June 1940. Louis Lévy and P. Noel Baker M.P.
to be asked for articles. An attempt to be made to obtain a state-
ment from General de Gaulle.

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

A meeting of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTION will be held at
4 30 pm on Monday 1 July 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street, SW1.

This meeting will consider a programme for future work for
the Section, and it is hoped that members will make a special
effort to attend.

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

A G E N D A for meeting of LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTION to
be held on 1 July 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street.

- 1 Minutes of last meeting
- 2 Report on Social Service work in hand: Means Test
(Family Allowances)
- 3 Proposed future work:
 - (a) Health Services II - Hospitals; NHI
 - (b) Health Services III - An Industrial Health Service
 - (c) Labour Policy for Post Primary Education
- 4 Other business

MINUTES of a meeting of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTION held at 4 30 pm on
Monday 1 July 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Franklin (chair), Mrs Bolton, Mrs Cole, Mrs Spikes, Hughes,
Padley.

- 1 Minutes of previous meeting These were accepted; decided temporarily to suspend work on the New Poor Law.
- 2 Reconstitution of Section The following names to be suggested to the Research Committee for consideration: R.C.Morrison, R.Sorenson, Carol Johnson, B.Betts, Binns, Buckingham, F.Claydon, G.Tomlinson, Lyster.
- 3 Family Allowances. Document from M.Hillman to be considered. To go to Creech Jones, Parker, Robson and Mary Sutherland for comment.
- 4 Health Services
 - (a) Hospitals: Joules to be asked for synopsis.
 - (b) NHI: Mrs Bolton to submit memorandum on basis of R. Beach Thomas's report.
 - (c) Industrial Welfare: D.Smith to submit detailed synopsis.
- 5 Post Primary Education Office to prepare detailed synopsis after consideration of H.Franklin's memorandum to Labour Party Educational Advisory Committee.
- 6 Date of Next Meeting Not fixed.

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A meeting of the SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE will be held at 11 Dartmouth St
at 5 p m on Wednesday 19 June 1940.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 17 April 1940
- 2 Programme - Zilliacus to replace Garratt
- 3 Bookings - 59 persons booked 102 weeks by June 10
- 4 Suggestions for publicity
- 5 Scholarship Fund
- 6 Correspondence - N. Size re Northern School
- 7 Other business

H. D. HUGHES
Assistant Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE held at 11 Dartmouth
Street, S W 1, on Wednesday 19 June 1940.

Present Margaret Cole, Franklin, Humphreys, Pease, Ramage, Mrs Sinclair,
Mrs Spikes, G.R.Blanco White, H.D.Hughes.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of April 17 Approved with the addition of the
names of Humphreys and Pease to those present.
- 2 Programme approved, with K.Zilliacus in place of Garratt, who had re-
joined his unit.
- 3 Bookings The list was approved.
- 4 Publicity Left to the Chairman and Secretary as required. An emer-
gency meeting to be called if circumstances made it necessary to con-
sider cancellation. Tentative inquiries to be made to see if Frensham
Heights would be available.
- 5 Scholarship Fund Balance of £17.9.9.
- 6 Correspondence
 - (a) Letter from N.Size to be referred to the Northern Societies.
His hotel to be considered for 1941.
 - (b) Inquiry re care of children to be referred to Mrs Beaumont.

H. D. HUGHES
Asst Secretary

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ANGLO-FRENCH COMMITTEE

A meeting will be held at 3 p m on Thursday 4 July 1940 at
11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, to meet the new Secretary,
Miss Marguerite Dasnieres, and to discuss the outline of
work. Suggested outline by Zilliacus enclosed.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

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FABIAN SOCIETY :::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET WESTMINSTER LONDON SW1

ANGLO-FRENCH COMMITTEE

It has been found necessary to postpone the general discussion of a
plan of work for a fortnight. The meeting this Thursday has there-
fore been cancelled, and a meeting will be held at 2 30 p m on
Tuesday 9 July 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, to discuss the
further organisation of the Bulletin and news service. A further
notice will be sent as soon as it is possible to discuss the general
plan of work.

JOHN PARKER

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General Secretary

Present at above meeting: EdH Cole, Mr Cole, Pickles, Zilliacus,
Hughes, Padley.

Meeting adjourned pending further developments in
French political situation.

A meeting of the RESEARCH COMMITTEE will be held at 4 p m on Monday 15 July 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Report on work in hand
- 2 Minutes of Local Government Section meeting
of 1 July 1940
- 3 Reconstitution of Committees
 - (1) Local Government & Social Services Section
 - (2) International Section
- 4 Future Work

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

N B At a meeting held on Monday 1 July 1940, the Local Government Section put forward the following persons not already on the Committee as suggestions to the Research Committee for inclusion when the Section was reconstituted for 1940/1: R.C.Morrison MP, R.Sorenson MP, Carol Johnson, B.Betts, Binns, Buckingham, F.Claydon, G.Tomlinson MP, Lyster.

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the Research Committee held at 4 p.m. on Monday 15 July 1940 at 11 Dartmouth St, S.W.1.

Present Margaret Cole (Chairman), Barbara Drake, John Parker, Richard Padley

1 Report on Research and Minutes of Local Government Committee. These were accepted. Mrs Drake agreed to prepare a short note on absorbing the public schools into the educational system.

2 Reconstitution of Committees

a) Local Government and Social Services Section: To consist of the following: Mrs Bentwich, Mrs Bolton, Mrs Cole, Alderman A.E. Davies, Mrs Drake, Franklin, McColl, Martin, Robson, Mrs Spikes (members 1939-40). Miss B. Betts, Binns, Polly Hill, Carol Johnson, Dr Lyster, R.C. Morrison, M.P., A.D.K. Owen, R. Sorenson M.P. to be asked to join the section for 1940-41.

b) International Section: To consist of the following: Brailsford, Arnold Ester, R. Greaves, G.R. Mitchison, Vandeleur Robinson, R.H. Tawney Doreen Warriner, Leonard Woolf, K. Zilliacus (members 1939-40). R.H.S. Crossman, Rita Hinden, A. Creech Jones M.P., Barbara Ward, P.L. Yates to be asked to join the section for 1940-41.

c) Food Policy Committee. It was decided to set up a committee to consider wartime policy relating to the production and distribution of food. A. Bramall, Margaret Bramall, Joan Bulmer, Mrs Cole, Mrs Drake, F.J. Jackson, Prof. J.R. Murrack, C.G.P. Smith, Doreen Warriner, T.C.B. Watson, Purcell Weaver, P.L. Yates to be asked to serve.

d) Suspension of Committees It was decided to suspend the following sections and committees: - Assessments, Financial Policy, Housing, Political, Transport and the Oxford Committee on Social Services..

e) Reconstitution of Education Committee: Referred to Local Government section.

3 Future Work Pickles' synopsis for a 7,000 word tract on "How France went Fascist" was approved subject to minor amendments.

4. Date of next meeting: Not fixed.

Richard Padley
Research Secretary

A meeting of the ANGLo FRENCH COOPERATION COMMITTEE will be held at
3 30 p m on Friday 2 August 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Report on position
- 2 Question of second issue of Anglo-French Bulletin
- 3 Question of French socialist committee
- 4 Future research work

This is in continuation of the meeting of Tuesday 9 July, which adjourned after meeting pending further developments in the Anglo French position.

At a meeting of the Research Committee on July 15 a synopsis for a 7000 word tract by D. & W. Pickles on How France Went Fascist was approved.

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the ANGLo FRENCH COOPERATION COMMITTEE held on
Friday 2 August 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, at 3 30 pm.

Present Mrs Cole (chair), Hauck, Pickles, Zilliacus, Parker, Hughes, Padley.

- 1 Pamphlets on How France Went Fascist It was decided not to bring out joint pamphlet with UDC combining Pickles' and Zilliacus' drafts. Pickles' draft to be sent to Crossman, Hauck & Zilliacus for criticism.
- 2 Anglo French Bulletin It was reported that the Ministry of Supply had withdrawn their licence for paper for this. Decided not to re-approach the Ministry till the situation was clearer and an outline could be drawn up showing what news could be included.
- 3 French Socialist Committee Hauck to draw up list of French Socialists in London and discuss possibilities.

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

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

MINUTES of meeting of the FOOD POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE held at 5 30 p m on Monday 29 July 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Mrs Cole (chair), Mrs Bramall, Bramall, Mrs Drake, Marrack, Watson, Yates, Parker, Padley.

- 1 Short Supply After consideration of document by Bramall it was agreed that the following memoranda should be prepared:
 - (a) An elaboration of paragraph 2 of 'Suggested lines of approach' on Rationalisation of Manufactured Foodstuffs by Bramall.
 - (b) A factual study of import policy by Parker and Padley.

- 2 Detailed Studies The following were promised:
 - (a) The Working of the Cheap Milk Scheme - P.L.Yates
 - (b) The Rationalisation of Milk Distribution - T.C.B.Watson
 - (c) Changes in Diet and School Meals - B.Drake
 - (d) The Central Slaughtering Scheme & Meat Distribution - Mrs Bramall
 - (e) Nutrition and Vegetable Growing Policy - J.R.Marrack
 The following to be invited:
 - (f) The Rationalisation of Bread Distribution - J.Inman
 - (g) Vegetable and Potato Distributing Schemes - D.Warriner

- 3 Future Work An outline to be prepared suggesting a comprehensive policy for the Committee.

- 4 Next Meeting To be held Tuesday 3 September.

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

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

A meeting of the FOOD POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE will be held at 5 30 p m on Tuesday 3 September 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of July 29
- 2 Report on work in hand
- 3 Allotment Policy (1) Memo by Prof J.R.Marrack on
 Nutrition and Vegetable Policy
 (2) Memo by D.Bell on Allotment Policy
- 4 Future work of sub-committee
- 5 Other business

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the FOOD POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE held at 5 30 p m on Tuesday 3 September 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Parker (chair), Mrs Drake, Marrack, Watson, Padley.

- 1 Memorandum on Nutrition and Vegetable Policy This was considered and various emendations suggested. Recommended that revised version be sent to the Labour Party Food Committee.
- 2 Memorandum on Allotment Policy To be sent to various local authorities for comment. Revised version to go to Labour Party Food Committee.
- 3 Future Work An attempt to be made to obtain memoranda on fish and bread. It was reported that memoranda were in hand on Canteen Feeding and the Rationalisation of Milk Distribution. Work was progressing on Meat Distribution and Import Policy.
- 4 Next Meeting To be held at 5 30 on Tuesday 17 September.

A meeting of the Research Committee will be held at 4 p.m. on Monday,
23rd September, 1940 at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

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A G E N D A.

1. Report on Research.
2. Report from Anglo French Committee.
3. Project for a Colonial Research Centre.
4. Extension of Biographical Tract Series.
- (a) Keir Hardie.
 - (b) Arthur Henderson.
 - (c) George Lansbury.

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RICHARD J. PADLEY,
Research Secretary.

MINUTES of a meeting of the RESEARCH COMMITTEE held at 4 pm on Monday
23 September 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Mrs Cole (chair), Mrs Bolton, Cole, Mrs Drake, Dr Hinden,
Parker, Hughes, Padley.

1. Report on Research This was accepted. Documents on Social Security and Means Test to be circulated to Means Test Sub-committee (Mrs Drake, Franklin, Polly Hill, Robson) for consideration.
2. Report from Anglo-French Committee It was reported that the committee was hoping to bring out supplements to Highway every two months and to conduct various research projects. This was approved.
3. Colonial Advisory and Research Bureau The proposal to set up such a bureau was approved. Creech Jones, Woolf, Dr Hinden and Parker, acting as sub-committee with powers to coopt, to consider matter.
4. Biographical Tracts It was agreed to prepare Tracts on George Lansbury by M.I.Cole and Keir Hardie by G.D.H.Cole.

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

Report on Research.

Pamphlets in the Press: Army Education by James Stevens.
France faces Fascism by D.M.W.P.

Survey of Aylesbury: Report submitted to Ethical Union.

Social Services.

Family Allowances: Two memoranda prepared for Committee of Labour M.P.s published in Quarterly.

Workmen's Compensation and Social Services after the War Memorandum by Frank Hardie circulated for comment. Buckley preparing Memo on Social Services in New Zealand.

Means Test and Means Test Policy. Synopsis promised from Durham; O. Gollancz preparing additional material; Memo on some foreign applications of the Means Test promised by Baxter.

Industrial Welfare. Synopsis submitted by D. Smith.

Education.

Notes on Education by Richmond Postgate. Received.

Apprenticeship and Technical Education. Memo prepared by B. A. Hutchinson in hand.

The Place of the Public Schools in Secondary Education. Memo prepared by Mrs. B. Drake in hand.

Technical Education for Architecture Miss J.L.Pratt working on memo.

Examinations and Technical Education. Hutchinson working on memo.

Food Policy.

Memoranda circulated to committee and considered on Nutrition and Food Policy by J.R.Marrack; Allotment Policy by D. Bell; and Nutrition and Vegetable Growing Policy by Marrack. The first two sent on to Parliamentary Labour Party's food committee.

Memoranda in hand on:

Communal Feeding in Schools by Mrs. B.Drake

The Rationalization of Milk Distribution by T.C.B.Watson.

Meat and the Central Slaughtering Scheme by G.Ginsburg.

Memorandum in preparation on:

Import Policy and the Ministry of food by R. Jenkins.

Miscellaneous.

Trade Associations. Prof. H. Levy continuing work. Two sections of his report in hand.

The Partition of Ireland. Draft for pamphlet by S.Jackson in hand.

International To be presented at the meeting.

RICHARD PADLEY,
Research Secretary.

A meeting of the Anglo French Cooperation Committee will be held on Thursday 19 September 1940 at 4 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street S W 1.

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AGENDA

- (1) Minutes of previous meeting
- (2) Future action re bulletin
- (3) Future action re research

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the ANGLO-FRENCH COOPERATION COMMITTEE held at 4 pm on Thursday 19 ~~Sept~~ 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Mrs Cole, Hauck, Moutet, Pickles, Zilliacus, Parker, Hughes, Padley.

- 1 Pamphlet FRANCE FACES FASCISM Reported that this was in the press.
- 2 French Socialist Group Reported that a preliminary meeting had been held and arrangements were proceeding.
- 3 Bulletin and Propaganda The possibility of producing a bulletin as a supplement to Highway to be investigated. An attempt to be made to place articles with the press.
- 4 Research No full time worker to be appointed at present, but office to assist in work. Pickles to work on idea of Anglo French Union since 1815. Moutet to consult with Dr Hinden and prepare outlines for work on the position of the French colonies today and the manner in which this country can help them.

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

A meeting of the Editorial Board of the Anglo-French Cooperation
Bulletin will be held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, at 11 30 a m
on Friday 4 October 1940 to consider contents of a supplement for
the November issue of HIGHWAY.

H. D. HUGHES
Assistant Secretary

A meeting of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE will be held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, on Thursday 17 October 1940 at 1 p.m. A snack meal of sandwiches and coffee will be provided at a cost of 1/6.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of last meeting
- 2 Report on Means Test
- 3 Report on Workmen's Compensation after the War
- 4 Report on Social Security Schemes

DOUGLAS SMITH
Asst Research Secretary

MINUTES of LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE held at 1 pm on Thursday 17 October at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Parker (chair), Mrs Bolton, Franklin, McColl, Mrs Cole, Mrs Spikes, Polly Hill, Hughes, Douglas Smith, Joan Clarke.

- 1 Draft Memorandum on Means Test It was decided that publication of this should be postponed, a draft of it having already been sent to the Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party now considering the whole matter, and that Oliver Collanz be asked to prepare ~~for publication~~ a memorandum embodying general desirable principles of a Means Test policy, together with major recommendations.
- 2 Social Security Memorandum to hand on Social Security in Canada, Australia, New Zealand. Committee to work towards preparation of comprehensive plan for post-war social security policy. Office to prepare suggestion for further work on this.
- 3 Assistance Board Draft for pamphlet on this to be prepared in the office.
- 4 The Homeless Research Secretary to investigate scope for immediate research.
- 5 Workmen's Compensation Members to take away copies of draft memorandum and return written comments.
- 6 Next Meeting To be called when the above comments received and report prepared on the homeless.

A meeting of the FOOD POLICY COMMITTEE will be held at 11 Dartmouth St, S W 1, on Tuesday 22 October 1940 at 1 p m.

A snack lunch will be provided at the price of 1/6.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of last meeting
- 2 Report on Communal Feeding in Schools
- 3 Report on Meat and the Central Slaughtering Scheme
- 4 Report on Milk Distribution

DOUGLAS SMITH
Asst Research Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the FOOD POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE held at 1 p m on Wednesday 23 October at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Parker (chair), Mrs Cole, Bamforth, Weaver, Watson, Hughes, Smith, Clarke. Apologies from Mrs Drake and Professor Marrack.

- 1 Memorandum on Meat and the Central Slaughtering Scheme This was considered, but the Committee decided to wait for a statement on the present meat position expected from the Ministry of Food; this document to be compared with the memorandum in hand, and a scheme to be subsequently worked out on the basis of available information for the extension and improvement of the present schemes with a view to their post-war retention and extension.
- 2 Report on Milk Distribution This memorandum to be sent on to the Food Committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party after revision on the lines suggested by the Committee.
- 3 Report on the Provision of School Meals This memorandum also to be sent on to the above Committee as soon as it is brought up to date (or provided with supplementary comments) so that it deals with the position since the aerial attack on this country developed.

J. S. CLARKE
Research Secretary

A meeting of the FABIAN COLONIAL BUREAU will be held on Saturday
26 October 1940 at 11 a m at the Fabian Society offices, 11 Dartmouth
Street, S W 1. (57)

A G E N D A

- 1 Scope and work of Bureau
- 2 Organisation of work
- 3 Discussion of action to be taken
on following points:-
 - (a) Colonial War Gifts, involving
cuts in Social Services expenditure
 - (b) Reduction of cocoa prices by 20%
 - (c) Kenya Defence (Native Personnel)
Regulations, 1940
 - (d) Attacks in Colonies on Colonial
Office responsibility
 - (e) Marketing and storage of primary
products
- 4 Arrangements for future meetings

RITA HINDEN
Secretary, Colonial Bureau

For Minutes see 3 pages on

A meeting of the FOOD POLICY COMMITTEE will be held at 1 pm on Tuesday 17 December 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1. A snack lunch will be provided for 1/6.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of last meeting
- 2 Discussion of the Government's Meat Policy (see Ministry of Food Statement enclosed; also memorandum written before receipt of this statement)
- 3 Other business

JOAN S. CLARKE

MINUTES of a meeting of the FOOD POLICY COMMITTEE held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, on 17 December 1940.

Present David Ginsburg, Watson, Parker, Clarke.

- 1 Minutes of last meeting.
- 2 Memorandum on Government Meat Policy It was decided that an amended version of this should be sent to the Food Committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party.

JOAN S. CLARKE
Research Secretary

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MINUTES of meeting of Committee of FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP held at the National Trade Union Club on 27 November 1940.

Present Mrs Bolton, Mrs Cole, Mrs Drake, Mrs Malone and Mrs Spikes.

Questionnaire The secretary reported that about 20 replies to the questionnaire had been received. Owing to the difficulties neither the Labour Parties nor the Coop Guilds had taken large numbers, and most of the copies were still in the office. It was decided that the replies should be examined and tabulated and a report submitted to the next meeting of the committee, when further action would be considered.

Standing Joint Committee No delegate had been able to attend the Annual Conference of Labour Women on the postponed date. Mrs Malone had been nominated as representative of the Women's Group and as Political Vice-President of the Committee.

Further Meetings It was decided to hold another lunch hour meeting in January: Miss Smieton to be asked to speak on Outside Welfare Work. An alternative suggestion for discussion was trade union organisation of women in war time, with Miss Elliot as speaker. The next meeting of the Committee to follow the next lunch hour meeting.

M. D. SPIKES
Secretary of Group

MINUTES of First Meeting of COLONIAL BUREAU held on Saturday 26 October 1940 at 11 30 am at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present A Creech Jones (chair), Prof. W.M. Macmillan, W. Benson, Margaret Cole, John Parker, Rita Hinden.

- 1 Scope and Work of Bureau Margaret Cole reported to the meeting on the purpose of the new Colonial Bureau. It was agreed that there was a distinct need for a clearing house for colonial information and research in this country, and the Bureau would not be overlapping with any of the existing bodies dealing with colonial affairs. Contacts should be established with these bodies, and cooperation was desirable. It was reported that the following had agreed to act as members of the Bureau's Advisory Committee:- Miss M. Perham, Sir T. Drummond Shiels, Prof. W.M. Macmillan, Mr W. Benson, Mr Arthur Lewis, Mr J.F. Horrabin, Mr L. Woolf and Mr John Parker, M.P. Mr A. Creech Jones, M.P. accepted the chairmanship of the Committee. It was agreed that Dr Julian Huxley should be asked to join the committee.
- 2 Organisation of Work The meeting agreed that one of the most important lines of work which the Bureau could follow was the raising of questions on colonial affairs before the House. A panel of sympathetic M.P.s who might help in this work was drawn up, including the following names:- F.W. Pethick Lawrence, C.G. Ammon, Ben Riley, Major J. Milner, Revd R.W. Sorensen, George Mathers, Lord Snell, Lord Noel-Buxton. Mr Creech Jones undertook to enlist the help of this panel. Prof. Macmillan stressed the importance of publicity for the work, and suggestions were made that the London Correspondent of the Manchester Guardian and Reuter's Overseas Correspondent should be approached. The need for extra funds for running the Bureau was discussed.
- 3* A number of specific points were raised on which action might be immediately taken by the Bureau.
 - (a) The question of Colonial War Gifts, involving cuts in Social Services expenditure. It was pointed out that though this matter had already been raised in the House once or twice, the gifts were continuing to make inroads on various colonies' expenditure. The Bureau undertook to collect all available information on cuts in social services, so that a determined stand could be taken on the matter.
 - (b) The reduction of cocoa prices by 20%. An arbitrary reduction was being made in the price at which the British Government was buying up West African cocoa, in spite of the fact that import prices were rising, and new duties on imports were being imposed on Nigeria. The Bureau undertook to collect information on cocoa prices, quantities of cocoa destroyed, and increased import prices and duties in West Africa.
 - (c) Kenya Defence (Native Personnel) Regulations 1940. Conscriptioin for Native Labour Corps was being applied in East Africa. Details of conditions of conscription, mortality among recruits during the 1914-18 war, and other apposite information to be collected.
 - (d) Marketing and storage of primary products. As much information as was available on this matter should be collected.
 - (e) Recommendations of Royal Commission Report on West Indies. Bureau should trace what had in fact been done to follow up these recommendations since their publication some months ago.

FABIAN COLONIAL BUREAU MONTHLY REPORT

NOVEMBER 1940

As it is so difficult to convene meetings under present circumstances, it has been decided to send detailed monthly reports to members of the Bureau's Advisory Committee. In this way the Committee can be kept in close touch with the work of the Bureau. Comments and suggestions on the basis of these reports will be very welcome.

1. Committee

The full advisory committee of the Bureau is composed as follows:- Chairman, A. Creech Jones M.P.; Committee, Margaret Cole, J.F. Horrabin, Dr J.S. Huxley, W. Arthur Lewis, Prof. W.M. Macmillan, John Parker M.P., Margery Perham, Sir T. Drummond Shiels, Leonard Woolf. Secretary, Rita Hinden. Mr W. Benson has volunteered his unofficial advice and assistance.

2. Contacts with other Organisations

During the first month of its existence, the Bureau has naturally had to devote much of its time to the creation of contacts. This task is still very far from complete.

- (a) The Colonial Department of the Institute of Education (University of London) has offered the use of its library and press-cuttings, and any personal assistance required.
- (b) Contact has been established with the Public Relations Officer of the Colonial Office (Mr Sabine). At his suggestion, the Bureau is now receiving regularly Ministry of Information News Bulletins, and an offer was made that the Bureau should approach Mr Sabine for any specific information wanted.
- (c) Discussions with members of PEP have revealed that some of the research being planned by the Bureau might overlap with work which PEP has in hand. To avoid this, an interchange of plans and material has been agreed upon, and has already begun.
- (d) The League for Coloured Peoples, the West Indies Parliamentary Committee, and the Anti-Slavery Society have been written to, and interviews suggested.

3. Panel of M.P.s

The following M.P.s have been approached, both personally by Mr Creech Jones, and in a formal letter from the Bureau, asking for their cooperation in raising matters of colonial interest in the House and in bringing matters of interest to the attention of the Bureau:- Major J. Milner, David Adams, Revd James Barr, Ben Riley, C.G. Ammon, F.W. Pethick-Lawrence, Revd R.W. Sorensen, George Mathers, Commander R. Fletcher, John Jagger, M. Mainwaring, Dr H.B. Morgan.

4. Questions brought to the attention of the Colonial Office

M The following matters were brought to the attention of the Colonial Office, through personal interviews by Mr Creech Jones:-

- P (a) The reduction of 20% in the price paid to West African cocoa producers.
- 1 (b) The one-sided composition of the new Cocoa Control Board.
- (c) War-gifts and their effect on colonial finances.
- (d) Question of marketing and storage of primary produce.
- (e) The Kenya Compulsory Military and Labour Service Regulations

5. Relations with Press

2 (a) Daily Herald Maurice Webb and Douglas Jay of the Daily Herald have expressed their interest in the work of the Bureau and their willingness to use suitable information sent them. Notes on the cocoa situation and the composition of the Cocoa Control Board have been sent to Douglas Jay, and notes of the effect in Jamaica of the ban on banana imports to Maurice Webb.

(b) Manchester Guardian Mr Crozier, Editor of the Guardian has also shown interest in the Bureau, and agreed to publish suitable articles and paragraphs. An article on 'Cocoa' was sent him (which he wrote that he intended using); also notes on the present economic difficulties in Nigeria and Jamaica.

3 (c) New Statesman The New Statesman published an article on the Delhi Conference (by the Secretary of the Bureau) and the Editor has asked that further articles should be sent him from time to time.

(Comment On this question of relations with the press, the help of members of the Committee would be particularly welcome - both in creating contacts with papers, and in supplying material for possible publication.)

6. Research

(a) The Colonial Bureau has taken over responsibility, from the International Section of the Society, for the completion and publication of two books on colonial problems, which were originally planned by the International Section. The first of these, Plan for Africa (a study of economic development in the African Colonies) is in the hands of the publishers. The second, a collection of essays on various aspects of colonial policy in Africa (education, health, labour conditions etc) is gradually nearing completion.

(b) A series of studies on the present position and future planning of primary production has been put in hand, under the joint supervision of the Colonial Bureau and the Research Secretary of the Fabian Society. Each study will deal with an individual commodity. Work on the following commodities has already started:- Wheat, copper, rubber, tin. (PEP has already dealt in a somewhat similar fashion with oilseed and Palestine citrus.)

(c) Miss Yoti Lane has volunteered to write a book on the lives and work of famous figures in African medicine (Swynnerton, Ross, etc). Work on the book has been begun with the encouragement of the Bureau. (40)

7. Offers of Help

The Bureau is receiving help in its work from the following persons:-

- (a) Mr David Freeman has agreed to cover the Malayan press and report on events in Malaya.
- (b) A group of undergraduates of the Oxford Democratic Socialist Club are covering part of the Dominions and Colonial Press available at Rhodes House, Oxford, and sending reports on important items.
- (c) Mr E.W. Scott is covering the press-cuttings of the Colonial Department of the University of London.
- (d) Miss Yoti Lane is covering the press of the African colonies at the Royal Empire Society.
- (e) Miss Margery Lawrence is preparing a survey of recent anthropological work in tropical Africa.

Addendum to Section 4

On (a) the Colonial Office promised to look into the matter. The Government of Nigeria was written to for information on the new import tariffs. The Colonial Office received a reply to this query, stating that prices of imported goods are strictly controlled and the new duties only affect luxuries.

On (b) - More detailed information was obtained about the composition of the Board, but this information was unsatisfactory and a question is to be asked in the House.

On (c) - A number of questions had already been asked in Parliament about ensuring that war-gifts should not affect colonial expenditure on social services. Any further information on this point was however welcome, and Mr Creech Jones was able to cite the case of the special Economy measures taken in Tanganyika to cover their war-gift of £100,000.

On (d) - The existence of a Government Committee dealing with this question was made known, but there is little information available as to the work of this Committee.

On (e) - This matter was discussed with the aid of comments on the Regulations prepared by the I.L.O. Figures were also provided showing the high mortality and morbidity in the East African Carrier Corps during the last war.

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FABIAN COLONIAL BUREAU MONTHLY REPORT NO. 2DECEMBER 1940

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The work of the Bureau is now getting into its stride and very considerable progress has been made during the last month. The response and interest which the Bureau has aroused have been most encouraging, and have opened up the prospect of an extensive programme of work of great political importance.

1. Parliament

On the basis of material collected by the Bureau, a large number of questions have been raised in the House of Commons during December. Those for which the Bureau was responsible, and provided detailed documentation, covered the following matters:-

- (1) Economic conditions in Jamaica and the effect of the banana import ban.
- (2) Military Labour Service in East Africa and conditions of service for African recruits.
- (2) The composition of the West African Cocoa Control Board.
- (4) The extent to which the Colonial Welfare and Development Act is being applied in Africa.
- (5) Labour conditions in Northern Rhodesia and the delay in publication of the Copper Commission Report.
- (6) The cuts in social services in Tanganyika consequent on grant of war gifts to Britain.
- (7) Government plans for the improvement of economic conditions in the colonies, generally.
- (8) The cut in cocoa prices in West Africa.
- (9) Increase in import duties on necessities of life in West Africa.
- (10) Condition of refugees from Gibraltar.

On all these points full documentation was collected by the Bureau and supplied to the Member of Parliament raising the question. A number of these matters have been discussed in detail by Mr Creech Jones with representatives of the Colonial Office, resulting in inquiries being made direct to the Governments of the Colonies concerned. The question of the continued publication of Colonial Reports was also taken up by Mr Creech Jones with the Colonial Office. No assurance could be obtained that all the annual colonial reports would continue to appear in war time.

It is now intended to expand this Parliamentary work by utilising the goodwill expressed by a number of M.P.s towards the activities of the Bureau. A number of M.P.s known to be interested in colonial affairs have been approached by the Bureau to give their assistance in raising matters of colonial interest in the House. Very helpful replies have been received from the following:- David Adams, Commander R. Fletcher, Ben Riley, George Mathers, Charles Ammon, R. Sorensen, James Barr, Wilfred Paling, and Lord Faringdon. It is intended to hold a meeting of interested Members of Parliament when the House reassembles, in order to create personal contact and to associate M.P.s more intimately with the work of the Bureau.

2. Press

A number of leading newspapers have been approached with the proposal that the Bureau should supply regular information on events in the Colonies, possibly connecting up this information with questions in the House. The response to this proposal has been extremely favourable, and the following relations have been established:-

(a) The Economist The Editor of The Economist has agreed to accept regular material from the Bureau for (i) short notes, (ii) paragraphs, (iii) leading articles. There will be room for notes and paragraphs most weeks and for leading articles once every two to three months. The Economist is willing to pay for this material. The first batch of material dealing with Lord Lloyd's speech on Government help to the Colonies has been sent, and is being used for a leading article. Paragraphs have also been sent on Military Labour Service in Kenya, income tax in Malaya and Jamaica, remission of colonial debts, and the position regarding certain surplus crops.

(b) The Manchester Guardian The Guardian has also agreed to publish information on the colonies, either in paragraphs, leading articles or signed articles. A signed article on the plight of the Gold Coast cocoa farmers was published on 17/12/40, and a leading article on the Jamaican banana ban on 5/12/40. Material on the Palestine citrus industry's difficulties, and Military Service for Africans, has now been sent.

(c) Daily Herald Both Maurice Webb (Political Correspondent) and Douglas Jay (formerly City Editor) expressed their interest in handling information about the Colonies. When the restriction on the import of bananas was announced, the implications of this move from the Jamaican point of view were written up by Maurice Webb, on the suggestion of the Bureau and on the basis of material immediately supplied (4/12/40). The burning of cocoa in West Africa and the effect of the cut in cocoa prices was dealt with by Douglas Jay (6/12/40), and the 'black spots' in colonial trade referred to by Lord Lloyd, coupled with low income tax in the colonies, was also written up by Douglas Jay (20/12/40).

(d) New Statesman The New Statesman has published two articles on the colonies - on the significance of the Delhi Conference (26/10/40) and on conflict in Rhodesia (7/12/40). Also a leading note on cocoa and bananas (7/12/40).

(e) Evening Standard Michael Foot of the Evening Standard has expressed his willingness to be supplied with information on colonial affairs, which he believes the Evening Standard will be able to handle from time to time. He has already applied to the Bureau for information on some points, and every effort has been made to provide it.

(f) Reynolds News The Feature Editor of Reynolds is interested in being sent 'stories' and particularly 'background material' (to use his words) on colonial matters. The contacts with both Reynolds and the Evening Standard are still too recent to show any detailed results at the time of writing.

There appears to be no difficulty in interesting the press in colonial affairs. Almost every piece of information which has been sent has been used in one form or another.

3. Contacts with other Organisations

(a) The West African Students Union One or two meetings with the secretary of this Union have been held, and it was agreed that the Union would bring any matters of importance connected with West Africa to the attention of the Bureau. A number of points have already been discussed.

(b) League of Coloured Peoples Friendly relations have been established

with the Secretary of this League, who welcomed the Bureau's offer to assist the League in its work in whatever way possible.

(c) Anti-Slavery Society This Society has suggested the postponement of further contact until the appointment of its new secretary.

(d) The Colonial Department of the University Institute of Education has made its library and press-cuttings available to the Bureau. A voluntary helper has been regularly reading and making notes of these press-cuttings on behalf of the Bureau.

(e) The Colonial Office has been approached directly for information on one or two occasions, on the suggestion of its Public Relations Officer. The information requested has been supplied.

(f) The Royal Empire Society The Librarian of this Society has agreed to allow the use of its valuable library to research workers introduced by the Bureau. He has also agreed to give every assistance to the secretary of the Bureau in collecting topical information.

4. Research and Information

No new major pieces of research have been put in hand during December. One book is still in the hands of the publishers, and a second is still in preparation. Work on the future of primary production has been extended to cover oil, meat and coffee. (The full list of primary products on which work is now in progress is, wheat, copper, rubber, tin, meat, oil and coffee. A separate study on each of these is in preparation, each by a different research worker.)

Apart from these long-term research projects, the Bureau is daily collecting material on current events in the colonies. The very comprehensive collection of colonial newspapers, which are to be found in various institutions in London, is being systematically combed for information, and a card index system classifying this information, has been begun. In this way, a complete picture of current events in each colony is being built up, enabling the Bureau to answer queries, or provide information at a moment's notice.

Among the more important subjects on which the Bureau has now collected a mass of information either from the colonial press, or direct from experts, are:-

- (a) Economic conditions in Jamaica.
- (b) Palestine citrus industry and its present difficulties.
- (c) The attempt to impose income tax in Malaya and the opposition aroused.
- (d) Rice situation in British Guiana.
- (e) Cocoa control and reactions to the scheme in West Africa.
- (f) Northern Rhodesian copper industry.

The Bureau is being helped in its work of keeping in touch with day-to-day events in the colonies by a number of volunteers from the Oxford Democratic Socialist Club, who have been reading the Empire press available at Rhodes House, Oxford, and sending monthly reports to the Bureau.

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A meeting of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE will be held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1 on Thursday 21 November 1940 at 1 p.m. An improved snack meal will be provided for 1/6.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of last meeting
- 2 Memorandum on Means Test (enclosed)
- 3 Memorandum on Workmen's Compensation
- 4 Future program of work on Social Security Scheme
- 5 Reports on (1) Billeting
(2) Rest Centres

MINUTES of a meeting of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE held at 1 p.m. on Thursday 21 November 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Parker (chair), Franklin, McColl, Margaret Cole, Hughes, Polly Hill, Mrs Drake, Mrs Bentwich, Barbara Betts, Oliver Gollancz, Douglas Smith, Joan Clarke.

- 1 Report on Billeting in Reception Areas It was agreed to postpone discussion of this.
- 2 Coordination of Services for the Homeless Barbara Betts was asked to prepare a memorandum on this, based on the experience of the Mary Ward Settlement Rest Centre within the framework of St Pancras Borough Council.
- 3 Program of work on Social Security Scheme The Research Secretary to collect workers for this program and report again to the Committee.
- 4 Memorandum on Means Test This was discussed. The Committee recommended that a slightly amended version be sent to the sub-committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party.

JOAN S. CLARKE
Research Secretary

An emergency meeting of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE will be held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, on Thursday 5 December 1940 at 1 p.m. A snack meal will be provided for 1/6.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of last meeting
- 2 Discussion of
 - (a) The practicability of drafting a memorandum on billeting in reception areas (see notes enclosed)
 - (b) Coordination of services for raid victims
 - (c) Plans for social security

JOAN S. CLARKE
Research Secretary

MINUTES of an emergency meeting of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE held at 11 Dartmouth St, S W 1, on Thursday 5 December 1940 at 1 pm.

Present B.Betts, Mrs Bentwich, Mrs Bolton, Mrs Cole, Mrs Drake, Franklin (chair), O.Gollancz, P.Hill, R.Sorensen, Parker, Clarke.

- 1 Mrs Cole to continue with work on billeting.
- 2 The memorandum on Services for Air Raid Victims in the Borough of St Pancras was discussed and may be expanded into a press article.
- 3 Further plans.

JOAN S. CLARKE
Research Secretary

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A meeting of the ANGLO FRENCH COOPERATION COMMITTEE will be held at 11 30 am on Monday 13 January 1941 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, to discuss future policy and further issues of the bulletin. We hope you will make every effort to be present.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the ANGLO FRENCH COOPERATION COMMITTEE held at 11 Dartmouth Street on Monday 13 January 1941.

Present G.D.H.Cole, M.I.Cole, H.Hauck, D.M.Pickles, R.H.Tawney, L.Woolf, J.Parker, H.D.Hughes.

- 1 A Report on the Bulletin was accepted. The next issue was to contain articles on French Education (Pickles), the French in England (Hauck), the French Colonies (Moutet), Books on the French Collapse (de Brouckère). A later issue to have an article on the situation in Belgium.
- 2 A one day Anglo-French Conference to be held in London on March 16 on Anglo-French relations and a policy for French and English Socialists.

H. D. HUGHES
Assistant Secretary

: FABIAN COLONIAL BUREAU :

A G E N D A for meeting to be held on Thursday 30 January 1941 at 1.15 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

- 1 Minutes of last meeting
- 2 Report on activities of Bureau
Matters arising
- 3 EMPIRE NEWS Proposal to be
put forward by J.F. Horrabin
- 4 Research
- 5 Any other business

RITA HINDEN
Secretary of Bureau

MINUTES of a meeting of the COLONIAL BUREAU held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, on Thursday 30 January 1941 at 1 15 p m.

Present A. Creech Jones (chair), Margaret Cole, John Parker, J.F.Horrabin, Prof. W.M.Macmillan, Prof. J.Huxley, Margery Perham, Arthur Lewis, W.Benson, Rita Hinden.

- 1 Minutes of last meeting passed.
- 2 Discussion on Report of the Bureau's activities up to January 1941 centred round:-
 - (a) Attitude to be adopted towards the virtual suspension of the working of the Colonial Development and Welfare Act. Agreed that continued pressure should be exerted to ensure that Act should operate even in war time. Particularly important that the Development and Welfare Advisory Committee proposed by Act should be set up, perhaps in the form of an interim committee to survey field of work. The question of the Research Committee proposed by Act should be shelved for the present. Colonies should also be required to set up local committees to prepare schemes of development.
 - (b) Attitude to be adopted towards Copper Commission Report, when published. Agreed that the present was not a good moment for tackling the question of the relation between European workers on the copper mines and skilled African workers, though this recognised to be the crux of the problem.
 - (c) Proposals were made that the following matters should be taken up by the Bureau:-
 - (1) The extension of Allied cooperation in economic matters to educational and other aspects of colonial activity.
 - (2) The importance of secondary industries for colonial development, particularly processing industries.
 - (3) The employment of refugee doctors in the Colonial Medical Services.

FABIAN COLONIAL BUREAU PERIODICAL REPORT NO. 3JANUARY - FEBRUARY 1941

During the last two months the work of the Bureau has concentrated mainly on Parliament, the Press, and the collection of information on current events in the Colonies.

1. Parliament

A meeting of M.P.'s was held in the House of Commons on 12/2/41. Those present were A. Creech Jones, J. Parker, D. Adams, R. Sorensen, B. Riley, M. Mainwaring, Rev. J. Barr, Lord Faringdon, Margaret Cole, Rita Hinden. Mr. Creech Jones and Mrs. Cole outlined the functions of the Bureau and explained how the Bureau could be of use to M.P.'s, and in which way the collaboration of M.P.'s could be most effective. Many questions as to the details of this co-operation were asked, and great appreciation of the work of the Bureau was expressed. Since this meeting, a number of Members have already been provided with facts, on which they have put questions in the House.

Questions raised in the House, during January and February, for which the Bureau was responsible and provided detailed documentation, covered the following matters:-

- (1) Action regarding surplus commodities in the Colonies.
- (2) West African cocoa crop.
- (3) Gambia ground nut crop.
- (4) Palestine citrus industry.
- (5) Constitution of Jamaica.
- (6) Constitution of Trinidad.
- (7) Treatment of West African Soldiers in Kenya.
- (8) Direct taxation in Colonies.

A number of matters have also been brought to the direct attention of the Colonial Office by Mr. Creech Jones; of special importance were the questions of the present depressed economic situation in Jamaica, the new constitution for Trinidad, and the proposed new constitution for Jamaica.

2. Press

The feeding of information to the Press continues satisfactorily.

(a) The Economist. The Economist has shown a particularly sympathetic interest in the work of the Bureau. Paragraphs have been published on the appointment of Eboue as Governor General of French Equatorial Africa (1/2/41), and on the new Trinidad constitution (15/2/41). A leading article (22/2/41) entitled "Colonial Black Spots" was based on a mass of material about surplus Colonial crops supplied by the Bureau.

(b) Manchester Guardian. Co-operation with the Guardian is also proving successful. A paragraph on the appointment of Eboue (18/1/41) a column on Trinidad's new constitution (8/2/41); and a letter dealing with the proposed Jamaica constitution (24/2/41) have been published.

(c) New Statesman. The Statesman published an editorial comment on the appointment of Lord Moyne (15/2/41), and an editorial comment on the Northern Rhodesian copper disturbances report (22/2/41).

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(d) Daily Herald. A paragraph on the new Jamaica constitution was published (19/2/41) under the name of Maurice Webb, the Bureau having drawn the paper's attention to the situation in Jamaica and provided all information. Facts were provided to the City Editor, at his request, on the recent changes in cocoa prices.

(e) Evening Standard. A paragraph on the appointment of Eboue appeared on 31/1/41. A great deal of information has been supplied to Michael Foot, at his own request.

(f) Reynold's News. A paragraph on the appointment of Eboue appeared on 12/1/41.

(g) Time and Tide. Time and Tide have expressed great interest in receiving regular editorial comments, and, possibly, articles. The first editorial note on the constitutional reforms in the West Indies appeared on 1/3/41.

(h) Tribune. The Tribune has published a paragraph on the new Trinidad constitution (22/2/41). It has been arranged that a more regular contact between the Bureau and The Tribune should be established in future.

(i) Picture Post. Picture Post is interested in the idea of a series of articles on the Colonies, but has found difficulty in finding suitable photographs, and has asked the Bureau's help in this connection.

The Bureau have received mention in "West Africa", in the "Anti-Slavery" reporter, and in a letter from the Secretary to the "Crown Colonist" on the question of Colonial debt remission and the possibility of using the Colonial Development Fund for this purpose.

3. Collection of Information and Research.

The regular reading of the Colonial Press continues, with the aid of a few voluntary helpers. Subjects on which a quantity of material has been collected and card-indexed, are the following:-

- (1) Recruiting and conditions of military service among West Africans.
- (2) Opinion in Jamaica on constitutional reform.
- (3) Economic problems arising in connection with the American naval base in Jamaica.
- (4) Social and economic conditions in Gambia.
- (5) Kenya's financial position.
- (6) Labour shortage in Kenya, and effects of military recruitment.

The Bureau is becoming known among wider circles as a source of information on the Colonies. A number of enquiries have come in, both from individuals and organisations, and there have been requests for access to the Bureau's collection of current news of the Colonies.

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On the research side, the studies on the production and distribution of primary commodities are progressing. It has been decided to carry out this work on the group system of research, each worker collecting material on one particular commodity, and the completed individual studies to be collated and edited by the leader of the group. Mr. P. Lagartine Yates has agreed to direct this research, and the studies on wheat, rubber, copper, cotton, sugar, coffee and meat are all well in hand.

4. Contacts with other organisations.

Contact has been established with all other organisations in this country interested in Colonial affairs. The first steps have now been taken to develop contacts with progressive political bodies within the Colonies. Letters telling of the Bureau's work have been addressed to a number of organisations and personalities in the West Indies, and also in South Africa. Direct contacts with West and East Africa and the Eastern dependencies have yet to be established.

(d) It was agreed that research was desirable on following subjects:-

(1) The amount of taxation paid by colonial investment to the British Exchequer. Proposed that the Economist be asked to undertake such a study.

(2) The financial position of the Northern Rhodesian Copper Companies. (The Economist has already been asked by Professor Macmillan to prepare such a study.)

(3) The working of Colonial Legislative Councils.

(e) The Bureau's attitude on a number of special problems, such as the proposed new Constitutions for Trinidad and Jamaica, economic conditions in the West Indies, the arrest of Bustamente, was also discussed.

- 3 A proposal was put forward by Mr J.F. Horrabin that a monthly journal, Empire, which he represented, should be taken over by the Bureau. The paper should appear bi-monthly, and should be 8 pages in size. The Bureau appreciated Mr Horrabin's generosity in making this proposal, and an editorial board consisting of Mr Creech Jones, Miss Perham, Mr Horrabin and Mrs Cole was set up, with the secretary of the Bureau responsible for the editorial work.
- 4 Various members of the Committee asked to have circulated to them all information on current events in the Colonies collected by the Bureau.
- 5 Next Meeting No date was fixed for the next meeting of the Bureau.

RITA HINDEN
Secretary

A meeting of the FOOD POLICY COMMITTEE will be held at 1 pm on Friday
31 January 1941 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 17 December 1940
- 2 Memorandum on Bacon (enclosed)
- 3 Memorandum on Feedingstuffs (enclosed)

JOAN S. CLARKE
Research Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the FOOD POLICY COMMITTEE held on Friday 31 January 1941 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Parker (chair), Watson, Atkins, Clarke.

- 1 Minutes of last meeting.
- 2 Memorandum on Bacon It was decided that this in a revised form should be sent to the Food Committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party after postal comments had been received from persons now reading the memorandum.
- 3 Memorandum on Feedingstuffs Also to be sent to the Labour Party Committee after revision.

JOAN S. CLARKE
Research Secretary

Social Security

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The Committee will be
1941 at 1 pm.

- Administration Gertrude Williams
- Philosophical Concept of Social Security .. Polly Hill
- Financial Policy of Proposed Scheme Peggy Joseph
- Inter-relation of Services in Cash & Kind " "
- Superannuation and Pensions Emmeline Cohen
- Social Insurance v. Assistance Oliver Gollancz
- Litigation Arising from
Existing Social Legislation James Brodie
- Security of the Individual Today Norman Wilson
- National Health Insurance Charles Bangay
- Assistance Board Joan S. Clarke
- Local Administration " " "
- Public Assistance Today Herbert W. Marshall

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Also
'Social Security' under the Nazis R. W. B. Clarke

RES COMMITTEE
1941.

Work still to be allocated:

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- The Blind
- Old People
- Armed Forces & Civil Defence Pensions
- Family Allowances in a Coordinated System of Social Services
(if possible)
- The Role of the Private Insurance Company in the Social Services
(if possible)

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Research Secretary

Material is already collected on:

- Unemployment Insurance
- Industrial Assurance
- Family Allowances
- Workmen's Compensation

A meeting of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE will be held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, on Thursday 13 February 1941 at 1 pm. A snack lunch will be provided for 1/6.

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A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of last meeting
- 2 Social Security Scheme (document enclosed)
- 3 Convenient days for future meetings

JOAN S. CLARKE
Research Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1 on 13 February 1941.

Present Franklin (chair), Mrs Bentwich, Barbara Betts, Mrs Bolton, Mrs Cole, Mrs Drake, Polly Hill, McColl, Martin, Owen, Sorensen, Mrs Williams, Joan Clarke.

- 1 Minutes of last meeting
- 2 The Social Security Program was discussed, and it was decided that work should proceed according to the outline submitted to the Committee.

JOAN S. CLARKE
Research Secretary

A meeting of the COMMITTEE of the FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP will be held following the lunch meeting at the National Trade Union Club, 12 Gt Newport Street, W C 2, on Wednesday 29 January 1941.

M. D. SPIKES

A G E N D A for meeting of WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE to be held at the National Trade Union Club after the Lunch on 29.1.41.

- 1 Minutes of last meeting
- 2 Letter from Business and Professional Women re deputation
- 3 Standing Joint Committee Report
- 4 Treasurer's Report

Subscriptions

- 5 Research
Questionnaire
Other Work

- 6 Future Activities

Next Lunch
Annual Dinner

M.D.Spikes - Hon. Secretary

MINUTES of meeting of Executive Committee of FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP held on January 29 1941 at the Trade Union Club at 2 30 p m.

- 1 Minutes of last meeting These had been circulated and were approved.
- 2 Letter from Business and Professional Women Mrs Malone proposed that a letter of protest be sent pointing out that no useful purpose would be served by participation in a deputation when our Society had been given no opportunity of discussing the action to be taken or putting forward its point of view on the subject in question.
- 3 Standing Joint Committee Mrs Malone reported on the work of the SJC.
- 4 The Treasurer apologised for her absence and had informed the Secretary that she was sending out reminders about subscriptions as usual.
- 5 The Secretary reported on the work on the Questionnaire. The answers received were being tabulated. It was decided to postpone any other work until more results had been obtained from the questionnaire.
- 6 Future Activities The next lunch was fixed for February 26 - Miss Dorothy Elliott to speak.
The March lunch to be addressed by Mary Sutherland on the work of the Standing Joint Committee. Date: March 26.
- 7 Annual Dinner This was not to be held, but a suggestion was made that a larger lunch with one or two prominent speakers might be held in May.

M. D. SPIKES

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A meeting of the FOOD POLICY COMMITTEE will be held at 11 Dartmouth St, S W 1, on ~~Friday~~ Friday 28 February 1941 at 1 pm. A snack lunch will be provided at 1/6.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 31 January 1941
- 2 Memorandum on Fish
- 3 Memorandum on Food Import Policy
- 4 Date of next meeting

JOAN S. CLARKE
Research Secretary

MINUTES of meeting of the FOOD POLICY COMMITTEE held at 11 Dartmouth St, S W 1 on February 28 1941.

Present Parker (chair), Mrs Drake, Bamforth, Watson, Marrack, Atkins, Weaver, Yates, Hughes, Clarke.

- 1 Minutes of last meeting
- 2 Memorandum on the Fish Industry It was decided that an amended version of this be sent to the Food Committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party, and also that it should be redrafted for publication as a pamphlet, subject to readers' approval.
- 3 Memorandum on Import Policy This was discussed.
- 4 Communal Feeding Mrs Drake undertook to collect material for a pamphlet and to draft a questionnaire to be sent out to suitable people,
- 5 Next Meeting The next meeting to be held on Friday 14 March at 1 pm.

JOAN S. CLARKE
Research Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting held in the House of Commons on Wednesday 12 February 1941 at 2 30 p m in connection with the work of the FABIAN COLONIAL BUREAU.

Present A. Creech Jones (chair), John Parker, D. Adams, R. Sorensen, B. Riley, Mainwaring, Revd J. Barr, Lord Faringdon, Margaret Cole, Rita Hinden.

Mr Creech Jones outlined the purpose and the work of the Fabian Colonial Bureau. He pointed out that there was a serious gap in the provision of reliable information about the colonies for the use of M.P.s. One of the chief purposes of the Bureau was to collect all available information directly from the Colonies and from the colonial press, and to carry out research on colonial problems. The information thus collected would be of great assistance to M.P.s in dealing with colonial matters, in raising questions in the House, and in following them up after, and in taking problems direct to the Colonial Office.

Margaret Cole pointed out that now that the machinery of the Bureau was established, its effectiveness in political work would depend on the collaboration of M.P.s. Members should turn to the Bureau for the collection of information they required. The Bureau was being very successful in interesting the press in colonial problems, and in this way a certain degree of publicity would attend the efforts of Members in raising these matters. Further, the Bureau was now taking over the publication of a bi-monthly journal, EMPIRE, which would also draw public attention to political activity on colonial problems.

A number of points and questions were then raised. Mr Riley stressed the importance of establishing direct contacts with labour organisations in the Colonies, and was assured that this was already being done. Rev. Sorensen suggested that the work should be divided between different M.P.s. according to the particular colonies in which they were interested. This was agreed to, and Members were asked if they would, in the course of time, signify the colonies in which they were interested, and also give the Bureau the benefit of any special information or contacts which they might happen to have with those particular colonies. The question was raised whether M.P.s were expected to become members of the Bureau, with a financial subscription. It was explained that the Bureau was financed by the Fabian Society and had no special subscribers of its own, but it would be possible to support the Bureau by subscribing to its new publication, EMPIRE. The relation between the Bureau and the West Indies Parliamentary Committee was queried; it was pointed out that the Bureau fulfilled a different function, in that it was a permanent organisation, able to undertake regular research and the regular collection of information.

RITA HINDEN
Secretary of Bureau

A meeting of the FOOD POLICY COMMITTEE will be held at 1 p m on Friday
14 March 1941 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

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A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of last meeting
- 2 Memorandum on Eggs (enclosed)
- 3 Memoranda on Bread (enclosed)

JOAN S. CLARKE

Research Secretary

A meeting of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE will be held on Friday 28 March 1947 at 4 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of last meeting
- 2 Plan for Work on Educational Policy (enclosed)
- 3 Method of work on above

JOAN S. CLARKE
Research Secretary

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

MINUTES of a meeting of the WORKING COMMITTEE held at 11 Dartmouth St, S W 1, on Tuesday 18 March 1941. (97)

Present Noel Baker, Benson, Margaret Cole, Kingsley Martin, Rennie Smith, Yates, Parker, Hughes.

- 1 Membership It was announced that, in addition to those present, Woolf, Barbara Wootton and Zilliacus had accepted membership of the Committee, and Tait had offered his informal cooperation. It was decided to ask Mackay and Francis Williams to become members, and Brailsford and Laski to join an Advisory Council when established and to attend the Working Committee when possible.
- 2 Advisory Council and Panel of MPs The establishment of these was deferred.
- 3 It was agreed:
 - (1) that Miss Warriner should attend the Coordinating Committee of international research bodies convened by Kimber.
 - (2) that Mrs Saran and G.F.Green be advised to consult Noel Baker re their proposal for the convening of a European Socialist Congress.
 - (3) that the question of assistance in organising social gatherings for European socialists be referred to the Fabian Executive.
- 4 It was decided to proceed with supplying material for publication in U S A via J.Golay.
- 5 The proposal for research on European Reconstruction was referred to Woolf and D.Warriner, who were empowered to consult members of the panel of European Socialists and submit a report on the proposed method of work.

H. D. HUGHES
Assistant Secretary
Fabian Society

A meeting of the RESEARCH COMMITTEE will be held at 11 Dartmouth Street,
S W 1, at 3 30 pm on Monday 12 May 1941.

A G E N D A

- 1 Report on Research (enclosed)
- 2 Social Security Book
- 3 Research worker for Ethical Union
- 4 Other business

JOAN S. CLARKE

Research Secretary

Report on Research

2/5/41

Pamphlets in the Press

BILLETING M. I. Cole
THE CASE FOR THE PARTIALLY DISABLED WORKER Prof. H. Levy

in preparation

FISH J. A. Atkins
EDUCATION OF BACKWARD CHILDREN M. Birkinshaw
FEEDINGSTUFFS Angus Mackintosh
LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGIONS 'Regionaliter'
ASSISTANCE BOARD J. S. Clarke
COMMUNAL FEEDING Barbara Drake

Books

LABOUR POLICY FOR POST PRIMARY EDUCATION Mrs Cole organising
collaborators.
SOCIAL SECURITY Work allocated to Polly Hill, Norman Wilson
(Liverpool University), Charles Bangay (London
Insurance Committee), Herbert Marshall (P.A.
Officer, Stoke-on-Trent), Emmeline Cohen,
Mrs Gertrude Williams, Peggy Joseph, Oliver
Gollancz, James Brodie.
TRADE ASSOCIATIONS Professor Hermann Levy. Expected to go to
publisher during the summer.

Food Policy

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Memoranda on the following have been considered by the Committee:

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| Bread | John Inman |
| Vitamins and Bread | Professor Marrack |
| Eggs | Alan Sainsbury |
| Fish | John Atkins |
| Feedingstuffs | Angus Mackintosh |
| Bacon | John Atkins |

All these have been sent on to the Parliamentary Labour Party's Food Committee.

Primary Produce

Paul Lamartine Yates supervising a group working on Rubber, Tin, Copper, Wheat, Meat.

Miscellaneous

The Press: A few journalists have been considering the position of the Press; R.S.R.Fitter hopes to write up their conclusions.

Architectural Education: Miss J.L.Pratt preparing memo.

Public Relations for Statutory Bodies: P.H.Prior preparing memo.

Youth Organisations: Oxford undergraduate group preparing pamphlet advised by Jack Taylor (Board of Education).

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FABIAN COLONIAL BUREAU PERIODICAL REPORT NO. 4MARCH - APRIL 1941

The work of the Bureau has continued very satisfactorily during this period, in spite of the handicaps imposed by the destruction of part of the Royal Empire Society library, and by the cutting down of newsprint and hence of the quantity of material on the colonies which the general press is able to handle.

1 Parliament

The provision of detailed information to Members of Parliament continues to absorb a great deal of the energies of the Bureau. A certain amount of information is now coming direct from correspondents in the Colonies, and must be carefully checked, in so far as is possible, before use. Among the subjects dealt with, and subsequently raised in the House during March and April, were the following:-

- (1) The non-publication of colonial reports
- (2) The Palestine citrus industry
- (3) Northern Rhodesia Copperbelt report
- (4) New Jamaica Constitution
- (5) Cameroons banana industry
- (6) Food problems in West Africa
- (7) Alternative uses for surplus colonial crops
- (8) Various problems concerning British Guiana

A number of points have also been brought to the notice of the Colonial Office, either directly or with the help of Mr Cress Jones. These points have been mainly connected with surplus colonial crops, and a series of grievances and difficulties in British Guiana.

(See also Addendum, page 3)

2 Press and Publications

Preparations for the taking over and publication of Empire have diverted some of the activity previously devoted to preparing material for the general press. Rationing of paper is also bearing heavily on the amount of information about the colonies which the press can be expected to handle. In spite of this, information provided by the Bureau on the following subjects has been published or accepted for publication in various organs of the press:- (1) The new Jamaica Constitution; (2) Depressed economic conditions in Jamaica; (3) Alternative uses for colonial crops (particularly bananas); (4) Problems of colonial finance; (5) The situation in the Copperbelt; (6) The situation in British Guiana.

The first number of Empire is now in the press. An editorial board meeting was held on April 4. The line of policy to be adopted by Empire was discussed and agreed upon, and the contents of the first number considered in detail. The question of distributing and publicising the journal was also engaged much attention

Some time has also been spent in revising Plan for Africa, the study on the economic development of the Africa colonies, written by the Secretary of the Bureau. The book is to be published by Allen & Urwin. Mr A. Creech Jones has been asked to contribute an introduction on the work of the Bureau.

3 Collection of Information

This continues to be the basis of the Bureau's work, though a severe handicap has been imposed by the destruction of part of the library of the Royal Empire Society in a recent air raid. The Colonial Department of the University of London has kindly come to the rescue with the offer of the use of its library, and there is hope that the current publications section of the Royal Empire Society's library will be reconstituted.

During these months a quantity of material has been collected on the following subjects, inter alia:-

- (1) Labour shortage in Northern Rhodesia
- (2) Labour conditions in Jamaica
- (3) Salaries and standard of living in West Africa
- (4) Financial position in Jamaica
- (5) Income tax controversy in Malaya
- (6) West African troops, conditions of service, recruiting, local opinion, etc

Special attention has been paid to the difficult situation at present existing in British Guiana. Out of a mass of correspondence and literature from this Colony statements have been prepared on the following matters:- Flooding of the rice lands in British Guiana; the need of a central rice mill; the need for a Court of Criminal Appeal; the absence of labour legislation; the temporary withdrawal of grants from Britain for local development purposes; the re-employment of retired government pensioners; the libel case against two members of the Legislative Council; conditions for recruitment of skilled labourers for work in the U.K.

4 Contacts with other Organisations

- (1) The Bureau has been asked by the B B C to participate in a series of broadcasts to German workers on the Labour attitude towards colonial problems.
- (2) The Secretary of the Bureau has been asked to participate in a conference of the National Peace Council to be held in Oxford next July.
- (3) The Secretary of the Bureau has been invited to join the West Indies Parliamentary Committee, and discussions are being held as to close collaboration between this Committee and the Bureau.
- (4) The Colonial Office continues to be interested in the work of the Bureau, and to supply information whenever approached. The Public Relations Officer has expressed his willingness to meet members of the Bureau and discuss any points they care to raise.
- (5) Contact has also been established with the Empire Section of the Ministry of Information (who have offered to help with information as required) and the Empire Section of the B B C.
- (6) Very friendly relations have been created with Mr C.W.W.Greenidge, now Secretary of the Anti-Slavery Society, who has been most helpful in advice and suggestions.

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In order to put the finances of the Bureau on a stable basis, and at the same time to associate a broader public in the work, the Fabian Society Executive Committee has decided to open the Bureau to public membership, the subscription being 7/6 per annum. Members are being offered, in return for this subscription, to be supplied with Empire; to be given pamphlets on colonial problems published by the Bureau or the Fabian Society (to an annual value not exceeding 1/-); to be given regular progress reports on the work of the Bureau; to be kept informed of conferences and meetings on colonial subjects organised by the Bureau and the Fabian Society; and to be allowed access to information available in the office. This and the publication of Empire will necessarily entail some shift in the centre of gravity of the Bureau's work. The public announcement of the subscription to the Bureau will appear in the first number of Empire now being printed.

ADDENDUM

It is of interest to trace the subsequent course of events regarding a few of the matters raised in Parliament during the last few months:-

(1) British Guiana The imposition of petrol rationing in British Guiana, alone of the West Indies, was queried. The reply was that the restrictions had been removed. The diversion of public funds away from social services in war time, in order to meet expenses formerly borne by grants from the U.K. was questioned. The reply contained the promise that applications for grants from the Colonial Development Fund would now be sympathetically considered.

(2) Palestine Lack of assistance to the Palestine citrus crop has been raised on a number of occasions. The Government has now announced that about £600,000 will be advanced to citrus growers to tide them over difficulties.

(3) African Troops Assurances have been obtained that there will be no repetition of the mistakes made with the East African Carrier Corps in the last war, when mortality through disease was very high and no proper pensions or dependants' allowances guaranteed. Full allowances and gratuities have now been agreed upon. There have also been assurances that attention will be paid to the wellbeing and comforts of West African troops now in East Africa.

(4) West Indies The new Constitutions in Trinidad and Jamaica were questioned keenly before their provisions were made public. The provisions of the Jamaica Constitution, when announced, met with all-round approval. The Trinidad Constitution has received severe criticism, and there is now hope of amendment before it appears in its final form.

(5) Cameroons Queries about the lack of assistance to destitute banana workers brought forth the assurance that financial help to this industry would be forthcoming.

(6) Taxation A request for information as to the extent of direct taxation (income tax etc) in the colonies has resulted in a detailed statement being prepared by the Colonial Office on the taxes in force before and since the war in each colony.



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

A G E N D A for meeting of the FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP COMMITTEE on
Thursday 2 October 1941 at 1 p.m. at P E P, 16 Queen Anne's
Gate.

- 1 Minutes of last meeting
- 2 Discussion of sessions programme
- 3 Other business

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the FABIAN WOMEN'S
GROUP held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday 30 July 1941 at 11 Dartmouth
Street S W 1.

Present Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Clarke, Miss Sutherland, Miss Murray.

Apologies for absence Mrs. Beadle and Mrs. Malone.

- 1 Minutes of last meeting approved.
- 2 Appointment of Secretary Miss Murray was nominated and agreed to be-
come Secretary of the Group.
- 3 Discussion of programme for winter A series of lunches to be arranged
and a series of talks under the heading "Women and the New Order".
- 4 Place of Meetings P E P suggested. Secretary instructed to make en-
quiries and arrange if possible. Suggested dates - October 23, Nov-
ember 20, December 18.

AGNES MURRAY
Hon. Secretary.

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

MINUTES of a Meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at P E P 16 Queen Anne's Gate, S W 1 on Thursday 1 October 1941 at 1 p m.

Present Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Cole, Miss Sutherland, Mrs. Malone, Mrs. Bolton, Miss Murray.

Apologies for absence Mrs. Beadle, Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Jay.

1 Minutes of last Meeting Approved

2 Discussion of Programme for Winter Series of talks under heading Women and the New Order. Lectures agreed to, and suggested speakers as follows:-

- (a) Changes in Method of Production and Social Custom and Reaction on the Home..... MARGARET COLE
- (b) Marriage and Women's Claim to Economic Independence..... MRS. DRAKE
- (c) Provision for Maternity and Children Under Five.. AMY SAYLE
- (d) Children's Allowances. Provision in Money and Kind..... MRS. HUBBACK
- (e) Equal Pay for Equal Work and Relation to Trade Union Restrictions in Female Labour..... DOROTHY ELLIOTT
- (f) Meantime Character of Women's Work and Reaction on Opportunities of Promotion..... MARY SUTHERLAND

Secretary instructed to make enquiries at Housing Centre for future lunches and if possible make dates of meetings October 23, November 20, December 18, January 15, February 19, March 19. Invitations to be sent to Women's Group on Public Welfare and to L.C.C. Labour Group.

- 3 Standing Joint Committee Mrs. Malone recommended for Standing Joint Committee.
- 4 Co-option to Committee Mrs. Clarke co-opted to Women's Group Executive Committee.

AGNES MURRAY
Hon. Secretary.

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

A meeting of the RESEARCH COMMITTEE will be held on Monday 10 November 1941 at 3.0 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of the last meeting
- 2 Research Report (enclosed)
- 3 Future Research program (suggestions enclosed)
- 4 "Facts for Socialists" pamphlet

MINUTES of a meeting of the RESEARCH COMMITTEE held on 12 May 1941 at 4.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Parker (chair), Mrs. Bolton, Franklin, Pollard, Clarke.

- 1 Minutes of last Meeting
- 2 Report on Research This was approved.
- 3 Social Security Book It was decided that a small sub-committee of contributors should meet under the Chairmanship of Dr. Robson.
- 4 Research Workers for Ethical Union The Secretary was instructed to ask the Ethical Union for further details of their proposal.

JOAN S. CLARKE
Research Secretary.

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RESEARCH REPORT

PAMPHLETS

Drafts received, etc:

London's A.R.P.
Fish
Education of Backward Children
Local Government Regions
Hospital Policy
Concentration of the Wool Industry

Being written:

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| Communal Feeding | Educational Curricula |
| Feeding Stuffs | The Acquisition of Land |
| Electrical Industry | Juvenile Delinquency |

Promised for the Spring:

Life of Arthur Henderson

SOCIAL SECURITY BOOK

Chapters received for Part I:

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| Public Assistance | Unemployment Insurance |
| Old Age Pensions | Individual Security Today |
| Superannuation | |

Being written:

The Assistance Board
National Health Insurance
Service, etc. Pensions and Allowances

Part II (Constructive Proposals) to be planned when Part I is complete.

MISCELLANEOUS RESEARCH

Facts for Socialists:

Card index of Facts being compiled by Fabians for the use of Socialist speakers. 12 persons at work on index cards.

Ethical Union Research Grant:

Miss Doræen Idle is researching into the effect of the Blitz on West Ham on a grant from the Ethical Union. Her report is to be written up and considered for publication.

Cost of Living:

Miss Philips (scientist working under J.B.S. Haldane) relating current prices to recognised minimum diets and thence to low-range incomes (Army, social insurances, agricultural workers, etc.).

VISITS OF OBSERVATION

Attendances at Saturday afternoon visits of observation (opportunities of research in the field instead of the library) were:-

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| Queen Mary's L.C.C. Hospital for Children, Carshalton | 14 |
| Bermondsey Health Centre | 37 |
| Tottenham Salvage Plant | 49 |

SUGGESTED FUTURE RESEARCH PROGRAM

It is suggested that work be put in hand as soon as possible on sections of the two following main projects, and that this work might reasonably be co-ordinated by two small sub-Committees.

I. SOCIALISATION:

A. Production.

- (1) Method of immediate socialisation of the munitions industry.
- (2) Difference between socialisation and wartime controls.
- (3) Wartime controls in the Post-war Period:-

Financial: Exchange control; Issue market; Taxation; (Income and E.P.T.).

Import and Export: Import and export licensing; Purchasing activities of the Ministries of Food and Supply.

Industrial: Raw material controls; Concentration of industry; Essential Work Orders.

Agriculture: County Agricultural Committees.

- (4) Transitional Period: Post-war allocations of man-power, machinery, shipping space, raw materials.
- (5) Biography of Control personnel.

B. Distributive Trades

Rationalisation during and after the war; Monopolies; etc.

C. Transport

Unification, finance, administration, the small haulier, canals, coastal shipping.

D. Finance

- (1) Alternatives to the spiral; Effect of subsidies, rationing, etc; priorities of wages and prices.
- (2) Applicability of wartime finance to peace-time needs; Finance of Public Works.

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II. POLITICAL

- (1) Parliamentary Reform (procedure, etc.).
- (2) Reform of the electoral system.
- (3) Emergency Election - possible methods.
- (4) The Role of the Party System in Democratic Government.
- (5) How to get the Rural Voto.
- (6) Civil Service; Recruitment and Training of Personnel of Public Services.

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In addition, work on the following might be put in hand when and as opportunity offers:

III. DEMOCRATISATION OF THE ARMY (War and Post-War)

IV. PLAN FOR LEISURE

Community Centres; Holiday Camps; tours; homes; gardens; allotments.

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MINUTES of a meeting of the RESEARCH COMMITTEE held on Monday November 10 1941 at 3 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Cole (chair), J. Clarke, Mrs. Cole, Franklin, Hughes, McColl, Parker, Pollard, Robson.

Apologies received from: Mrs. Bolton, Sorensen, Mrs. Wootton.

- 1 Minutes of last Meeting were approved
- 2 Research Report This was approved.
- 3 Readers Appointed: Future of Education (pamphlet) - Henry Morris, Lady Simon.
Juvenile Delinquency - Alexander Paterson, James McColl, Hermann Mannheim.
- 4 Future Research Program The Committee decided to set up small sub-committees to initiate and coordinate research into (1) the economics of socialisation and (2) political and governmental reform. The following were to be invited to serve:-
 - (a) Harold Wilson, Durbin, Albu, Gaitskell, Mrs. Wootton.
 - (b) Robson, McColl, Pollard, Parker.
- 5 Facts for Socialists pamphlet. The office was instructed to prepare plans for a new edition, covering such sub-committees as might be necessary.

JOAN S. CLARKE
Research Secretary.





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17th November, 1941.

FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP

Following the lunch on Thursday, November 20th, there will be a Committee Meeting at the Housing Centre, 13, Suffolk Street, S.W.1.

Business Consideration of work by Women's Group on
Factory Workers and Leisure.

AGNES MURRAY
Hon. Secretary.

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

MINUTES of a Meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at the Housing Centre, 13 Suffolk Street, S W 1, on Thursday 20 November, 1941, at 2 30 p m.

Present Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Malone, Miss Sutherland, Mrs. Bolton, Miss Murray.

Apologies for Absence Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Mathew.

- 1 Minutes of last Meeting approved.
- 2 Discussion of plans for conference to be arranged in the new year on The Problem of mechanisation in modern industry and its relation to organisation of leisure. It was decided to enquire into the present position and to have another committee meeting on 20 December to which members were asked to bring names of suitable people to be invited to a conference. Date of conference to be fixed at next meeting.
- 3 Further publicity for Women's Group Lunches The secretary was instructed to write to various women's organisations enclosing programme of lunches to be held at the Housing Centre.

AGNES MURRAY
Hon. Secretary.

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

A meeting of the ECONOMICS OF SOCIALISATION COMMITTEE will be held at 11 Dartmouth Street S W 1 on Thursday November 27 at 4 p m.

A G E N D A

- 1 Formulation of Research program (notes already circulated)
- 2 Action arising from War Production Conference
- 3 Allocation of research projects
- 4 Next meeting

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the ECONOMICS OF SOCIALISATION COMMITTEE held on Thursday, November 27, 1941 at 4 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Parker (chair), Mrs. Cole, Durbin, Albu, Wilson, Mitchison, Hughes, Joan Clarke.

- 1 Function of the Committee The Committee was asked to formulate an economics research program and to initiate the relevant work. It was also asked to advise on action to be taken following the Production for War Conference held on Sunday, November 23.
- 2 Control of Industry Book The Committee decided to produce a book on the Control of Industry (outline attached). The office was instructed to look for an editor among the following: Robson, Chester, Mrs. Wootton, Gaitskell, Mitchison.
- 3 Pamphlet Peggy Joseph was to be invited to do a 10,000 word pamphlet on immediate post-war allocations of man-power, machinery, shipping-space, raw materials.
- 4 Memorandum Harold Gowen to be asked to do a memorandum on the applicability of wartime finance to peace-time needs.
- 5 Conference members Selected conference members to be invited to raise points suitable for use by the Parliamentary Labour Party Supplies Committee.

JOAN S. CLARKE
Research Secretary

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8th December, 1941.

FABIAN WOMENS' GROUP

Following the lunch on Thursday, December 18th, there will be a Committee Meeting at The Housing Centre, 13, Suffolk Street, S.W.1.

Business Consideration of conference to be arranged in the New Year on The Problem of mechanisation in modern industry and its relation to organisation of leisure. Members of the Committee are asked to suggest names suitable for invitation to this conference.

AGNES MURRAY
Hon. Secretary.

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

MINUTES of a Meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at the Housing Centre, 17, Suffolk Street, S.W., on Thursday 18 December, 1941, at 2.30 p.m.

Present Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Clarke, Miss Sutherland, Mrs. Pollard, Miss Murray.

Apologies for absence Mrs. Mathew, Mrs. Bolton.

1. Minutes of last Meeting approved.
2. Publicity for Women's Group lunch Secretary instructed to put special notice in Fabian News.
3. Discussion of plans for conference on The Problem of mechanisation in modern industry and its relation to organisation of leisure Secretary submitted results of enquiry.
It was decided to hold a whole day conference in March. Two sessions and a public lunch to which a prominent speaker and the press should be invited.
Different aspects of the problem to be the subject of lecture and conference.

Suggestions

Tastes of various groups of the community.
Psychological effects of mass machine production on mental and physical condition of people.
What should an enlightened democratic state set out to do for leisure.

Lunch time speaker

Suggestion for subject.

Extent to which community needs are satisfied by commercially provided recreation.

AGNES MURRAY
Hon. Secretary.

FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP

There will be a Committee Meeting at the Fabian Society, 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.
on Friday, January 9th, 1942, at 5.30 p.m.

Business Discussion of conference on Leisure to be held in March.

AGNES MURRAY
Hon. Secretary.

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Friday, 9th January, 1942, at 5.30 p.m. at the Fabian Society, 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present: Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Clarke, Miss Bowie, Miss Murray.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Malone, Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Beadle.

- 1 Minutes of last meeting amended and approved.
- 2 Co-option of member. Mrs. Freda Corbett proposed.
- 3 Discussion of arrangements for conference on Problems of Mechanisation in Modern Industry and its relation to Organisation of Leisure. Date of conference: Sunday, 29th March. Two sessions, 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Lunch time speaker 1 p.m.
Place of conference: Bonnington Hotel.
Price: 2/6d Conference fee; 3/6d lunch.

Speakers and subjects:

Morning: (1) Nature of industrial processes and general psychological effects of it. Speakers to be asked in order of preference: Dr. Sybil Horna, Eleanor Calthrop, Miriam Pease, Ann Loughlin.

(2) Tastes of various groups of the community. Speaker from National Institute of Industrial Psychology.

Lunch time speaker in order of preference:

Seeborn Rowntree, Mrs. Stocks, Alderman Key, Ellen Wilkinson, J. J. Mallon, Roger Ainfeldt.

Afternoon:

Planning recreation in a democracy.

Speakers in order of preference: Marion Richardson, Major Carter, National Council of Social Service, representative from C.E.M.A.

Chairman:

Morning: Mrs. Bentwich or Mrs. Lowe.

Afternoon: Margaret Cole.

Speakers to be asked to summarise their speeches.

Lists to be drawn up of representative people to be asked to conference.

- 4 Joint Committee for Equal Compensation for War Injury for men and women. Invitation to send a representative to a council to promote Equal Compensation for War Injuries for men and women. Mrs. Bolton proposed as representative.

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

There will be a meeting of the Fabian Women's Group at 1.15 p.m.
on Thursday, February 12th, at the Fabian society, 11, Dartmouth street,
S.W.1.

AGENDA

Conference arrangements

AGNES MURRAY
Hon. Sec.

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

MINUTES of meeting of WOMEN'S GROUP Executive Committee held on Thursday, 12th February, 1942, at 1.15 p.m. at the Fabian Society.

PRESENT: Mrs. Bolton, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Colo, Miss Friedman, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Malone, Miss Murray.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Drake and Miss Sutherland.

- 1 Minutes of last meeting amended and approved.
- 2 Discussion of arrangements for Conference to be held on Recreation in the Machine Age.
Secretary reported change of place - Royal Hotel, Southampton Row, instead of Bonnington Hotel.
Speakers so far arranged:
Mr. Denys Harding for 1st session; Dr. J. J. Mallon for lunch; Miss Glasgow of C.E. M.A. for afternoon session.
Secretary proposed that Dr. Sylvia Bevington be invited to be speaker on Preferences in Recreation shown by various groups of the community. Agreed to by Committee.
Afternoon Session: Major Carter to be asked to lead discussion.
Speakers to be asked to speak for 40 minutes.
Time of lunch: 1.15 p.m.
Miss Youngusband to be asked to propose vote of thanks to Dr. Mallon.
Suggestions made of representative people to be invited to Conference.
- 3 Secretary reported that she and Mrs. Hughes had attended as representatives of Women's Group a meeting of delegates for Women's Organisations at the Ministry of Labour to discuss points arising out of National Service Act and Control of Employment Order.
- 4 Mrs. Bolton reported on meeting of Joint Committee for Equal Compensation for War Injury for men and women, which she had attended as representative of Women's Group.

AGNES MURRAY
Hon. Secretary

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE (1941-42) held on
Wednesday 29 October 1941 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present M.I. Cole, Davies, Franklin, Parker, Hughes (later) Bassett-
Lowke, Humphreys, A. Murray, Pease, I. Roussin, Z. Mimardière.

- 1 Chairman Davies was elected chairman for a second year.
- 2 Cooptions V. Adamson, Bassett-Lowke, Humphreys, A. Murray, Pease,
I. Roussin, D. Thompson, Z. Mimardière were to be invited to serve.
Those mentioned above as present then joined the Committee.
Ramage and Blanco-White still to accept membership.

3 Correspondence The decision not to allow P. Freeman a refund was
confirmed.

4 New Year School

(a) Terms The following rates to be charged - members 50/-,
non-members 60/-. Up to 10 special places at 30/- to be
allotted by the officers. No children under 12 to be admit-
ted.

(b) Programme

- A speaker from the Socialist Propaganda Committee
Margaret Cole on Education
Davies on America
- A N.C.L. delegate on the U.S.S.R.
- A shop steward
Failing the above, Tom Harrison or Tom Hopkinson on
Methods of Propaganda.

5 It was agreed to hold the 1942 Summer School at Dartington.

Mrs. Coates and Mrs. Pasmacht to be interviewed for the post of
Manager if willing by M.I. Cole, A. Murray and Hughes. A note
to be put in Fabian News asking for further candidates.

H. D. HUGHES
Assistant Secretary.

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ECONOMICS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Economics Committee will be held on Tuesday,
March 3rd, ¹⁹⁴² at 2 p.m. sharp, at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- (1) Minutes of last meeting (previously circulated)
- (2) Report on Control of Industry book.
(Revised outline attached).
- (3) Discussion of letter on post-war plans for
the small industrialist.
- (4) Facts for Socialists.
Discussion of Revised Edition.
Contents Tables of 1935 and 1937 versions
attached.

Joan S. Clarke

Research Secretary

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THE CONTROL OF INDUSTRY

(Revised outline. The chapters are here listed in approximate order only).

INTRODUCTION

- (1) Labour
- (2) Raw Materials
- (3) Machine Tools
- (4) (a) Food Production
 (b) Food supply
- (5) Rationing (Food, Clothing, etc.)
- (6) Transport
- (7) Coal and Oil
- (8) Management (incentive to produce; effect of E.P.T.; etc.)
- (9) Concentration of Industry
- (10) Central Planning and Super-Departmental Controls.

CONCLUSION

Letter from R. D. Bost
February 10, 1942

I hope you will be able to get the Fabian Society to evolve and publish a statement of policy which will mean something to the smaller and medium-sized manufacturers. There are plenty who are dissatisfied with the 'between war' conditions and never want to go back to the same state of affairs.

If they are to be publicly owned, as we advocate for the larger units, then it would be as well for the Labour Party to state this as part of its policy; but if, as seems more probable, they are to be left to carry on behind a facade of private ownership and controlled indirectly, then the thinking Manager-Proprietor wants answers to the following questions:-

- (1) How is it proposed to keep us as busy as now?
- (2) How to prevent productive capacity being frittered away in making socially useless things (e.g. patent medicines, high-powered advertising and selling stunts, etc.)?
- (3) With the fear of unemployment removed, how to promote workshop discipline and prevent wages and prices spiralling?
- (4) How secure that prices are not fixed by the employers at a level resulting in reduced sales and restriction of output?
- (5) How to bring educative processes to bear on (a) the management, (b) the rank and file?
- (6) How prevent the foreman or proprietor being judge in his own cause. (? Industrial referees)
- (7) What about free speech without demagogy?
- (8) How bring about a well-informed body of workers unless full facts and figures, including salaries, profits, etc. are published?

PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF "FACTS FOR SOCIALISTS"

Both these editions stressed social injustice. It has been suggested that, in a revised edition, we should emphasise the relative economic inefficiency plus human and social wastage, of the present social system.

N.F.R.B. FACTS AND FIGURES, 1935

- I The Productive System
The National Income; Output; Wages and Standard of Living, etc.; Profits.
- II Taxation and Government Expenditure
National Debt, etc; Subsidies; Civil Expenditure; Incidence of Taxation; Expenditure on Social Services.
- III Unemployment
- IV Armaments
- V Agriculture
- VI Mining

FACTS FOR SOCIALISTS, 1937

- I The National Income. Its size and growth
 - II Who Produces It
Population by occupation, age, industry, etc.
 - III Who Receives It
Capital; Wages; The Poverty Line.
 - IV The Two Nations
 - V The Competitive Struggle
 - VI Some Victims of the Struggle. Unemployment; Poor Relief; Malnutrition; Overcrowding; Industrial Accidents; etc.
 - VII Capitalism and the Younger Generation
 - VIII The Organised Forces of Socialism. The Unions and the Labour Party.
 - IX Some Steps Already Taken Towards Socialism
Municipal Trading; Public Boards; Taxation.
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FABIAN SOCIETY ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET LONDON S W 1

MINUTES of a meeting of the ECONOMICS COMMITTEE held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Tuesday, March 3rd, 1942, at 2 p.m.

- 1 Control of Industry Book. The outline circulated was approved.
- 2 Letter to a Small Industrialist. The Committee decided to take no action on this.
- 3 Facts for Socialists. The Secretary was instructed to have a draft prepared if a suitable author could be found.

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

A meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held after the lunch at the Housing Centre, 13 Suffolk Street, S.W. on Thursday, March 19th, 1942.

AGENDA

- 1 Final arrangements for Conference
- 2 Consideration of further activities

AGNES HURRY
Hon. Secretary.

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WOMEN'S GROUP held at the Housing Centre, 13 Suffolk Street, on Thursday March 19 at 2 30 p m.

Present Mrs. Bolton, Mrs. Cole, Miss Friedman, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Malone, Miss Murray, Mrs. Pollard.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Drake and Miss Sutherland.

- 1 Minutes of last meeting were approved
- 2 Lunch meetings discussed It was decided not to arrange further meetings.
- 3 Date of Annual General Meeting This was fixed for Wednesday, May 20, at 5 p m. P.E.P. to be approached for use of their room.
Speaker Jim Griffiths, M P, to be asked to speak on the year in Parliament. Mrs. Malone to report on Standing Joint Committee.
- 4 Conference arrangements The Secretary reported Mr. Durrant had agreed to speak at second session in morning. Number so far - 37 for whole conference; 47 for sessions only.
- 5 Letter from Married Women's Association This was read and handed on to Standing Joint Committee representative.

AGNES MURRAY
Hon. Secretary.

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

A meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at the Fabian Society 11 Dartmouth Street S.W.1. on Wednesday, May 13, at 5.30.

AGENDA

- 1 Arrangements for General Meeting
- 2 Appointment of Delegate to Conference
of National Labour Women

AGNES MURRAY
Hon. Secretary.

FABIAN SOCIETY 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

General Secretary: JOHN PARKER, M P

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28/10/42

WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
on Monday, 2nd November.

Please note that the time of this
meeting has been altered from
5.30 p.m. to 6.0 p.m.

Agnes Murray
Hon. Secretary

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Wednesday, 13th May, 1942 at 5.30 p.m. at The Fabian Society, 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present: Miss Bowie, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Hughes, Miss Murray, Mrs. Malone.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Sutherland and Mrs. Beadle.

1 Minutes of last meeting approved

2 Election of Committee Proposed that the names of the present Committee should be put forward to the General Meeting with the exception of Mrs. Mathew and Mrs. Jay, who are unable to attend Committee Meetings, and Mrs. Beadle and Miss Friedman, who have intimated that they wish to resign.

3 Arrangements for Annual Meeting Secretary to make short report and statement of financial position. Mr. J. Griffiths, M.P., to speak on the year in Parliament. Mrs. Malone to report on Standing Joint Committee.

Statement by Mrs. Margaret Cole on future activities of Women's Group.

3 Discussion on future activities of Women's Group. Suggested that some research should be done on position of women in war and on the arrangements made for their return to civil life after the war. Discussion to be raised at Annual Meeting.

4 Membership Secretary reported that it was unsatisfactory not having a separate membership of Women's Group. Proposal that 1/- subscription to cover postage and notices to members was carried and Secretary instructed to put notice in Fabian News.

5 Correspondence Secretary asked for name of delegates to National Conference of Labour Women. Names proposed Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Drake, Miss Murray.

6 Date of next meeting. 12th June at 5.30 p.m.

AGNES MURRAY
Hon. Secretary

FABIAN SOCIETY 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

General Secretary: JOHN PARKER, M P

Telephone: Whitehall 3077

A meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at the Fabian Society, 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Friday, 12th June, 1942, at 5.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

As it was impossible to discuss arrangements for future activities at the General Meeting, it is important that as many members of the Committee as possible should be present at this meeting to make arrangements.

AGNES MURRAY

Hon. Secretary

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Friday, 12th June, ¹⁹⁴² at 5.30 p.m. at The Fabian Society, 11, Dartmouth Street, London, S.W.1.

Present: Miss Bowie, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Malone, Miss Murray, Mrs. Pollard.

Apology for absence was received from Mrs. Bolton.

- 1 Minutes of last meeting approved.
- 2 Discussion on future activities of Women's Group. Arranged that discussion meeting should be held at 11, Dartmouth Street, the first of these to be opened by Miss M. Bowie on "Black-coated Women Workers in this War" on Friday, 17th July, at 6 p.m.

Secretary to circularise members on old list now received from Mrs. Beadle, and certain likely interested representatives of other societies.
- 3 Membership of Group. It was decided that all old members should at the same time be circularised about 1/- membership of group and asked to state whether they would be willing to speak on various subjects.
- 4 Date of next meeting. Wednesday, 22nd July, at 5.30 p.m.

AGNES MURRAY
Hon. Secretary

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

The WOMEN'S GROUP is initiating a series of informal discussions at 11, Dartmouth Street, on the position of women in and after the war. The first of these will be held on Friday, 17th July, at 6 p.m., (coffee at 5.45 p.m.), when Miss M. Bowie will open a discussion on "Black-coated Women Workers in this War".

In order that members may be individually posted with news of the Group, it has been decided to revert to a previous custom of having a separate membership with subscription of 1/- per annum to cover postage.

Non-members of the Society may join the Women's Group as associates and receive notices of the meetings, etc. for the same sum. Please bring this to the notice of your women friends.

As many requests are received for women speakers, would members who are willing to speak on special subjects send to the secretary their names and the subjects on which they are willing to speak.

You are particularly asked to attend the first discussion on 17th July so that an indication may be given of the interest likely to be taken in the series.

AGNES MURRAY
(Hon. Secretary)

FABIAN SOCIETY 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

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8/7/42

You are invited to attend a discussion meeting organised by the Fabian Society Women's Group on Friday, 17th July, at 8 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1, when Miss M. Bowie will speak on "Black-coated Women Workers in this War". (Coffee will be served at 5.45 p.m.)

R.S.V.P. to: AGNES MURRAY
(Hon. Sec.)

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Wednesday, 22nd July¹⁹⁴², at 5.30 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, London, S.W.1.

Present: Miss Bowie, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Malone, Miss Murray.

1. Minutes of last meeting approved.
2. Discussion of future activities of Women's Group. The Secretary reported on the last meeting held, at which it had been decided to set up a sub-committee to consider the possibility of a conference on the utilisation of woman power, the sub-committee to consist of Miss Bowie, Miss Sweet (C.S.C.A.), Miss Taylor (L.C.C. Staff Association) and Miss Murray. It was proposed and carried that Mrs. Malone should be on the committee as our representative on the S.J.C. The sub-committee was instructed to explore ground to be covered at conference and to bear in mind that it should cover manual as well as professional women. The Secretary reported that Miss Sweet and Miss Taylor had thought it possible that their organisation and like ones might be willing to help to finance the conference and provide office help.
3. Next meeting of Women's Group. The Secretary reported that Mrs. Rackham had offered to open a discussion on Women in Local Government. She was instructed to accept this offer and to invite Mrs. Rackham to do so on a Friday in September as convenient to her. Mrs. Rackham to be asked to speak especially on opportunities for women in Local Government Service as a career. Lady Simon and Mrs. Lowe and representatives of various interested societies to be invited.

AGNES MURRAY
Hon. Secretary

31/8/42

After the Women's Group Meeting on September 11th
(6 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street) there will be a short
Executive Committee Meeting.

A G E N D A

To receive the report of the Sub-Committee on
proposed conference.

Agnes Murray
Hon. Sec.

23/9/42

A meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will
be held at the Fabian Society, 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1
on Thursday, October 1st, at 5.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

- (1) Final arrangements for Conference.
- (2) Arrangements for further Discussion Meetings -
suggestions for subjects wanted.

Agnes Murray,
Hon. Secretary

FABIAN SOCIETY WOMEN'S GROUP ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET LONDON S.W.1

SPECIAL WAR-TIME CONFERENCE

ON

WOMEN'S WORK AND WAGES

At Caxton Hall, Westminster, London, S.W.1
On Saturday, 17th October, 1942, at 2 p.m. prompt

One of the most outstanding problems of social reconstruction must be the relation of conditions of employment for men and women in manual, clerical and administrative work.

The exigencies of the present situation have forced the problem to the front even in war-time, and there is serious reason to suppose that decisions taken and practices adopted during the war will have binding influence upon any after war conditions.

The Fabian Society, as a result of certain enquiries and investigations, have come to the conclusion that it is urgently necessary that the problem should be examined and information exchanged between all those of either sex interested in the economic position of women.

Accordingly the Women's Group of the Fabian Society is calling a conference of persons and representatives of organisations interested, at the Caxton Hall, Westminster, S.W.1. on Saturday, 17th October.

Details of the Conference will be sent later.

We very much hope that your organisation will be represented and that you can let us know as soon as possible the names of persons to whom particulars should be sent.

Special Conference (J. H. Bowie, Chairman.
Committee: (Agnes Murray, Secretary
 (Margaret I. Cole
 (L. L'Estrange Malone
 (F. H. J. Taylor
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FABIAN SOCIETY WOMEN'S GROUP ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET
WESTMINSTER LONDON S W 1

SPECIAL WAR-TIME CONFERENCE

ON

WOMEN'S WORK AND WAGES

Saturday, October 17th, 1942 at 2 p.m.

in

The Court Room, Caxton Hall, Westminster, S.W.1.

Chairman: Miss Mary Sutherland, J.P.,
Chief Woman Officer, Labour Party

INDUSTRIAL WORKERS

Speaker: Miss Dorothy Elliott, J.P., O.B.E.
(National Union of General and
Municipal Workers)

OFFICE AND PROFESSIONAL WORKERS

Speaker: Miss I. F. Hilton.
(Women's Employment Federation)

THE SERVICES

The conference is intended for the interchange of information between informed delegates, and contributions from the floor will be invited as a basis of discussion following the speakers.

THIS PROGRAMME ADMITS YOU TO THE CONFERENCE

Copy of Postcard

23/10/42.

A meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at the Fabian Society, 11 Parliament Street, S.W.1. on Monday November 2nd, at 5.30

AGENDA

To consider what further action shall be taken regarding the Resolution passed at the Women's Group Conference on October 17th.

Consideration of letter from the Adjustment Bureau.

Agnes Murray,
Hon. Secretary.

COPY OF POSTCARD

28/10/42.

WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING on Monday
2nd November:

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Agnes Murray,
Hon. Secretary.

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, 2nd November, 1942, at 11, Dartmouth Street, London, S.W.1.

Present: Miss Bowie, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Malone, Miss Sutherland, Miss Murray.

Apologies for absence from Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Drake.

1 Report on Conference. Secretary reported that 31 organisations had been represented at the Conference on Women's Work and Wages, that altogether 110 people had been present, and the following resolution had been passed:

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Report of the Conference was being sent to all present. Miss Perkins had been of great help throughout arrangements for conference and Secretary moved that she be co-opted to the Committee. This was unanimously agreed.

Chairman reported that the Fabian Society Executive had had the Resolution of the Conference put to it and agreed to its being adopted if the Women's Group could find the money required for the work.

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| Miss F.M.J. Taylor | - | L.C.C. Staff Association |
| Miss Ann Godwin | - | Clerical & Administrative Workers' Union |
| Miss Dorothy Elliott | - | National Union of General & Municipal Workers |
| Miss Anne Loughlin | - | National Union of Tailors & Garment Makers |
| Mrs. Esther Martin | - | National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers |
| Miss Hancock or) | - | Transport & General Workers' Union |
| Miss Wyatt) | | |
| Miss Nancy Adam | - | T.U.C. |
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| Miss Joeves | - | Post Office Engineering Union |
| A representative from the Women's Medical Federation | | |
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| plus the present Women's Group Committee | | |

Appointment of part-time worker. Two names suggested - Miss Auerbach, an economist, and Mrs. Betty Fraser. Mrs. Cole was asked to enquire as to whether they were free and interested in the work.

Finance. Secretary was instructed to put appeal for financial help in the Fabian News.

2 Letter from the Adjustment Board read by Secretary asking for Women's Group to send representative to their council. Decided not to do so.

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AGNES MURRAY
Hon. Secretary

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19.11.42

A meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at the Fabian Society, 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Tuesday, 24th November at 5.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

Report on the response to the invitation to Sub-Committee on Work and Wages.

Please note that the date of the Discussion Meeting on Social Workers' Training has been altered to Friday, December 11th, at 5.45 p.m.

Agnes Murray.
Hon. Secretary.

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2/12/42.

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R.S.V.P. to:

AGNES MURRAY,
(Hon. Sec.)

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

SOCIAL SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Social Security Sub-Committee will be held on Tuesday, 8th December, 1942, at 5.45 p.m. sharp at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. re the Beveridge Report.

There has been no time for a formal agenda to be prepared. It seems that the Committee's first job should be to consider ways and means of getting the concept of Social Security into legislation. At a later stage we might consider having one of our evening meetings to discuss contents. Further work we might do to embellish the scheme, but at this stage it seems imperative that we take constructive action to promote swift enabling legislation so that the legal, administrative and financial details of the scheme can be worked out in detail by Government officials. We should try to prevent Opposition-minded people quarrelling over details so that the main bold concept is obscured by bickering.

The Committee may find it helpful to discuss the following suggestions:-

- (1) All Labour, Liberal and Independent M.P.s should be circularised before the recess (December 17th) offering factual help with the ~~objections~~ *speeches* they may wish to make in the forthcoming Social Security debate.
- (2) A panel of Social Security speakers might be formed and all likely organisations circularised about this. We may need to have a discussion group for these speakers after we have discussed the content of the Report among ourselves.
- (3) A set or sets of Speakers' Notes could be prepared for distribution in the Society and the Labour movement.
- (4) Notes for letters to the Press and articles might be prepared and made available to all those interested.
- (5) We might put out a bulletin or broadsheet on the content of the Report.

JOAN S. CLARKE
Research Secretary

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the SOCIAL SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Tuesday, December 8th, 1942, at 6 p.m.

Present: Dr. W. A. Robson (Chair), B. Betts, A. Flaskott, R. W. B. Clarke, E. Cohen, J. Parker, J. S. Clarke.

(1) Purpose of Meeting: The Chairman explained that the meeting had been called at short notice to discuss immediate action to further the passage of the Beveridge Report into legislation.

Parker reported that the Chairman of the Society agreed largely with the proposals on the convening notice but added a suggestion that work should be done on the economics of reconstruction and full employment.

(2) Future Work: After discussion of the special contribution which the Society could make in the field of Social Security, the Committee agreed that the work would be too extensive and prolonged to be undertaken effectively with our present resources and in regard to the need for maintaining a balanced research program.

(3) Social Security Bureau. The Committee decided unanimously to recommend to the Executive that a Social Security Bureau be set up. This would conduct education, propaganda and research within the sphere of ~~the~~ *the Social* Beveridge Report and ~~of its assumptions.~~ ^{in practice} It would use and extend the Society's numerous existing contacts in this field. It's work would include the regular servicing of M.P.'s in both Houses.

(4) Future Work. The Committee decided to postpone discussion of immediate action until the Executive had considered its proposal.

(5) Next meeting. A meeting to discuss the content of the Report was fixed for Friday, December 11th, 1942, to be held at Westbourne Park Road at 8 p.m.

JOAN S. CLARKE
Research Secretary

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Research Secretary : JOAN S. CLARKE

8th January, 1943

Dear

Home Research Committee

The Executive Committee has asked that the Home Research Committee report on the advisability of setting up a Social Security Bureau having regard to (1) the present research position, (2) any plans of the Labour movement in the Social Security field, (3) Sir William Beveridge's future plans, (4) the estimated cost. A meeting of the Research Committee will, therefore, be held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Friday, January 15th, 1943, at 4.15 p.m.

Yours sincerely,
JOAN S. CLARKE
Research Secretary

A G E N D A

- (1) Report on Research.
- (2) Future Research Program: -
 - (1) Social Security Bureau
 - (2) Jewish Research proposal
 - (3) Other projects.

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

MINUTES of Research Committee held at 11, Dartmouth Street,
S.W.1. on Friday, 15th January 1943 at 4.15 p.m.

Present: Parker (Chair), Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Cole, Durbin, Fiske,
Franklin, Robson, Mrs. Wootton, Apology from Yates.

1. Report on Research, previously circulated. The Committee accepted this, and recommended that the pamphlet on Land by Lewis Silkin should be published forthwith. If the author agreed, Taski should be asked for a preface. Full Employment: The Research Secretary was instructed to approach Joan Robinson for a simple pamphlet on this as soon as possible. She was also instructed to ask Kaldor for a tract or pamphlet on The Cost of Reconstruction Projects in Relation to Estimated Post-War National Income.

2. Full Employment: It was recommended that the Economic Committee be convened at an early date in order to consider the initiation of work (a) on Full Employment of a more solid and serious nature than the pamphlet referred to in (1), and (b) on the Budgetary cost of Reconstruction, the latter to be undertaken after discussion of the pamphlet by Kaldor recommended for immediate preparation.

3. Social Security. It was reported that (a) Sir William Beveridge was not intending to set up any bureau or other organisation to push his Report, though it was understood that he would feel beneficently towards the efforts of others, (b) that the Labour Party and the Trades Union Congress were both actively supporting the Report and were holding meetings and conferences in connection with it. It was felt that the job of the Fabian Society apart from supplying speakers as at present, would be immediately to influence middle opinion by press articles, pamphlets, etc. by supplying information to M.P.s. initiating research on questions immediately arising.

FABIAN SOCIETY 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W I

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3rd February, 1943

A meeting of the Committee formed by the Women's Group to deal with the proposed work on Women's Work and Wages will be held at the Fabian Society, 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Monday, 22nd February, 1943, at 5.30 p.m.

Agnes Murray
Hon. Secretary
Women's Group.

15.2.43

WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
on Monday 22nd February 1943:

Please note that the time of this Meeting
has been altered from 5.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Agnes Murray,
Hon. Sec.

FABIAN SOCIETY 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W I

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8th March 1943

A meeting of the Committee formed by the Women's Group to deal with work on Women's work and Wages will be held at the Fabian Society, 11 Dartmouth St. S.W.1. on Monday 15th March, at 5.30 p.m.

A G E N D A.

To receive Report on financial aid offered.
To meet Miss Hill, Research Worker.

AGNES MURRAY,
Hon. Sec. Women's Group.

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JOAN S. CLARKE

17th February, 1943

Dear

I am very glad indeed that you have agreed to serve on our Social Security Committee.

The first meeting will be held on Thursday, February 25th, at 4 p.m. at this office, and I very much hope you will be able to attend.

Agenda is attached.

Yours sincerely,
JOAN S. CLARKE
Research Secretary

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

SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Committee will be held at 11,
Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Thursday, February 25th, at
4 p.m.

A G E N D A

- 1 Membership of Committee
- 2 Finance and Staff
- 3 Speakers' Meeting
- 4 Future Work of the Committee
 - (a) Proposed Conference on Industrial Training.
 - (b) Rent Research
 - (c) Other Proposals

Joan S. Clarke
Research Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Thursday, February 25th, at 4 p.m.

Present Mrs. Barbara Wootton (Chairman) D.N.Chester, D. Stark Murray, Frank Stilwell, Mrs.Cole, O. Gollancz, John Parker, Joan Clarke (Secretary).

Apologies were received from: Ellis Smith, Dr. Robson, Fred Hughes, Frank Pakenham (who attended for a few minutes) and Hugh Franklin.

1. Membership of Committee and Chairman: It was agreed that Barbara Betts be invited to join the Committee. Mrs. Wootton agreed to be Chairman.
2. Finance and Staff: The Secretary reported that about £125 had been collected out of the £300 needed for six months operation. An Assistant Research Secretary and additional clerical help were necessary to release Mrs. Clarke for the Committee's work.
3. Empire Press Union: The Secretary reported that The Hon. Mrs. Phillimore had kindly suggested a lunch to meet the Empire Press Union. Members of the Committee were invited to attend, together with G.D.H.Cole.
4. Penguin on Social Security: Frank Pakenham having had an arrangement with Lane for a Penguin, suggested that the Committee might sponsor this and find an author. The Secretary was instructed to find out the position from the publishers. Possible authors to be invited were (1) G.D.H.Cole; (2) Hans Singer of Manchester (3) Barbara Betts or Joan Clarke.
5. Speakers Meeting: A meeting for Speakers on the Beveridge Report having been arranged for Tuesday, March 16th, members of the Committee were invited to attend.
6. Future Work:
 - (a) Conference on Government Training Schemes: A one day Conference to be held in London in co-operation with the Industrial Advisory Group. First session manual work, second session professional and administrative. The Secretary was instructed to proceed with arrangements and to find a speaker for the morning, Telling (Plasterers Union) being invited to open discussion; Caroline Haslett to be asked to speak in the afternoon, with Stephen Smith opening discussion. Chairman - Evan Durbin or Ronald Davison.
 - (b) Rent Research: A research pamphlet on rent structure to be put in hand, Jean Thompson being asked to write it.
 - (c) Old age: A research pamphlet on the social and economic problems of the aged. Suggested authors: D.N.Chester, Seebohm Rowntree, Mr. Stuart.
 - (d) Can we afford Beveridge: As the economic part of the Social Security Book cannot be published separately, the Committee decided to ask N. Kaldor to do a Research pamphlet on costs.
 - (e) Question and Answer pamphlet: The Secretary reported that a propaganda pamphlet answering questions was in preparation.

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

A meeting of the SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE will be held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Thursday, April 8th, 1943, at 5.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes (herewith) of last meeting, and Secretary's report.
- 2 Conference on Government Training Schemes.
- 3 Minimum Wage research.
- 4 Other business

The next meeting will take place at 11, Dartmouth Street, on April 15th, at 6 p.m.

Speaker: Miss Grace Leybourne

subject: The Married Woman as Citizen

A. Murray
Hon. Sec.

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

MINUTES of a Meeting of the SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Thursday, April 8th, 1943, at 5.30 p.m.

Present:

Mrs. Barbara Wootton (Chairman) Mrs. Barbara Betts, Hugh Franklin, Frank Pakenham, Frank Stilwell, John Parker, Jack Gray, Mrs. Joan S. Clarke (Secretary)

Apologies were received from: Mrs. Cole, Ellis Smith and Dr. D. Stark Murray.

1. Minutes of last Meeting: These were approved.
2. Finance and Staff: £134. 4. has been raised of the £300 needed FOR the Committee's work. The Secretary was instructed to write to all those who came to the Social Security Conference and to certain trusts.
3. Pamphlets:

Old Age: A.D.K. Owen is writing this and a questionnaire is being sent to industrial, commercial and administrative concerns, public and private. The Committee decided to send it to all Metropolitan Borough Councils.

Can we afford the Beveridge Report? Written by Hans Singer, the pamphlet was in draft. The Committee suggested Mrs. Barbara Wootton and Mr. Frank Stilwell as readers subject to ratification by the Executive. The Social Security Fund to pay the author's £1. 1. 0d personal expenses.

Beveridge Quiz: This was reported to be ready to go to press next week.

Rent Research: Miss Jean Thompson to be seen next week for a final decision whether she can undertake the work.

Citizens Advice: pamphlet synopsis submitted by Maria Polacek, to be read by Oliver Gollancz and Fred Hughes.

International Social Security: Material offered by Frank Pakenham to be read by Hugh Franklin.
4. Conference on Government Training Schemes. Further suggestions for the first session included Mr. Byng, Vice Chairman of Standard Telephones, and Mr. Paley Yorke. For Chairman - Austen Albu, Douglas Cole, Joan Clarke.
5. Minimum Wage Research: A small group to be formed to discuss a Research project. Jack Wray to be asked to attend and to write preliminary notes. Other members: Barbara Wootton, Barbara Betts, Fred Hughes, Tom Wilson, W.A. Robson, Frank Pakenham. The first meeting to be on Friday, 14th May, at 7 p.m. Later contacts suggested:- Pearmain (T. & G.W), Jack Corrin (T.&G.W), Holness (ed. of The Land Worker), Dorothy Elliott or her nominee, Maurice Hann, General Secretary of the Shop Assistants' Union, the Co-operatives.
6. Rehabilitation Lecture: An evening lecture on Rehabilitation to be arranged for early June with Dr. D.C. Norris as speaker, with the Ministry of Information film "Life Begins Again" preferably in a hall to seat about 100 with refreshments so that there shall be plenty of opportunity for discussion. This to be regarded as a preliminary meeting to lead probably to a larger Conference or to group discussion and publication.

FABIAN SOCIETY WOMEN'S GROUP ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

The next meeting will take place at 11, Dartmouth Street, on Thursday, 27th May, at 6 p.m.

Speaker: Dorothy Elliott,

Subject: The Nursing Profession.

A. Murray
Hon. Sec.

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29th June, 1943

A meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at the Fabian Society, 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Tuesday, July 6th, 1943, at 5.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

- (1) Correspondence
- (2) Report from Miss Hill
- (3) Future arrangements.

AGNES MURRAY
Hon. Secretary

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The next meeting of the RESEARCH COMMITTEE of the WOMEN'S GROUP will be held at the Fabian Society, 11, Dartmouth Street, Westminster, S.W.1. on Wednesday, 28th July, 1943, at 6 p.m.

Business: To receive Interim Report from Miss Hill.

Agnes Murray
Hon. Secretary,
Fabian Women's Group

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FABIAN SOCIETY WOMEN'S GROUP ::: 11 DARTMOUTH ST.S.W

The Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 22nd Sept. at 6 p.m. at the Alliance Hall, Palmer Street, Westminster, S.W.1. (Near St. James's Park Underground Station).

Speaker: Miss Ellen Wilkinson, M.P.

Subject: Women's work in Parliament.

A. Murray,
Hon. Sec.

minutes appended.

FABIAN SOCIETY

WOMEN'S GROUP

Committee Meeting, Monday, May 24th

Rough Minutes

Present: Margaret Cole (chair), Miss L. Sweet, Miss Hart
Dr. Grace Laybourne, Jack Gray (for Research Department)

Finance: Mrs. Cole stated that to the original £25 in hand the sum of £100 had been added as a result of donations. Expenses to date had been £12-10-0. It was suggested that other bodies should be approached for donations, including the Union of Post-Office Workers, the National Union of Teachers and the National Union of Women Teachers. It was also decided to make further use of individual donations.

Progress Report Miss Anne Hill's report on the progress of her research was then discussed, in particular the basis of the survey drawn up towards the end of the report. Miss Sweet thought that the item "rates of pay" should include scales, increments and total earnings. It was agreed that very full details were available in this field and that Miss Hill and Miss Sweet should meet for a whole day and work out a draft report on the position of women in the Civil Service only. This would enable Miss Hill to devise a skeleton method of approach which she could use, with modifications, when approaching other types of employed women. It could also act as a draft for the first chapter of the final report. Miss Hill and Miss Sweet agreed to meet on June 6th and to ask for the permanent committee to be convened as soon as they felt it advisable. In the meantime, Miss Hill was requested not to contact any further organisations except the Union of Post-Office Workers and those she had already arranged to meet.

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

A Meeting of the ECONOMICS COMMITTEE
will be held
on Tuesday, April 6th, at 5.30 p.m.
at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
2. REPORT ON CONTROL OF INDUSTRY BOOK
3. FULL EMPLOYMENT RESEARCH
4. COST OF RECONSTRUCTION RESEARCH
5. CIVIL AVIATION PAMPHLET

Joan S. Clarke
Research Secretary.

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the Economics Committee held on
Tuesday, 6th April, 1943, at 5.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth
Street.

Present Durbin (Chairman), Albu, Mitchison, Gaitskell, Fiske,
Parker, Gray, Joan Clarke (Acting Secretary).

- 1 Cooption: The Secretary was instructed to invite Tress,
Chantler and Reddaway to serve on the Committee.
- 2 Facts for Socialists: The Secretary reported that she had
been unable to find anybody to write this satisfactorily.
The Committee considered that it might be done in two parts,
the first dealing with present facts and the second with
reconstruction possibilities. Jack Gray was invited to work
on part-1 and to prepare a synopsis of the contents for
circulation to the Committee as possible; part-2 to be
considered later.
- 3 Civil Aviation pamphlet: To be prepared if an author could
be found. Those suggested were:-

(1) Campbell Secord (2) McKinnon Wood.
- 4 Control of Industry Book: The Chairman reported that this was
progressing slowly, all contributors being anonymous.
- 5 Costs of reconstruction: Nicholas Kaldor to be asked to
father a research group, which working within an agreed
assumption of post-war Budgetry and National Income figures,
would estimate the cost of major plans, for example, Social
Security, Education, Nutrition as coming within the Budget,
Housing, Agriculture, Armaments, etc.
- 6 Full Employment: The Secretary reported that Mrs. Barbara
Wootton is writing a research pamphlet, the Committee wishes
to ask her to write this popularly "as an appetiser" so that
the laymen will be prepared to take interest in the major
prospects which are beginning to appear. It was suggested
that following the conference on Full Employment, a pamphlet
might be prepared discussing the political implications of
a policy of Full Employment from a Socialist point of view.
Mrs. Joan Robinson to be approached on this.
- 7 Next Meeting -- Wednesday, June 2nd, 1943, at 6 o'clock.

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

A meeting of the Economics Committee will be held
on Tuesday, June 2nd, 1943, at 6 p.m.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of last meeting

- 2 Business arising:-
 - (1) Civil Aviation pamphlet
 - (2) Costs of Reconstruction
 - (3) Control of Industry Book

- 3 Facts for Socialists (synopsis to follow)

- 4 Full Employment - Beveridge enquiry.

- 5 Pamphlet on International Finance by
Schumacher.

Joan S. Clarke
Research Secretary

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

SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Social Security Committee will be held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Thursday, July 22nd, 1943, at 5.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of last meeting
- 2 Report on Government Training and Rehabilitation conferences.
- 3 Minimum Wage group
- 4 Research projects in hand:
 - (1) Rent
 - (2) The Aged
 - (3) New Zealand Social Security Scheme.
- 5 Future work.

JOAN S. CLARKE
Research Secretary

FABIAN SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET LONDON S W 1

MINUTES of a meeting of the SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE hold on Thursday, 22nd July, 1943, at 5.30 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

Present: Mrs. Barbara Wootton (Chairman), Barbara Betts, Emmeline Cohen, Dick Davies, Fred Hughes, Jack Gray, Joan S. Clarke (Secretary)

Apology received from Oliver Gollancz.

- 1 GOVERNMENT TRAINING CONFERENCE. The Secretary suggested that this did not yield enough material for further action.
- 2 REHABILITATION CONFERENCE AND FILM. The Secretary reported that this was highly satisfactory, that a full report had been circulated to those who attended, and that Dr. Norris's speech was to be published in the next issue of the Fabian Quarterly. The Committee suggested that the report should also be circulated to the secretaries of local Fabian Societies.
- 3 MINIMUM WAGES GROUP. To be dissolved. Tom Wilson to work individually in co-operation with the Social Security Committee. His synopsis and remarks to be circulated for swift comment by members of the Committee and his second draft to be available for the next meeting of the Committee. Tom Wilson to be asked to attend the next meeting.
- 4 THE AGED. The Committee decided to accept A. D. K. Owen's offer of a research pamphlet by mid-September. Mrs. L'Estrange Malone and Frank Stilwell suggested to the Executive as readers.
- 5 NEW ZEALAND SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEME. Draft received from New Zealand to be written over if possible by Jack Carney, if willing, including more general statistical background and local colour.
- 6 MEDICAL SERVICES. This Committee to be called as soon as the White Paper is published, Dr. D. Stark Murray being asked to come to the meeting and advise on publication of the Committee's views.
- 7 MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SECURITY. Emmeline Cohen's notes to be made available, if John Parker agrees, to selected members of the House of Commons, and the Fabian Forum to be addressed by a suitable person.
- 8 RENT. Emmeline Cohen reported that two-thirds of the draft pamphlet was written, but adequate statistical information was lacking. A questionnaire with model answers and covering letter to be sent to selected local Societies and members, asking them to examine local rent registers. Miss Cohen's draft to be sent by her to D. N. Chester, B. Seeborn Rowntree, and the Rev. Jenkinson.

JOAN S. CLARKE,
Secretary, Social Security Committee

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

A meeting of the Economics Committee will be held
on Tuesday, June 2nd, 1943, at 6 p.m.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of last meeting
- 2 Business arising:-
 - (1) Civil Aviation pamphlet
 - (2) Costs of Reconstruction
 - (3) Control of Industry Book
- 3 Facts for Socialists (synopsis to follow)
- 4 Full Employment - Beveridge enquiry.
- 5 Pamphlet on International Finance by
Schumacher.

Joan S. Clarke
Research Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the ECONOMICS COMMITTEE held
on Wednesday, 2nd June, 1943, at 6 p.m.
at 11 Dartmouth Street.

PRESENT: Durbin (Chair), Chantler, Reddaway, Tress,
Gaitskell, Fiske, Parker, Gollancz, Gray,
Joan Clarke.

1. CIVIL AVIATION: Further possible authors for the pamphlet and/or chapter for "Control of Industry" invited, as Secord and McKinnon Wood were unable to contribute. Suggested names - J. Longhurst and A.K.Cairncross. The Secretary was instructed to procure Longhurst's previous publications with a view to asking him to write a pamphlet. Chantler agreed to approach Cairncross about doing the book chapter.
2. COSTS OF RECONSTRUCTION: The Secretary reported that Kaldor would be willing to sponsor a research group if he had time. If he were unable to do this the Committee decided to ask Hans Singer to do the work and to recommend to the Executive that £50 should be raised and used as a grant for an assistant for Kaldor or for Hans Singer.
3. CONTROL OF INDUSTRY BOOK: The Chairman reported speedier progress, most contributions being now complete or well under way.
4. FACTS FOR SOCIALISTS: Jack Gray's synopsis for Part-I was discussed, and deletions and insertions proposed. He was asked to present the Committee with copies of a first draft for comment before the next meeting. It was felt that Part-II (bearing on Reconstruction) could not be profitably undertaken, but that the relevant statistics might be incorporated in an appendix.
5. FULL EMPLOYMENT: The Secretary reported that Frank Pakenham, who was assisting Beveridge in his new enquiry, had asked the Society to give evidence on this subject. Agreed that this should be done if someone could be found to draw the available material together. The Chairman agreed to approach E.V.Berry.
6. INTERNATIONAL FINANCE: The Secretary was instructed to invite E.F.Schumacher to write a pamphlet on the lines of his speech at the "FULL EMPLOYMENT" Conference.
7. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 21st, 1943, at 6 p.m.

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

There will be a meeting of the Economics
Committee on Tuesday, July 27th, at 6 p.m. 11
Dartmouth Street, S. W. 1.

A G E N D A

- (1) Minutes
- (2) Business arising
 - a) Facts for Socialists
 - b) International Finance
- (3) Civil Aviation
- (4) Costs of Reconstruction
- (5) Full Employment
 - a) Mrs. Wootton's pamphlet
 - b) Fabian evidence
- (6) "Control of Industry" Book.

Acting Secretary.

MINUTES of a meeting of the ECONOMIC COMMITTEE held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Tuesday, July 27th 1943, at 6 p.m.

Present Durbin (chair), Albu, Chantler, Tress, Gray.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Clarke, Gollancz, Hitchison, Parker, Allan Young.

Civil Aviation In view of the fact that A. K. Cairncross could not undertake the work, and that the Industrial Group was already engaged upon extensive enquiries, it was decided to abandon both the pamphlet and the chapter in Control of Industry.

Costs of Reconstruction The Chairman reported that a scheme had been drawn up for a comprehensive enquiry with a research worker, working committee, and panel of consultants. This was approved, but in view of the lack of discussion on this by the Executive it was agreed to postpone action until September, and to try and raise by private means the proposed honorarium of £50.

Control of Industry The Chairman reported that all chapters would be completed by July 31st except transport. There would be a meeting of contributors, following the correction of scripts, in October.

Facts for Socialists Jack Gray promised the first draft in the near future, to be circulated to members of the committee.

International Finance E. F. Schumacher was at present engaged in writing a pamphlet. The Executive had appointed J. E. Meade and G. D. H. Cole as readers.

Full Employment

- a) Fabian evidence E. V. Berry was unable to supervise this, but W. Piency had been approached successfully. The group was prepared to submit its findings as Fabian evidence, and it was agreed that with the usual provisos it should be issued under the auspices of this committee. Draft expected by November.
- b) Mrs. Wootton's pamphlet Comments from Gaitskell, Chantler and Tress were considered; it was decided to forward them to the author and to arrange a meeting between the four if necessary.

Small Savings A synopsis by D. R. Davidson for a research pamphlet was received enthusiastically and it was decided to ask him to go ahead.

Monopoly Tress and Chantler outlined a possible scheme for a pamphlet on this subject. This was welcomed and W. Arthur Lewis was suggested as author.

Memorandum on Research This was being prepared for the first meeting of the Home Research Committee. Agreed that the section on economics should be circulated to the Committee to obtain added suggestions for future work.

Co-optations N. Calder and Tom Wilson were to be asked to sit on the Committee.

Next Meeting Fixed for Tuesday, September 21st, at 6 p.m.

JACK GRAY
Acting Secretary

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

There will be a meeting of the
Economics Sub-Committee at 11 Dartmouth
Street, on Tuesday, 21st September 1943,
at 6 p.m.

A G E N D A .

- (1) Control of Industry.
- (2) International Finance.
- (3) Fabian evidence on Full Employment.
- (4) Facts for Socialists.
- (5) Small Savings.
- (6) Monopoly.
- (7) Costs of Reconstruction.
- (8) Business arising from the Home
Research Committee Meeting.

JACK GRAY.

Acting Secretary.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Education Sub-Committee,
held on Monday, June 7th, at 5.15 p.m.
at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1

PRESENT: Margaret Cole (chair) Barbara Drake,
Hugh Franklin, Harold Shearman, Minna Specht,
Joan Clarke, Jack Gray.

APOLOGIES were received from Roger Armfelt, Dr. Grace
Leybourne and Phyllis Doyle.

Mrs. Cole gave a short resume of the research work
to date on "The Common School System".

Miss Specht's Document was considered. Mrs. Drake
supplemented her written comments by stressing the
need to reform the state school system, raise the
school leaving age to 16 and reduce the numbers in a
class to 30, as well as to bring private schools under
public inspection. Mr. Shearman pointed out that the
power to close schools is a lever for raising standards.
The Local Educational Authority should have the power
to classify schools as efficient or non-efficient.
The approach of the memorandum was in general approved
and it was then taken in greater detail. Mr. Franklin
raised a query concerning the possible duplication of
figures in Miss Specht's statistical data. Several
minor comments and suggestions arose during the
discussion, those written by Armfelt, Dent and Smart
being given due consideration.

Conclusions:

- (1) Miss Specht had arranged a great deal of factual
material but should now draw together her
specific conclusions.
- (2) Certain parts of the document might be rewritten
in the light of the Committee's criticism and
circulated together with the conclusions. Miss
Specht could then discuss these at length,
collectively with the Committee and individually
with members beforehand.

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

A meeting of the EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE will be held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Friday, 16th July, 1943, at 6 p.m.

A G E N D A

- (1) Full consideration of the amendments and conclusions to Part I of Miss Minna Specht's document (see enclosures).
- (2) Preliminary consideration of Part II of the document (typescript herewith)

Minutes of a meeting of the EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE held on Friday, July 16th, 1943, at 6 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, Westminster, London, S.W.1.

Present: Harold Shoarman (chair), Margaret Cole, Phyllis Doyle, Barbara Drake, Hugh Franklin, Rita Hindon, Grace Loybourne, Minna Specht, Jack Gray.

Apologies were received from Lady Simon and Joan Clarke.

- 1 WALLS OF GLASS, an unsolicited manuscript by Mr. Hoggarth, was brought before the Committee's attention by Mrs. Cole. Dr. Loybourne agreed to read through it and make comments.
- 2 Amendments to Part I of Miss Specht's document were thoroughly discussed. Main points stressed:
 - (1) There should be a definite use for the equipment of private schools in the Common School System.
 - (2) Figures of estimated 'empty places' should be given for senior and junior classes to show the effects of a declining population.
 - (3) The bridge between private and elementary schools should be mentioned clearly.
 - (4) The optimum size of a school should be determined and buildings planned in relation to present supplies available.
- 3 Mrs. Cole suggested that there were three further subjects before the choice of the Committee, in the short time left at its disposal.
 - (a) Miss Specht's conclusions.
 - (b) Part II of the 'Common School' document.
 - (c) The possibility of future work by the Committee, e.g. in relation to the recently published White Paper on the future of education. The Committee chose the third course and agreed as a first step on an amendment of the approach in Miss Specht's draft; to bring her work more into line with present educational developments. Miss Specht was asked to draw up a synopsis of the revised draft as follows:
 - (i) The present position of private schools.
 - (ii) Methods of dealing with them.
 - (iii) Relation to the larger and topical issues.

This synopsis was to be presented to members of the Committee, if possible before its next meeting, which was fixed for Thursday, 29th July, 1943, at 3 p.m.

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FABIAN SOCIETY ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

A meeting of the EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE will be held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Thursday, July 29th, 1943, at 3 p.m.

A G E N D A

- 1 Proposed redraft of the 'Common School' document. (Synopsis to follow).
- 2 Miss Specht's conclusions.
- 3 Part II of the original 'Common School' draft.
- 4 Possible future work of the Committee.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Education Sub-Committee
held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S. W. 1
on Thursday, 29th July, 1943 at 3 p.m.

Present: Margaret Cole (Chair), Phyllis Doyle, Dr. Grace Leybourne,
Minna Specht, Jack Gray.

Apologies were received from Barbara Drake, Rita Hinden and Harold Shearman.

1. Wall of Glass: Dr. Leybourne added her comments to the draft; she thought it unsuitable as it stood but was willing to discuss it with the Author. Decided not to take further action.
2. Miss Specht's Document:- Synopsis: It was decided to change the title to "The Private School System", and to state the case for and against private schools at the beginning instead of at the end. Conclusions: General observations to be incorporated in an introduction written by Margaret Cole. Mrs. Cole should also draw together the specific conclusions arising from the material in the text, leaving Miss Specht to put her name to the survey only. Part 11 Miss Specht was asked to clarify the denotation of many figures and references, and to append a brief summary of statistics and sources at the end. The inclusion of a statement on terminology used was welcomed. Length: The limit of 17,000 words for a 1/- pamphlet was to be exceeded if absolutely necessary and an alternative method of publication sought. Miss Specht was to produce her first draft within three weeks.
3. Pamphlet on Education Reports: Dr. Leybourne undertook to do this, covering the White Paper, and the Norwood, McNair and Fleming (Interim) Reports, if all out in time.

Jack Gray,
Acting Secretary.

See *Amended Form*

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

June 10th, 1943. Present - Parker, Gollancz,
James, Gray.

It was decided that the above Committee should meet regularly to discuss:-

- (1) The layout of cover and advertisements for each pamphlet before it went to press
- (2) To determine the number of copies printed.

It was so agreed that the Research Committee should meet regularly also once a quarter, to co-ordinate the Research projects of the Economic and Social Security Committees and the Industrial Group.

Cost and Supplies of Pamphlets: The cost of Research and Biographical pamphlets was considered, and it was decided that, assuming a present distribution of 4,000 free copies to members, etc., minus 2,500 if not to the half-guinea and five shilling members, we shall print

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| (1) 6,000 of each 6d. pamphlet | (to all members) |
| (2) 3,500 " " " | (to £1-1-0 and £2-2-0 members) |
| (3) 3,500 " " " | 1/- |

This means that 2,000 6d. and 1,500 1/- pamphlets are held for sale, and these numbers sold partly at retail price, partly at discount, should ensure a distinct profit.

It was agreed that in future authors should be pressed firmly to limit the length of their drafts to the prescribed number of words. Full particulars of numbers ordered and distributed in membership to be kept by Jack Gray, commencing with the April membership.

Biographical Series: It was reported that Carille and probably Burns were produced at a loss. The Committee decided to try and bring

cut 10,000 word biographies at 6d., print 5,500 and retain the photograph, despite its extra cost.

Biography of the Webbs: Margaret Cole to be asked what size of publication she would find most suitable for the purpose.

It was suggested that the following might be a possible arrangement: length, 10,000 words, price 6d., numbers 7,000 of which 4,000 would be free.

Jack Gray
Secretary

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

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Publications Committee will be held on Friday, July 16th, 1943, at 2.15 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Consideration of reprints:
 - (a) Education for Democracy
 - (b) How the Russians Live
 - (c) The Colonies and Us

- 2 Taking down of type:
 - (a) Hereford Times
 - (b) Unwin Bros.

- 3 Colonial publications.

- 4 Pre-publications orders.

- 5 Any other business

Minutes of a meeting of the PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE held at 2.15 p.m. on Friday, 16th July, 1942, at 11, Dartmouth Street, London, S.W.1.

Present: Parker (chair), Gollancz, Gray, James.

(1) Consideration of reprints and type-holding.

(a) Allen & Unwin specials. Unwin Bros. had asked whether we required to hold type for any of these publications. Decided to break type of American Labour and Social Security Evidence and hold type of Downing Street and the Colonies and Education for Democracy, and that James should get estimates for reprinting 500 and 1000 of the latter.

(b) Hereford Times publications. Mr. Walker had asked whether the Society wished to hold type on a number of recent publications. Decided to hold the type of:

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| The Health Services II | Labour in the Colonies |
| The Fabian Society | The Colonies and Us |
| A Word on the Future to British Socialists | Your Coal and You |

to reprint immediately with green and yellow cover 1000 copies of The Colonies and Us, and to break the type of all others mentioned in Hereford's letter of May 3rd.

(2) Colonial Publications. It was stated that all publications of the Colonial Bureau were at present out of print. Agreed to hold type of all these publications and to have The Colonies and Us reprinted and on sale as soon as possible. N.C.L.C. to be approached for a firm order.

(3) Orders for Future Publications. The next pamphlets scheduled were as follows:-

(a) Full Employment. 7,000 to be printed and pamphlet sent to all members in September. Price 6d.

(b) New Zealand Social Security Scheme. To be issued at 6d, possibly as a tract, and to be sent to guinea and two-guinea members. A firm order from the Social Security League to be negotiated. Dick Mitchison appointed as reader in addition to Joan Clarke and Emmeline Cohen.

(c) The Economic Strategy of the Transition to Socialism. Already with the printers, proofs being daily expected. To be printed as an article in the October Quarterly and as an off-print at the price of 3d, without cover. Distribution to members of the Industrial Group to proceed as soon as supplies arrive, but sales in the bookshop to be held over until after the publication of Full Employment.

It was stated that 2/4d worth of pamphlets had been distributed free to 10/6d members (out of their annual quota of 5/- worth) between April and July inclusive. Gollancz was asked to enquire whether the Quarterly was to be included in this quota.

(4) Pre-publication orders. Numbers of these to be decided in future by the Publications Committee to minimise misjudgments of orders. In the case of Plan for Britain the undistributed L.B.S. copies could be sold in the shop, and Mrs. Fox was to be asked to contact the Preston Society with a view to increased sales in that area.

There will be a meeting of the
Publications Committee on Tuesday, September 7th,
at 2.30pm. in John Parker's Room.

AGENDA

- 1). Reports
 - a). on the present stocks of pamphlets.
 - b). on the printing of literature.
 - c). on forthcoming publications.
- 2). Publicity
 - a). American Labour
 - b). Mackey's suggestions
 - c). Charles de Peyer and general publicity.
- 3). Colonial Publications
- 4). Secretary to the Committee

Jack Gray,
Secretary.

MINUTES of a meeting of the PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE held at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 7th September, 1945, at 11, Dartmouth Street, London, S.W.1.

Present: Parker (chair), Gollancz, Gray, James.

(1) Present stocks of pamphlets.

- (a) Plan for Britain. James to prepare letters for local societies and affiliated societies, suggesting the idea of a good bookstall at winter meetings and specimen lists for orders. Similar letter for Trades Councils. Sales to be pushed in New Zealand and Australia.
- (b) Harx and Today. James to contact W.E.A. and N.C.L.C.
- (c) Full Employment. W.E.A. Fabian Forum.
- (d) Can We Afford Beveridge? Common Wealth. Social Security League.
- (e) Labour and Europe. Reprint if Mildred Sanford can guarantee a firm order.
- (f) The Nation's Land. Town and Country Planning Association.
- (g) Management in Transition. Contact ASSET again.
- (h) Education in Scotland. Scottish Societies and D.L.P.'s
- (i) Soviet Home Front. Anglo-Soviet Committee. Common Wealth. Advertisement in New Statesman.
- (j) Education for Democracy. 1,000 being reprinted.

(2) Forthcoming publications.

- (a) International Action and the Colonies. Print 4,000 provisionally.
- (b) Educational Reconstruction. 6,000 *provisionally*
- (c) Civil Aviation. Gray to arrange with Pinks to speed up production.
- (d) Trade Unions, Germany, Hats for Socialists, Rent, Agood.
- (e) Social Security in New Zealand and Private School System. Allen & Unwin being approached for transfer of publication.
- (f) Housing. Good was felt for a pamphlet on post-war housing.
- (g) What to Read. Being revised for October. Agreed that the presentation should be improved and in addition short introductory lists of standard and other important works should be prepared by the Home Research Department for enquirers.

It was also agreed that a monthly list of pamphlets scheduled for appearance in the near future should be placed monthly on the notice board by the Home Research Department.

(5) Publicity.

- (a) American Labour. James to write to Tawney re distribution at his meetings. Allen & Unwin and Common Wealth to be approached again. Possible composite block advertisement in New Statesman at a later date.
- (b) Advertisements in Fabian Publications. Gollancz to draw up these, but Committee to make suggestions individually.
- (c) Conversation with Mackay. Agreed that he could have 1,000 copies of any pamphlet, provided sufficient notice is given and that certain pamphlets should be printed with the other firm, if quotations are reasonable, to balance paper stocks. (Facts for Socialists, for example).
- (d) de Peyer's donation. Accounts of money spent to be kept. Publicity drives for pamphlets on Trade Unions, Civil Aviation, and possibly Education.

(4) Colonial Publications

Estimates for reprinting Downing Street and the Colonies and re-covering 48 copies to be obtained.
Review of Fabian Publications. Gollancz and a junior member of the staff to be responsible for entering up reviews weekly and for pasting them in the reference book.
Secretary to the Committee. James to act as such in the future, as much of the field ~~is~~ covered by his Department.

FABIAN SOCIETY :: 11 BARTHOLOMEW ST., LONDON, S.W.1.

A meeting of the Home Research Committee
will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 1943, at
4.30 p.m. at 11, Bartholomew Street, London, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- (1) Present work of the department. (see
attached memorandum)

- (2) Future Work
 - (a) proposals already received (attached)
 - (b) general considerations
 - (c) program for the next quarter.

Jack Gray,
Acting Secretary,
Home Research Department

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F A B I A N W O M E N ' S G R O U P

11 DARTMOUTH STREET

LONDON S W 1

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Held at the Alliance Hall, on Wednesday, 22nd
September, 1943, at 6 p.m.

A G E N D A.

- 1). Secretary's Report.
- 2). Statement of Account.
- 3). Election of Committee & Office bearers.
- 4). Report of Research Worker on Women's
Work and Wages.
- 5). Report of representative from Standing
Joint Committee of Working
Women's Organisation.
- 6). Miss Ellen Wilkinson, M.P.
"Women's Work in Parliament".

Agnes Murray,
Hon.Sec.

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J. C. GRAY

24th September, 1943

There will be an IMPORTANT meeting of the Fabian Women's Group Executive and the Guiding Committee of the research on Women's Work and Wages on Friday, 1st October, at 5.30 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

The progress and the future of the work being done on Women's Work and Wages. In the absence of Miss Hill, Margaret Cole will report.

It is hoped that you will be able to attend.

Agnes Murray,
Hon. Secretary,
Fabian Women's Group

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FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP :::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET WESTMINSTER LONDON S W 1

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP
held at the Alliance Hall, Palmer street, S.W.1
on Wednesday, 22nd September, 1943, at 6 pm.

In the Chair: Mrs. L'Estrange Malone

Secretary's Report

Secretary submitted report of the activities of the Fabian Women's Group for year 1942-43. Report received

Financial Report

Secretary submitted accounts showing a balance of £35.18.6. in General Account and £182. 6. 3. in Research Account. Accounts approved.

Election of Committee.

The following were elected to the Executive Committee:

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| Mrs. L'Estrange Malone | Miss Murray |
| Mrs. Bolton | Miss Perkins |
| Miss Bowie | Mrs. Pollard |
| Mrs. Cole | Miss Sutherland |
| Mrs. Drake | Mrs. Joan Thompson |
| Mrs. Hughes | |

Election of Chairman and Secretary

Mrs. L'Estrange Malone was elected as Chairman and Miss Agnes Murray as Secretary.

Report of Miss A. Hill on research on Women's Work and Wages.

Miss Hill submitted her report on work done to date on Women's Work and Wages and Mrs. Cole explained the position with regard to the industrial side. Report adopted.

Report from representative on Standing Joint Committee.

Mrs. Malone reported on work of the Standing Joint Committee. Report adopted.

Women's Work in Parliament.

Miss Ellen Wilkinson, M.P. then addressed the meeting on Women's Work in Parliament.

Vote of thanks.

Miss M. Bowie moved a vote of thanks to Miss Ellen Wilkinson.

Secretary announced that next meeting of the Group would be held at 11, Dartmouth Street, on Wednesday, 13th October, at 6 p.m., when Miss Dorothy Crook of the American War Information Department would speak on The Position of Women in America.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Home Research Committee,
held at 11, Dartmouth Street,
on the 14th September 1943, at 4.30 p.m.

Present: G.R.Mitchison (chair), Austen Albu, Mildred Bamford, Dr.N.Barou, Joan S. Clarke, Margaret Cole, W.G.Fiske, Hugh Franklin, Oliver Gollancz, Dr.Rita Hinden, John Parker M.P, Dr.W.A.Robson, Jack Gray (Acting Secretary).
Apology received from Evan Durbin.

1. MEMORANDUM ON PRESENT RESEARCH. - This document was considered in detail and approved, with a supplementary statement on the research work of the Women's Group. It was agreed that the Memorandum, revised to date, should be put before the Executive Committee, together with the Home Research Committee's proposals for further research.
2. FUTURE WORK :
 - (a) Organisation and Policy. After considerable discussion, embracing the broad objects of long-term and short-term research, methods of putting research in hand, the position of the two sub-committees and the Industrial Group, and the desirability of linking together all branches of Fabian research, the following recommendations were made to the Executive Committee :-
 - (1) A careful watch is to be kept by the Committee and in the office over all pamphlets planned by the various Sub-committees.
 - (2) The Terms of Reference issued to these sub-committees are to be clearly defined.
 - (3) Home Research is to be formulated on a non-rigid plan involving -
 - (i) Co-ordination of individual schemes.
 - (ii) The establishment of ad hoc sub-committees whenever advisable.
 - (iii) The performance of residual items of research directly through the Home Research Committee.
 - (iv) The strengthening of the link between short period research and parliamentary work.
 - (b) Scope. It was generally felt that, in future, more attention should be given to the important subjects which were being neglected - Trade Unions, Co-operation, Housing, Health, Local Government, Transport, Distribution and the Machinery of Government being some of those considered. On the other hand, some priority should be given to subjects not already being fully treated by competent bodies elsewhere. The Committee decided to meet again at a later date, allowing time for further thought on the details of future work. The Chairman was asked to draw up a priority list of research projects to be used as a basis for discussion.
3. OTHER BUSINESS. (a) The scheme for a large-scale enquiry into the Costs of Reconstruction was commended and the Executive asked to sanction it. (b) The proposal of the Association of Co-operative Education Committees for joint research was welcomed but action was postponed until the next meeting. (c) It was decided that a full enquiry into the working of Trade Unions should not be made at present.
4. Date of Next Meeting: This was fixed for Tuesday, 12th October at 4 p.m.

SUPPLEMENT to MINUTES of HOME RESEARCH COMMITTEE.
(Item 3 on AGENDA.)

In accordance with the instructions of the Home Research Committee, a group of staff met to consider urgent matters pending the discussion of the programme of Home Research, and make the following suggestions:-

- (1) The two following schemes of work should be approved and put in hand as soon as practicable.-
 - (a) State Medical Service. Steps should be taken to establish a small research group with the object of advancing the statement which Dr.D.Stark Murray is now preparing on the B.M.A. proposals and the coming White Paper. The Group can set out factual data for use in Parliamentary Debates, etc. Dr.Rowland Hill's offer to undertake work for the Society is welcomed, and he should be asked to join the group. Dr. Stark Murray might be asked to supervise the work and the following invited to become working or consultant members of the Group.- Dr. Somerville Hastings, Dr. Aleck Bourne, Dr. Brian Thompson, Dr. Edith Summerskill, Mrs. Joan S. Clarke and Jack Gray (for liaison).
In addition, Dr.Stark Murray's statement may be incorporated with the findings of the Group in a Pamphlet. An address can be given to the Fabian Forum and one of the S.P.C.'s monthly meetings in the Alliance Hall may be devoted to the subject. Political contacts can be best made through the meeting of the Forum.
 - (b) Education. Dr.Grace Leybourne should be asked to suggest certain lines of further investigation arising from her recent work for the Society on educational reconstruction. The objects are.-
 - (i) To cover the most important and the least publicised issues arising from Government documents lately issued.
 - (ii) To provide basic material for parliamentary work.
Suggested working group.- Margaret Cole, Barbara Drake, Margaret Yates, Majorie Kohn, Dr.Grace Leybourne, Harold Shearman and Jack Gray.
- (2) Distribution. We suggest that Dr.Barou should pursue his enquiries into the possibility of work on Distribution, to be supervised by a special Committee, and should report to the next meeting of the Home Research Committee.
- (3) Local Government. This should be given special attention at the next Meeting of the Home Research Committee.
- (4) Fabian Jubilee Essays. The Executive Committee should be asked to consider this scheme.

John Parker,
Margaret Cole,
Rita Hinden,
Jack Gray.

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SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Social Security Committee will be held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W. 1. on Friday, October 8th, 1943, at 5.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

- (1) Wages of Low-paid Workers
- (2) The Aged
- (3) New Zealand Social Security Act
- (4) Ministry of Social Security
- (5) Rent Structure
- (6) Medical Service
- (7) Future Work

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

MINUTES of a Meeting of the SOCIAL SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE held at 11,
Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Friday, 8th October, 1943, at 5.30 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Barbara Wootton (Chair), Margaret Cole, Oliver Gollancz,
Fred Hughes, Dr. D. Stark Murray, John Parker, Dr. W. A. Robson,
Dr. T. Wilson, Dick Davies, Jack Gray, Joan S. Clarke (Hon. Secretary).

Apology: received from Barbara Betts.

Wages of Low-Paid Workers

Dr. Wilson reported on his investigations. It was decided that he should continue to collect material, stressing the minimum wage approach rather than the danger of wilful unemployment.

Problem of the Aged

It was agreed following Gray's report that A. D. K. Owen should extend his draft to the length of a shilling pamphlet. Script expected at the end of October.

New Zealand pamphlet

In view of the unsuitability of the present script and the lack of a prospect for complete revision, it was decided to take no further action at present.

Ministry of Social Security

(1) Emmeline Cohen's notes to be circulated at a meeting of the Fabian Forum on October 26th. Robson to consider the possibility of addressing the meeting; if he could not, Joan S. Clarke to be asked.

(2) A sixpenny pamphlet should be written with all possible speed, if an expert author could be found. Joan S. Clarke to consider this. D. N. Chester and Marcus Arman also suggested.

Rent Structure

It was decided that Emeline Cohen should redraft her pamphlet, if possible with the help of an Advisory Group, consisting of D. N. Chester, R. F. George (if willing) and Dick Davies.

Medical Services

The Committee approved a group to follow up the implication of Assumption B of the Beveridge Report, to study the B.M.A. proposals and the contents of the White Paper when issued and to single out certain subjects for full investigation, as a basis for briefing M.P.'s, etc. Dr. D. Stark Murray to prepare a short basic memorandum for discussion by the Group.

Future Work

A full discussion of this and the Committee's terms of reference to be put on the agenda for the next meeting. "Insurance" as a possible item of research should be given serious consideration.

FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP : : : : 11 DARTMOUTH STREET WESTMINSTER LONDON S W 1

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WOMEN'S GROUP and the GUIDING COMMITTEE of the RESEARCH ON WOMEN'S WORK AND WAGES, held on Friday, 1st October 1943 at 5.30 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present: Mrs. Malone (chair), Mrs. Bolton, Miss Bowie, Mrs. Cole, Miss Hart, Mrs. Hughes, Miss Murray, Miss Perkins, Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Thompson.

Apologies from: Miss Hill, Miss Leybourne, Miss Sutherland, Miss Sweet.

Position with regard to research on Women's Work and Wages.

Mrs. Cole reported on the position. Certain criticisms had been raised and it had been thought advisable to call a meeting to review the position. She and Miss Murray had called on Miss Hancock, who had agreed to see Sir Walter Citrine with Miss Loughlin with a view to obtaining co-operation on the industrial side.

With regard to Miss Hill, she had been handicapped by having to start her work on the professional side, the side with which she was least acquainted. The question now was whether she was sufficiently trained as a research worker to be able to handle the work.

Miss Bowie thought not sufficient planning had been done. The Guiding Committee should have met more often.

After some discussion it was decided that what was to be aimed at was the publication of a report, and as this would require experienced writing a full-time experienced research worker should be advertised for in the "New Statesman" and that Miss Anstey of L.S.E. and Mrs. Stocks should be approached for names of suitable workers. Miss Hill was to be told that as the work had turned out to require a more qualified research worker it had been decided to appoint one and to ask her to continue on a part-time basis from month to month and to do the collecting of material.

The Secretary reported that owing to the difficulty of accommodation in the Fabian offices she had had enquiries made about a room outside and there was one available at 11, Old Queen Street, S.W.1. at a rent of £75 per annum including lighting, heating, cleaning and use of furniture and typewriter. The secretary said she was willing to guarantee the rent for a period of six months as she considered it was necessary that a room should be available for a full-time research worker.

The full committee was to be called to appoint a new Guiding Committee after a full-time research worker had been appointed.

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A Meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at the Fabian Society, 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Tuesday, 26th October, 1943, at 6 p.m.

A G E N D A

- (1) Consideration of applications received for post of research worker.
- (2) Election of representative to Standing Joint Committee.
- (3) Secretary's report re action taken by her with regard to Domestic Service meeting.

Agnis Murray, Hon. Secretary

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WOMEN'S GROUP
11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

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FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP :::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET WESTMINSTER LONDON SW 1

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WOMEN'S GROUP held on Tuesday, 26th October, 1943, at 6 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present: Mrs. Malone (chair), Miss Bowie, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Hughes, Miss Murray, Miss Perkins, Miss Sutherland.

Apology received from Mrs. Pollard.

Minutes signed.

Women's Work and Wages. Mrs. Cole reported having been in touch with Dame Anne Loughlin and Miss Hancock and that Sir Walter Citrine had as yet not been consulted.

The Secretary submitted applications for the advertised post of Research Worker. An interviewing committee consisting of Miss Bowie, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Malone and Miss Murray was appointed to interview candidates on Wednesday, 3rd November.

Representative on Standing Joint Committee. Mrs. Malone was nominated as representative for Fabian Women's Group and also as Vice-Chairman of the Standing Joint Committee.

Monthly meetings. Secretary reported that owing to difficulty of obtaining a speaker the November meeting had had to be cancelled. It was agreed that the December discussion should have as its subject Jobs For All - Women Included and that Barbara Wootton should be asked to open the discussion, the alternatives being John Parker and Margaret Cole. The meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 8th, at 6 p.m.

January meeting. Agreed to ask Miss Freda Miller of the American Embassy to talk on America.

Fabian Society Finances. Mrs. Cole reported that a special appeal was being sent to all Fabian members to help with donations. Agreed that Women's Group members be circulated with appeal.

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A special meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at the Fabian Society, 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Tuesday next, November 9th, 1943, at 6 p.m.

A G E N D A

Report of the Interviewing Committee
on Research Worker.

Agnes Murray,
Hon. Secretary, Women's Group

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

A meeting of the HOME RESEARCH COMMITTEE
will be held on Tuesday, 12th October, 1943,
at 4 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, London, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- (1) Minutes.
- (2) Report on the Executive Committee's
decisions on Home Research (attached)
and on action since taken.
- (3) Terms of Reference
- (4) Chairman's Memorandum on Home Research
- (5) Local Society Research

Jack Gray,
Acting Secretary,
Home Research Department

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the HOME RESEARCH COMMITTEE held at 11, Dartmouth Street, London, S.W.1 on Tuesday, October 12th, 1943, at 4 p.m.

Present: G. R. Mitchison (Chair), Mildred Bamford, Margaret Colo, Hugh Franklin, W. G. Fiske, Oliver Gollancz, Rita Hindon, John Parker, W.A. Robson, Dick Davies, Jack Gray (Acting Secretary).

1 MINUTES, SUPPLEMENT TO THE MINUTES, AND THE REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS. These were received.

2 REPORT ON ACTION SINCE TAKEN

(a) Medical Services. Gray reported that, as the research worker in view had proved unsuitable for this purpose, the group could not be started on present lines. It was agreed that the Social Security Sub-Committee should be asked to continue with the non-research side of this work and to take steps to create a working group if possible. It was stressed that research work need not necessarily be done by a medical practitioner.

(b) Education. Proposals for work on this subject had just been received from Grace Leybourne. They were remitted to the proposed research group for discussion and report in the first instance.

(c) Costs of Reconstruction. On a re-statement of Gray's report to the Executive Committee, it was decided that he should follow up Pakonham's private suggestions, making it clear that the Committee desire independence of investigation, freedom to publish and consultation on any use made of Fabian work in the Full Employment enquiry.

(d) Distribution. Discussion postponed until Dr. Barou was able to report on the current position.

3 TERMS OF REFERENCE

(a) Of Home Research Committee. Revised terms were to be drawn up in the office, approved by the Emergency Committee (see below) and sent by post to members of the Home Research Committee for comment.

(b) Of the Social Security Sub-Committee. This Sub-Committee should be asked to formulate its own terms of reference and suggestions for immediate future work to next meeting.

(c) Of the Economics Sub-Committee. To avoid duplication with the research of the Industrial Group, it was recommended that this Sub-Committee should accept as its broad terms of reference "An application of economic thought to Socialist problems" - the office to draft a form of words.

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(d) Of the Industrial Group. Present terms of reference were laid on the table, with an addendum by the Group Secretary. This wording of the document on the table should be altered to clarify the fact that the Group approached the transition to Socialism primarily from the point of view of those interested in industry (including the consumers of its products), rather than from a theoretical angle. Gray and Fisko to find a precise wording to submit to the Home Research Committee. The Group Secretary addendum was considered too sweeping as it was phrased. It was agreed that the Group would have to consider problems of administration of socialised industry; but it was pointed out that any general discussion upon the machinery of government would have to go beyond the scope of the Group and must be discussed again.

4 EMERGENCY COMMITTEE. An Emergency Committee consisting of the Chairman, G. R. Mitchison, Margaret Cole, Rita Hindon, John Parker and Jack Gray, was set up to deal with any matter of importance which required prompt attention between meetings of the Home Research Committee. Mildred Bamford was to be consulted when necessary.

5 GRANTS FOR HOME RESEARCH WORK. Agreed that no grant be accepted without the approval of the Home Research Committee or of the Emergency Committee as above. It was decided to suggest to the Executive Committee that it consider raising of funds by different departments of the Society, in order to prevent overlapping of requests.

6 THE CHAIRMAN'S MEMORANDUM ON FUTURE RESEARCH

(a) Ministry of Food Group. The proposal to enquire into the position of the Ministry after the war was welcomed and Dr. Le Gros Clark's offer to conduct the enquiry was received with gratitude. Robson entered a caveat against the setting up of new Ministries without due consideration of the problems of administration in general. Agreed to convey this to Dr. Clark. Appointment of a group to co-operate with Dr. Clark was referred to next meeting; names to be submitted.

(b) Agricultural Policy Group. This, originally a sub-group of the Industrial Group, was, with the agreement of the Secretary of the Industrial Group, transferred so as to be directly responsible to the Home Research Committee.

(c) Machinery of Government. A discussion took place on the possibility of initiating work upon this very wide question. On the suggestion of Robson it was agreed that the staff should draw up a list of Fabians whose present position would qualify them to assist in such an enquiry, with a view to further discussion, at the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 9th, subject to Robson being able to attend.

(a) Housing. Held over.

(c) Research of Local Societies. Held over. It was announced that the Socialist Propaganda Committee would probably be discussing the question in the meantime.

NEXT MEETING. Fixed provisionally for Tuesday, November 9th, at 4.30 p.m.

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FABIAN SOCIETY ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

A meeting of the Home Research Committee will be held on Tuesday, 9th November, 1943, at 4.30 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- (1) Minutes (enclosed)
- (2) Business arising.
- (3) Executive decisions on terms of reference.
- (4) Local research.
- (5) Housing.
- (6) Other business.

Jack Gray
Home Research Secretary

FABIAN SOCIETY 11 DARTMOUTH STREET SW1 ^{Both}

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The meeting of the HOME RESEARCH COMMITTEE originally fixed for Tuesday, November 9th, was postponed, and will take place on Tuesday, 23rd November, 1943, at 4.30 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

It is hoped that as many members as possible will be present on this occasion, and I shall be very pleased if you will let me know whether you can be present. Stamped addressed envelope enclosed.

The agenda sent to you for the original meeting will be followed at this meeting.

Jack Gray,
Home Research Secretary

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Fabian Society, 11, Dartmouth St., S.W.1.
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There will be a meeting of the
Publications Committee on Wednesday,
October 6th at 2.30. p.m. in John
Parker's room.

A G E N D A

- 1) France and Britain, statement by
Mildred Bamford.
 - 2) Empire.
 - 3) Reports
 - (a) On present stocks of pamphlets.
 - (b) On literature printing.
 - ✓ (c) On forthcoming publications.
 - 4) Estimates from Printers for pamphlets
 - 5) Literature with other publishers.
 - 6) Other publishers-policy.
 - ✓ 7) Contacting other Booksellers.
 - 8) Any other business.
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of a Meeting of the Publications Committee held at 2.30 P.M. on Wednesday 6th October, 1943, and continued at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 7th October, 1943, at 11 Dartmouth Street, London S.W.1.

Present: Parker (in the Chair), Mildred Bamford, Gollancz, Gray, James, & Scott.

- 1 A full statement of the position on France & Britain was received and noted. ~~It was decided to exhibit a circular.~~
- 2 Mildred Bamford to approach Smith's through the Free French.
- 3 James to try Charing Cross Road booksellers.
4. Wholesalers to be interviewed.
- 5 Free distribution to Universities.
- 6 A further report was to be received at the December Meeting.
- 7 A report on the position of "Empire" was received and noted. A further report was requested before the December Meeting.
- 8 A report on stocks of pamphlets was received, and the possibilities of a free distribution of the latter to a number were discussed. Gollancz to investigate.
- 9 One thousand "Fabian Society - Past & Present" to be reprinted.
- 10 One thousand "Downing Street & the Colonies" to be reprinted.
 - (a) Designs of covers to be varied, but the colours to remain unaltered. Gollancz to be responsible for colours with an advisory Committee of Parker, Horrabin, and Executive Committee Appointees. The covers to be referred to members of the Publications Committee. The decision to rest with Gollancz and Parker.
 - (b) "Charter for Education" was reported as a 1/- pamphlet. 3500 plus the Commonwealth order were to be printed.
 - (c) Forthcoming publications were reported to be "Small Savings", "Expert & Full Employment", "Facts for Socialists", inclusive of the Commonwealth order. 4000 "Small Savings" and 3500 "Expert Policy" were to be printed.
- 11 Estimates from other printers were received and noted. "Facts for Socialists" to be printed by another firm.
- 12 Decision concerning placing of books with other publishers to be taken by Publications Committee.
- 13 The stencils of Booksellers to be revised. The possibilities of an approach to individual booksellers were discussed.

L. James,
Bookshop Manager.

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

There will be a meeting of the
Economics Sub-Committee at 11, Dartmouth Street,
on Tuesday, 21st September, 1943, at 6 p.m.

A G E N D A.

- (1) Control of Industry.
- (2) International Finance.
- (3) Fabian evidence on Full Employment.
- (4) Facts for Socialists.
- (5) Small Savings.
- (6) Monopoly.
- (7) Costs of Reconstruction.
- (8) Business arising from the Home
Research Committee Meeting.

JACK GRAY.

Acting Secretary.

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

MINUTES of a Meeting of the ECONOMICS COMMITTEE, held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1., on Tuesday, September 21st 1943.

PRESENT Durbin (Chair), Chantler, Joan S. Clarke, Collanz, Kaldor, Reddaway, Gray (Acting Secretary).

APOLOGIES received from Albu, Fiske, Gaitskell, Mitchison, Parker and Tress.

Costs of Reconstruction. £30., had been donated but T. Barna was unable to supervise the research. It was suggested that a meeting of the proposed sub-committee should be called to decide upon the best method of setting the scheme going.

Control of Industry. The chapters on Transport and Agriculture were not yet complete and that on Building was being revised substantially. The meeting of contributors was not being held until all chapters had been circulated to all contributors.

Facts for Socialists. A first draft was completed but awaiting suggested additions. N. Kaldor, G.D.H. Cole, F. Lafitte and R. Tress were appointed to read the script and suggest improvements, if willing.

International Finance. E.F. Schumacher had sent in a first draft containing some material which might not be publishable independently. It was agreed to ask him to bring his draft to the length of a 1/- pamphlet by omitting this material.

Evidence on Full Employment. A draft was now complete but not yet criticized by the group preparing it.

Small Savings. A draft pamphlet of 10,000 words was now ready, Durbin, Tress and Charles Madge suggested as readers to the Executive Committee.

Monopoly. Satisfactory progress reported in initial investigations.

Relations with Industrial Group. It was agreed that close liaison should be kept between the two Committees and that assistance should be given if solicited, e.g., in the proposed research on Distribution. G.D.N. Worswick should be co-opted to the Economics Committee, if willing, and steps might be taken to increase the representation of Economists in the Industrial Group.

Future Work. (To be undertaken if suitable authors are found).

- (1) Economic Reconstruction in Europe. R.W.B. Clarke to be asked to investigate this field, time permitting. Full liaison should be maintained with the International Bureau.
- (2) Economic Future of Germany. E.A. Radice, H. Hillman or B.A. Rahmer to be approached, again in close consultation with the International Bureau.
- (3) The State and Industry in the Future. Suggested authors, T. Balogh, Douglas Jay, Joan Robinson.

22nd October, 1945

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Dear Lady Simon,

It is proposed to recall the Education Committee, which sat during the summer to comment upon Miss Miss Specht's memorandum on the Private School system, in order to discuss possible future lines of research and various aspects of educational reconstruction. The first meeting has been fixed for Wednesday, November 16th, at 4 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1, and I sincerely hope that you will be able to attend.

Because of the general nature of this meeting, we have as yet no fixed agenda. We intend, however, to send out advance copies to each member of the Committee of the pamphlet written recently for the Society by Dr. Grace Laybourne on the Government White Paper and other Reports. The contents of this pamphlet may then act as a basis for discussion at the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Acting Secretary,
Home Research Department

20.11.43. Sent to all Executive & the list on cards.

FABIAN SOCIETY WOMEN'S GROUP ::: 11 DARTMOUTH ST. S W 1

The next meeting will take place at 11, Dartmouth Street, on Wednesday, 8th Dec. at 6 p.m. (Coffee 5.45 p.m.)

Speaker: John Parker, M.P.

Subject: Jobs for All - Women Included.

A. Murray,
Hon. Sec.

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Wednesday, November 10th, 1943, at 4 p.m.

Present: Harold Sheerman (Chair), Mrs. Margaret Cole, Mrs. Barbara Drake, Miss Marjorie Kohn, Dr. Grace Leybourne, Lady Simon, Jack Gray (Secretary)

Apologies received from Roger Arnfelt, Phyllis Doyle, Hugh Franklin, Margaret Yates.

Post Work

Mrs. Cole reported on the completion of the research work by Minna Specht and of the pamphlet "A Few Charter for Education" by Dr. Leybourne.

Training of Teachers

Mrs. Drake was invited to explore the N.U.T. proposals and draw up a list of points which could be profitably embodied in a memorandum for use in Parliamentary debates. Special reference to be made to interim training during the period following immediately upon demobilization.

L.E.A. Scholarships and Bursaries

Dr. Leybourne was asked to draw up a preliminary statement on the type of analysis of present arrangements which could be made with a view to either a second memorandum or a research pamphlet. The office to collect and collate material for this purpose, as far as possible.

Training for Demobilized Soldiers

The Secretary was instructed to ascertain the exact function of Lord Croft's Committee and, if it was prepared to receive evidence, to invite D. R. Davidson to send in anonymously a summary of his proposals.

Fabian Parliamentary Forum

It was decided that the Secretary should approach the Secretary of the Forum, with a view to arranging, if possible, a meeting addressed by Dr. Leybourne on immediate issues arising out of her pamphlet.

JACK GRAY,
Secretary

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10/11/43

A meeting of the Social Security Committee will be held on Friday, November 26th, 1943, at 5.30 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Will you please note the date, as we would particularly like as many members as possible to be present.

Agenda and Minutes of the last meeting to follow.

Jack Gray,
Home Research Secretary.

FABIAN SOCIETY ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

A G E N D A for the meeting of the SOCIAL SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE (previously announced) on Friday, 26th November, 1943, at 5.30 p.m., at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

- (1) Minutes
- (2) Business Arising
 - (a) Wages of Low-Paid Workers
 - (b) Problem of the Aged.
 - (c) Ministry of Social Security
 - (i) Meeting of the Fabian Forum
 - (ii) Pamphlet
 - (d) Rent Structure
 - (e) Medical Services
- (3) Terms of Reference and Future Work

Mrs. Jaon S. Clarke
Secretary

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FABIAN SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE ::: 11 DARTMOUTH
STREET WESTMINSTER S W 1

To members of the Social Security Sub-Committee

The meeting on 26.11.43 has been called primarily to discuss the Committee's future. Mrs. Barbara Wootton is resigning the Chairmanship as she feels unable to devote sufficient time to the Committee's work. I, likewise, cannot function effectively as Honorary Secretary. We have also been asked to tell the Home Research Committee what we see as our future field of work or whether, alternatively, we consider that the Committee should now be wound up.

On November 26th, therefore, we have to discuss three inter-related points:-

- (1) Whether the Committee shall continue to exist.
If the answer is Yes, we must decide:
- (2) The Committee's future field and activities.
This involves discussion of:
 - (a) The scope of possible post-Beveridge Research.
 - (b) Possible co-options to the Committee.
- (3) Chairmanship and source of guidance of the Committee.

It would be helpful if members would consider these points before the meeting.

JOAN S. CLARKE
Hon. Secretary.

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MINUTES of the meeting of the SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1 on Friday, November 26th, 1943, at 5.30 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Barbara Wootton (Chair), Barbara Betts, Margaret Cole, Fred Hughes, G. R. Mitchison, Jack Gray, Joan S. Clarke (Hon. Sec.)

Apologies received from D. N. Chester, Hugh Franklin, Dr. D. Stark Murray, Dr. W. A. Robson, Frank Stilwell.

1 BUSINESS ARISING from the Minutes

(a) Fabian Forum Meeting. Joan S. Clarke to address a meeting on December 22nd, if back from Scotland. The issues taken up to be wider than originally intended and framed in the light of developments arising from the King's speech.

(b) Ministry of Social Security Pamphlet. Joan S. Clarke to ask Joyce Burnham to write it, with assistance from Marcus Arman and Mrs. Clarke herself. The author to be asked for a synopsis first. Dr. Robson and D. N. Chester, it was reported, had agreed to look through the draft.

2 SOCIAL SECURITY BOOK

The announcement that the publishers were considering a reprint was welcomed and contributors invited to send in any amendments made absolutely necessary by the passage of time.

3 FUTURE OF THE COMMITTEE

(a) As neither the Chairman nor the Hon. Secretary felt able to continue in their offices, it was agreed that the Committee should function in the future as a discussion committee, keeping an eye on developments following upon the King's Speech, and making proposals for short and long-term research as the need arises.

(b) The terms of reference of this Committee should be "the Social Structure and administrative changes from the point of view of Social Security." This wording to be submitted to the Home Research Committee and ultimately to the Executive Committee for approval.

(c) Joan S. Clarke was invited to become Chairman of the reconstituted committee and given a few days in which to make a decision. Jack Gray to become Secretary of the Committee, as in the case of all other Sub-Committees of the Home Research Committee.

(d) Mrs. Barbara Wootton was asked to remain a member of the Committee and G. R. Mitchison invited to attend all future meetings.

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FABIAN SOCIETY :: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

There will be a meeting of the SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE on Thursday, January 20th, 1944, at 5.45 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- (1) Minutes (attached)
- (2) Business arising from the Minutes:
 Pamphlet on Ministry of Social Security
- (3) Advance plans for the Beveridge White Paper
- (4) Brief report on work in hand:
 - (i) Rent
 - (ii) Aged
 - (iii) Minimum Wages
 - (iv) Medical Services.
- (5) Proposed work on Allowances in Kind.
- (6) Other business.

JACK GRAY
(Secretary)

FABIAN SOCIETY ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

A G E N D A

For the meeting of the Education Committee
on Tuesday, 21st December, 1943, at 5 p.m. at
11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

- (1) Minutes (enclosed)
- (2) Fabian Forum Meeting
- (3) Interim training of teachers (draft
attached). *
- (4) L.E.A. scholarships
- (5) Vocational Education on demobilisation
- (6) Proposal for enquiry into the failure
of educational plans after the last
war.

* With regard to Item 3, it would be very
helpful to Mrs. Drake if members of the Committee
could send in their comments on her draft to the
Acting Secretary before the above meeting takes
place, so that they may be given consideration
prior to the Committee's discussion on this
item.

Jack Gray,
Acting Secretary

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the EDUCATION COMMITTEE held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Tuesday, December 21st, at 5 p.m.

PRESENT Harold C. Shearman (Chair), Margaret Cole, Phyllis Doyle, Mrs. Barbara Drake, Rita Hinden, Marjorie Kohn, Dr. Grace Leybourne, John Parker, Margaret Yates, Jack Gray (Acting Secretary.)

APOLOGIES received from Roger Armfelt, Lady Simon.

FABIAN FORUM.

The Chairman agreed to ask Professor Tawney to speak at a meeting of the Forum on Tuesday, January 25th at 2.30 p.m.

EMERGENCY RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF TEACHERS.

Mrs. Drake was asked to revise her draft in the light of comments made. The Secretary to follow up the suggestion that investigations be made into the source of the supply of teachers after the war.

EDUCATION BILL.

John Parker reported on parliamentary reactions to the Bill. It was decided to set up a small sub-committee consisting of Yates (Convenor), Cole, Leybourne and Drake with Shearman, Parker and Armfelt as consultants, to examine the Bill, draw up amendments where necessary (bearing in mind the work being done by other bodies in this field,) and discuss the preparation of briefs in support of these amendments. To this end, the sub-committee should follow the Bill through its various preliminary stages.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Through shortage of time this was deferred.

NEXT MEETING.

Committee. Friday January 14th 1944 at 5 p.m.
Sub-Committee on the Bill. Monday January 3rd 1944 at 6 p.m.

FABIAN SOCIETY ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

A G E N D A for the meeting of the EDUCATION
COMMITTEE at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on
Friday, January 14th, 1944, at 5 p.m.

- 1 Minutes (attached)
- 2 Business arising:
 L.E.A. Scholarships
- 3 Education Bill:
 - (a) Report of Sub-Committee on amendments
 and Parliamentary work
 - (b) Possible pamphlets
 - (c) Suggested London conference
- 4 Emergency Recruitment and Training of
 Teachers (revised draft attached)
- 5 Other business

JACK GRAY
Acting Secretary

FABIAN SOCIETY ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

A meeting of the ECONOMICS COMMITTEE will be held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Monday, 13th December, 1943, at 6 p.m. Please note the date and time.

A G E N D A

- (1) Minutes
- (2) Business arising:
 - (a) Costs of Reconstruction.
 - (b) Control of Industry
 - (c) Facts for Socialists
 - (d) Full Employment
 - (e) Monopoly
 - (f) Economic Reconstruction in Europe
 - (g) Economic Future of Germany
 - (h) The State and Industry
- (3) Future work.

Jack Gray
Secretary

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the Economics Committee held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Monday, December 15th, 1943, at 6 p.m.

PRESENT: Durbin (Chair), Chantler, Mitchison, Reddaway, Gray (Secretary)

APOLOGIES received from Albu, Mrs. Clarke, Gollancz, T. Wilson.

MEMBERSHIP: J. H. Wilson was welcomed back to the Committee, and D. Jay invited to become a member.

COSTS OF RECONSTRUCTION. Unless a suitable and willing statistician could be found soon the present scheme should be abandoned.

CONTROL OF INDUSTRY. A meeting of contributors should be called early in February with a view to completing the book by June 30th, 1944. mid-January to be a deadline for the completion and revision of all chapters at present contracted.

FACTS FOR SOCIALISTS. Gray to speed up those comments not yet given and to issue a second draft as soon as possible.

SMALL SAVINGS. The Committee decided to ask the Executive to inform it of any proposal to change a publication from one series to another before final decision was taken.

MONOPOLY. It was reported that this would proceed more rapidly in the New Year as the research workers engaged upon it would then have more time to spare.

ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN EUROPE. Gray to get in touch with R. W. B. Clarke, who is now back in London.

ECONOMIC FUTURE OF GERMANY. Radice and Hillman being unable to write the pamphlet, Mandelbaum is being approached. H. W. Singer and Schunacher suggested as alternatives. The author finally selected should consult as far as possible with Radice, Hillman and Clarke. This and the previous item of research should be kept distinct.

THE STATE AND INDUSTRY. Arrangements were now being made to go ahead with this.

FUTURE WORK AND SUGGESTED AUTHORS, (subject to further discussion by the Chairman and Secretary):
Structural Unemployment. D. Jay to be asked to suggest an author.
Geographical Planning. Sir E. D. Simon to be asked to suggest an author.
Control of International Investment. J. E. Meade.
A Fabian Considers 'Food, Homes and Work.' (Tract). G. D. H. Cole
The Future of the Engineering Industry. M. Postan.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Home Research Committee held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Tuesday, November 23rd, 1943, at 4 p.m.

Present: G. E. Mitchison (chair), Dr. W. A. Robson, Mildred Bamford, Margaret Cole, W.G.Piske, Oliver Gallanz, Rita Hinden, Jack Gray (Secretary).

Apologies received from Austen Albu, Dr. N. Barou, E.F.M.Darbin, Hugh Franklin.

1. Minutes of the Home Research Committee and of the Education Sub-Committee. These were received.
2. Business Arising.
 - (a) Medical Services Group. The question as to whether this Group should be directly responsible to the Home Research Committee or the Social Security Sub-Committee was postponed until the latter had considered the terms of reference.
 - (b) Distribution Group. Discussion deferred once more pending a report by Dr. Barou on action taken.
 - (c) Ministry of Food Group. The list of suggested members (Dr. Le Gros Clark, Paul Yates, Philip Chantler, Rev.G.S. Woods,M.P., George Bishop, Professor J.R.Harrack) was approved.
 - (d) Agricultural Policy Group. The Secretary to ask this group to:-
 - (i) Submit a statement of its scope at present.
 - (ii) Consider the possibility of a memorandum relating agricultural policy to rural planning in general.
 - (iii) To explore the available means of bringing local information to bear upon its work.
 - (e) Machinery of Government. This was deferred until suitable personnel could be found. It was decided not to proceed with a separate enquiry into problems of electoral reform.
3. Local Society Research. The Chairman to draft a circular letter inviting local societies to co-operate, if able, in a simple survey of housing problems. The letter should state clearly what information is required and point out the full extent of difficulties involved.
4. Public Enterprise. Dr. Robson told the Committee that this successful book was being revised and brought up to date under his supervision on the proposal of the publishers to reprint. It was agreed that he should seek assistance from the Home Research Department when desired.
5. Gas. A proposal for research on the gas industry was received from the London Gas, Light and Coke Co. (through Mr. Leslie Hardern). The Committee welcomed the proposal as such, with the proviso that any pamphlet produced should be constructive and not narrative, but did not commit itself to accepting a grant. John Parker to follow up the proposals with Hardern, keeping in touch with the Industrial Group.
6. Reconstruction - Then & Now. Margaret Cole's suggestion for a short pamphlet summarizing and accounting for the failure of official reconstruction proposals immediately after the last war was welcomed provided that a suitable author could be found.
7. Next Meeting. Not before the New Year. Date to be fixed later.

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FABIAN SOCIETY ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

A G E N D A for the meeting of the Home
Research Committee on Wednesday, 19th January,
1944, at 4.30 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

- 1 Minutes (attached)
- 2 Business arising:
 - (a) Distribution
 - (b) Agricultural Policy Group
 - (c) Gas
 - (d) Reconstruction - Then and Now
- 3 Report from Sub-Committees (on the table):
 - (a) Social Security
 - (b) Economics
 - (c) Education
- 4 Housing:
 - (a) Suggested pamphlet
 - (b) Local Society Research (notes attached)
- 5 Co-operative Centenary pamphlet
- 6 Royal Commission on Population
- 7 Other business

JACK GRAY
Secretary

MINUTES of Meeting of the Home Research Committee held
on Wednesday, January 10th 1944, at 4.30 p.m.

Present Mitchison (Chair), Albu, Mrs. Clarke, Fiske
Franklin, Gollancz, Dr. Robson, Gray (Secretary).

Apologies received from Dr. Barou, Mrs. Cole, Dr. Hinden,
Parker.

(1) MINUTES.

These were received.

(2) BUSINESS ARISING.

(a) Distribution. It was recommended that the group should
in future concentrate upon specific parts of this field
and discuss problems of distribution in each class of
goods despatched - provided that personnel is available.

(b) Agriculture Policy Group. A verbal report of decisions
taken at its initial meeting in Oxford was received.
The group had agreed to plan its material with a view
to publication eventually in book form.

(c) Gas. It was reported that Silcox, editor of the "Gas
World" had, following a discussion with Hardern,
Chantler, Dr. Robson and himself, offered to draft a
pamphlet for discussion by a group consisting of the
above. The Society was not committed to publish. Dr.
Robson agreed to ask Silcox for a synopsis prior to
writing the draft.

(d) Reconstruction, Then and Now. John Atkins' offer to
draft a Tract, with assistance in the preparation of
material, was accepted.

(3) REPORT FROM SUB-COMMITTEES.

This was accepted. The Economics Committee and the
Industrial Group were asked to consider the formation of
a group of modern problems of Transport.

(4) ROYAL COMMISSION ON POPULATION.

It was decided not to take definite action until more was
known about the future procedure of the Commission and the
plans of other bodies working in this field. It was, however,
recommended that the Executive should sanction the establish-
ment when practicable of a group to discuss the possibility
of submitting evidence of a suitable nature to the Commission
or to one of the Technical Committees it was proposed to set
up. Suggested names: Dr. W.A. Robson, Mrs. Barbara Drake,
Mrs. Molly Bolton, Mrs. Joan Clarke and R.F. George.

(5) OTHER BUSINESS

This was deferred, including items 4 and 5 on the Agenda.

(6) DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

No decision was taken.

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the Education Committee held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Friday, January 14th, 1944.

Present Harold Shearman (Chair), Phyllis Doyle, Mrs. Barbara Drake, Hugh Franklin, Lady Simon, Margaret Yates, Dick Davies, Jack Gray (Acting Secretary).

Apologies received from Roger Armfelt, Mrs. Margaret Cole, Marjorie Kohn.

(1) MINUTES.

These were received.

(2) L.E.A. SCHOLARSHIPS.

After a report on material obtained to date, it was agreed that a thorough Statistical Survey is necessary, if useful results are to be obtained.

(3) EDUCATION BILL.

- a) R.H. Tawney had agreed to speak to the Fabian Parliamentary Forum on January 25th.
- b) Lady Simon reported briefly on the amendments drawn up by the sub-committee. It was agreed that these should be circulated to members of the full committee, if possible, before being used in Parliament.
- c) The proposal for a short London Conference on this Bill and problems arising from it was approved.

(4) EMERGENCY RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF TEACHERS.

The revised draft of Mrs. Drake's memorandum was received and it was decided to use her material in connection with the Parliamentary work of the Committee.

(5) DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

No decision was made.

A meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at the Fabian Society, 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Thursday, 27th January, 1944, at 5.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

- (1) To consider progress on the work on Women's Work and Wages and further arrangements.
- (2) Correspondence
- (5) To consider list of speakers from Women's Group who can speak at meetings.

Agnes Murray, Hon. Sec.

 FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP ;;; 11 DARTMOUTH STREET WESTMINSTER LONDON S W 1

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the WOMEN'S GROUP held on Thursday, 27th January, 1944, at 5.30 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present: Mrs. Malone (Chair), Mrs. Bolton, Miss Bowie, Jack Gray, Miss Hill, Mrs. Hughes, Miss Loeb, Miss Perkins, Mrs. Pollard, Miss Murray (Secretary)

Apologies from Mrs. Drake and Mrs. Thompson.

Letters of sympathy. Secretary was instructed to write a letter to Margaret Cole on her illness with best wishes for recovery, and to Grace Leybourne on the death of her husband.

Women's Work and Wages.

Miss Loeb and Miss Hill reported on the work accomplished and on the work in hand.

It was suggested that the report on the Civil Service should be published as a separate pamphlet. It was decided that the Secretary and Miss Loeb should see Miss Strachey and find out details of the Civil Service Campaign for Equal Pay and consult her as to whether the publishing of this report would be of use.

A letter from Margaret Cole was read suggesting that certain individuals should be approached for help with the expense of the work in hand. This was agreed.

Help for Housewives.

The Secretary reported that a member of the Fabian Society had written a book on "Help for Housewives" and was interested to know whether members of the Women's Group would like to collaborate with him. It was agreed that the manuscript should be sent to Mary Sutherland for her comments.

List of Speakers

It was decided to circularise all members of the Women's Group and invite them to send in their names if willing to speak, as the organiser of speakers for the Fabian Society was constantly having requests for speakers on women's subjects.

FABIAN SOCIETY WOMEN'S GROUP ::: 11 DARTMOUTH ST.S W 1

The next meeting will take place at 11, Dartmouth Street, on Friday, March 17th, at 6 p.m. (Coffee at 5.45. p.m.)

Speaker: Mrs. Molly Bolton, L.C.C.

Subject: The County of London Plan

A. Murray,
Hon. Sec.

FABIAN SOCIETY 11 DARTMOUTH STREET SW1

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A meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at the Fabian Society, 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Wednesday, 22nd March, 1944, at 5.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

- (1) Report from Miss Loeb and Miss Hill on progress of research work.
- (2) Financial position
- (3) Consideration of publication of book "Help for Housewives."

Agnes Murray, Hon. Sec.

FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET WESTMINSTER S W 1

MINUTES of meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the WOMEN'S GROUP held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Wednesday, 22nd March, 1944, at 6 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Malone (Chair), Mrs. Drake, Miss Bowie, Miss Hill, Mrs. Hughes, Miss Loeb, Miss Perkins, Mrs. Pollard, Miss Murray (Secretary).

Apologies for absence received from Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Thompson.

Minutes of last meeting approved.

Assistant Secretary. The Hon. Secretary reported that she had been receiving considerable secretarial assistance from Miss Perkins and proposed that Miss Perkins should be asked to act as Assistant Secretary. This was carried unanimously and Miss Perkins agreed.

Nursery Schools. The Secretary had received a letter from the secretary of the Women's Group on Public Welfare asking for support for certain resolutions with regard to the Care and Education of Children under Seven. It was decided to invite a representative from the Women's Group on Public Welfare to open a discussion on the subject on Friday, 21st April.

Research workers' report. Miss Hill and Miss Loeb reported that the work on the Civil Service, Local Government and Teachers was now completed, but that though the material on the Social Services and Women's Police was collected it was not as yet written up. To complete the whole report would take at least another three weeks. It was agreed that when the report was completed a copy should immediately be sent to Miss Hancock and that the Consultative Research Committee should be called to decide what use was to be made of the material.

Further employment of research workers. It was agreed that until a decision had been made by the T.U.C. with regard to facilities for collecting facts on the industrial side it would not be possible to continue employing the research workers. Miss Hill and Miss Loeb both agreed that their employment should be suspended and expressed their willingness to take up the work again should it be possible to continue with the industrial side.

The Committee expressed their gratitude to Miss Hill and Miss Loeb for their work and for their offer to continue if possible.

Help for Housewives. Mr. Douglas Smith was called in to discuss the draft of his book "Help for Housewives," and it was decided that the Women's Group should not sponsor this book.

Corrected 19.

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FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S.W.1

The next Discussion Meeting will take place
at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Friday, 21st
April, 1944, at 6 p.m. (Coffee: 5.45 p.m.).

Speaker: Miss M. L. Harford, Secretary of
Women's Group on Public Welfare.

Subject: Care and Education of Children
up to Seven Years of Age.

It was not possible to advertise this meeting
in the April "Fabian News," but it is hoped that
this notice will be in time for you to be able to
arrange to attend.

Agnes Murray,
Hon. Secretary

FABIAN SOCIETY :: 11 DARTMOUTH ST. LONDON S W 1

A G E N D A

for the meeting of the Education Committee
(previously announced) at 11 Dartmouth St.,
S.W.1., on Tuesday, March 28th, 1944, at 5pm.

1. Minutes (attached)
2. Business arising
3. Report of sub-committee on the Bill
4. Report of Conference: "Education -
What Next?"
5. Discussion on Future Work

In view of the importance of item 5,
we are particularly anxious that as many
members as possible will come.

JACK GRAY
Secretary

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the EDUCATION COMMITTEE held at 11, Dartmouth Street, B.W.1. on Tuesday, March 28th, 1944, at 5 p.m.

Present: Harold C. Shearman (Chair), Mrs. Barbara Drake, Lady Simon, Dr. Margaret Yates, Jack Gray (Secretary).

Apologies received from Mrs. Margaret Cole, Phyllis Doyle, Hugh Franklin, Dr. Grace Leybourne, John Parker.

1 Minutes. These were received.

2 Report of sub-Committee on the Bill. A short preliminary report was given on progress to date, prior to a full report at the end of the Committee stage in the House. The Committee's work to continue, if practicable, when the Bill goes before the House of Lords.

3 Report on Conference. This was cancelled in view of the small numbers present.

4 Work in hand

(a) L.E.A. Scholarships. Lady Simon agreed to look through the material collected and prepare a memorandum later in the summer with a view to publication.

(b) Private Schools. Margaret Yates agreed to cut down the draft to 17,000 words and amend for publication as a 1/- Research Pamphlet.

(c) Emergency Training of Teachers. Mrs. Drake to work ^{her memorandum} into an article for the July issue of Fabian quarterly. The Committee to consider the McFair long-term proposals as soon as they are published.

5 Future work. The Committee was asked to consider the possibilities of research into the following subjects and to recommend to the secretary suitable personnel:

(a) Provision of School buildings under the Bill.

(b) Technical Education: a wide survey, covering junior technical schools, technical colleges, university courses and Young People's Colleges.

6 Next meeting. Date not fixed.

FABIAN SOCIETY :: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

There will be a meeting of the ECONOMICS
COMMITTEE at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on
Tuesday, April 25th, 1944, at 6 p.m.

A G E N D A

- (1) Minutes (attached) and business
arising.
- (2) Report on work in hand
- (3) Proposed conference on "The state
and the Control of Industry":
consideration of program.
(Chairman's suggestions attached)
- (4) Discussion on future work.

Jack Gray
Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the ECONOMICS COMMITTEE held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1 on Tuesday, 25th April, 1944, at 6 p.m.

Present: Durbin (Chair), Chantler, Mrs. Clarke, Flanders, Gollancz, Roddaway, Tross, J. H. Wilson, Gray (Secretary)

Apology received from Albu.

(1) REPORT ON WORK IN HAND

Cost of Reconstruction. A guiding committee was now in being, and Research investigation by Mrs. E. Clark was proceeding satisfactorily. Up to date she was confining herself to the cost of Health, Education and Housing.

Industrial Controls and the Future. A further revision of chapters was reported to be in progress following two lengthy discussions by contributors on completed drafts. Those and the Introductory chapter were expected soon. The Committee agreed that all possible steps should be taken to speed up the writing of the concluding chapter.

Monopoly. All material prepared had been passed on to the author.

State and Industry Draft expected soon.

Economic Integration in Europe) No author had been found for either
The Economic Future of Germany) pamphlet and the International
Bureau had requested (1) that its Chairman, Leonard Woolf, should approach M. Kalcecki concerning the first project, (2) that they should ask E. F. Schumacher to draft a document on Germany at a later date if he possibly could. Gray was asked to keep a watch on developments and report back to the Committee.

Control of International Investment. An anonymous draft was in preparation.

(2) SUGGESTED CONFERENCE ON THE STATE AND THE FUTURE OF INDUSTRY

The proposals were approved with a modified program as follows:
1st session: The Socialist Program: Short-term objectives.
2nd session: The Socialist Program: Transforming Wartime Controls.
3rd session: Industrial Management and Efficiency.
4th session: Summing up.

(3) FUTURE WORK

The Future of the Engineering Industry. Consideration of proposals relating to this subject was postponed pending developments expected soon.

Structural Unemployment. H. A. Marquand to be approached if none of the present possibilities proves fruitful.

Geographical (Town and Country) Planning. Gray to approach T. Daysh for active assistance or for suggestions re possible authors and to bear in mind the possibility of a group if a single author could not be found.

A Fabian Considers 'Food, Homes and Work'. This to be abandoned temporarily but taken up again if circumstances become more propitious.

World Resources and Shortages. Gray to explore the possibilities of making a survey and proposals for dealing with shortages either through, in conjunction with, or independently of the International Bureau. P. L. Yates to be approached for suggestions.

Economic Development of Backward Peoples. R. W. B. Clarke, M. Kalcecki, E. F. Schumacher or T. Balogh to be approached and co-operation with the two Bureaus invited.

MINUTES of meeting of the HOME RESEARCH COMMITTEE held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Tuesday, 2nd May, 1944, at 4.30 p.m.

Present: Mitchison (Chair), Mrs. Clarke, Fiske, Franklin, Gollancz, Parker, Dr. Robson, Gray (Secretary)

Apologies received from: Mrs. Bamford, Mrs. Cole, Flanders.

- (1) MINUTES. These were approved. Matters arising:
 - (a) Gas Group. Dr. Robson gave a short report on the group's discussions to date, and the synopsis for the proposed pamphlet (on the table) was approved.
 - (b) Reconstruction - Then and Now. A considerable amount of material was being prepared but it was no longer certain that the author would be able to write it up. The Committee recommended that it should be a Research pamphlet but reserved further decisions until the question of authorship had been decided.
 - (c) Agricultural Policy Group. A detailed verbal report of the aims, activities and membership of the Group was received.
 - (d) Population Group. Dr. Robson reported on the establishment and progress to date of the Group.
- (2) CO-OPERATIVE CENTENARY PAMPHLET. A draft had now been received from Dr. Barou and was being amended and reduced to the size of a shilling pamphlet in the light of comments made to the Executive by G.D.H.Cole.
- (3) HOUSING. The Chairman agreed to complete a draft as soon as possible.
- (4) REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES. (on the table). These were accepted. On the report of the Social Security Committee; (a) it was pointed out that this Committee had not met recently because of the delay in the appearance of the White Paper on Social Security, (b) no decision was taken following the report of Dr. Robson as Executive reader on "Fabian Guide to the Health Plan", pending receipt of comments from Dr. Somerville Hastings.
- (5) Suggestions for future work:
 - (a) Delegated Legislation No action to be taken
 - (b) Local Government) at present.
 - (c) The Emergency Welfare Services and the future. The Chairman to make enquiries into the possibilities of research on this subject in the near future.
- (6) HOME RESEARCH MEETING. As most members of the Committee had by this time left, it was decided to leave detailed consideration of this to the Chairman and appropriate members of the staff.
- (7) NEXT MEETING. No date fixed.

FABIAN SOCIETY ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

There will be an emergency meeting of the
ECONOMICS COMMITTEE at 11, Dartmouth Street,
S.W.1. on Tuesday, 27th June, 1944, at 6 p.m.

No formal agenda is being circulated. The
main purpose is to discuss the possibility of
drawing up a statement on the Government's and
Sir William Beveridge's full employment proposals;
also what form such a statement might take.

Minutes of the last meeting are attached; it
is hoped to continue the discussion of future
work, which was not completed at that meeting.

Jack Gray
Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the ECONOMICS COMMITTEE held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Tuesday, 27th June, 1944, at 6 p.m.

Present: Durbin (Chair), Chantler, Clarke, Mrs. Clarke, Fiske, Flanders, Gollancz, Reddaway, Tress, H. Wilson, Gray (Secretary).

Apology from Albu.

(1) REPORT ON WORK IN HAND

Cost of Reconstruction. Proceeding satisfactorily.

Industrial Controls. All chapters revised, except Cotton, and most accepted. R. W. B. Clarke agreed to make a draft of the last chapter.

Monopoly. The author had apologised for delay due to illness, but hoped to complete it by the end of the year.

State and Industry. To be published early July.

Economic Integration in Europe) As the proposals of the
Economic Future of Germany) International Bureau had not borne fruit, no further action should be taken pending the drawing up of a Fabian Research Plan.

Control of International Investment. Current draft not satisfactory. E. F. Schumacher to be asked to write a "follow up" to his previous pamphlet.

Future of the Engineering Industry. F. A. Cobb to be approached, if Postan was unable to do anything further.

Structural Unemployment. (1) Margaret Stewart or (2) Pelly Hill to be asked to write a pamphlet under the guidance already promised.

Planning. A possible author had been found to examine the new Bill and White Paper critically in the light of the Uthwatt and Scott proposals and to retrace the framework essential for planning.

World Resources and Shortages. An outline scheme on food resources, prepared for the International Bureau, was received.

Economic Development of Backward Peoples. Arthur Lewis to be asked to assist as far as possible.

(2) STATE AND INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

Details of the Conference program were received.

(3) FULL EMPLOYMENT

It was decided to go ahead with a pamphlet examining the White Paper critically in the light of the Beveridge proposals (when published) and the Group of Fabians' proposals.

(4) FIVE-YEAR RESEARCH PLAN

The Chairman's suggestions to be circulated immediately to members for comments and suggested amendments.

FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP :: 11 DARTMOUTH ST.S.W.11

A meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at the Fabian Society, 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Monday, 19th June, 1944, at 5.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

To consider line of action to be taken at meeting of Research Committee on Women's Work and Wages on Thursday, 22nd June.

Agnes Murray,
Hon. Sec.

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FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET WESTMINSTER LONDON S W 1

MINUTES of meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the WOMEN'S GROUP held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Monday, 19th June, 1944, at 6 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Malone (Chair), Miss Bowie, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Hughes, Miss Perkins, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Murray (Secretary).

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Drake and Miss Sutherland.

- 1 Minutes of last meeting. The Minutes were passed with the amendment that the last paragraph Help for Housewives should be altered to read as follows: Mr. Douglas Smith was called in to discuss the draft of his book "Help for Housewives." It was agreed that the amended copy which he submitted should be considered by Mrs. Cole, Miss Sutherland and the Secretary, who should decide whether it then covered the recommendations which had been made and whether the Women's Group could sponsor it.

Arising out of the Minutes the Secretary reported that Mr. Douglas Smith's book had not been considered to be a publication which the Group could sponsor, and Mr. Smith had been informed.

- 2 Procedure to be followed at full meeting of Research Committee to be held on Thursday, 22nd June:

Expenditure to be reported on and explained.

Position with regard to T.U.C. if answer is received from Miss Handock (who Secretary is to contact before Thursday) to be explained.

Report on Women's Work and Wages to be taken chapter by chapter.

The Chairman to make a statement to the effect that the Women's Group intends to indicate to the Royal Commission on Equal Pay that it wishes to give evidence before them based on the report.

- 3 Discussion on Evidence. Suggestion agreed that a committee of four should be appointed from the Women's Group Executive to put the report into a suitable form to be used as evidence and that this committee or members of it should present the evidence to the Royal Commission. When the evidence is in a suitable form the Committee suggest that this should be circulated to all organisations who contributed and that it might be published as a pamphlet or small book. Names suggested for Committee: Miss Bowie, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Thompson. A short Executive to be held on Thursday after the Research Committee to decide definitely on the members of the Evidence Committee.
- 4 Correspondence. The Secretary reported that she had a letter from Mrs. Fethick-Lawrence suggesting that the Women's Group should do research on the number of unmarried women who had dependants. Decided that Mrs. Fethick-Lawrence should be contacted to discuss the matter further.

There will be a meeting of the
EDUCATION COMMITTEE on Wednesday, August
2nd, 1944, at 5 p.m., 11 Dartmouth Street,
S.W.1.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes (attached) and matters arising.
2. Report on work in hand.
3. Future work:
 - a) Proposed pamphlet, "The Education Bill (Act): How to Make the Best of It".
 - b) Report from the Research Planning Committee.
 - c) Other proposals.

Jack Gray,
Secretary.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Owing to the probability of a small attendance, it was felt to be not worth while holding the meeting fixed for August 2nd in view of the important items on the Agenda.

The meeting has accordingly been postponed until

WEDNESDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER, 1944, at
5 p.m.

Each member is asked to make a note of this date and to make every effort to be present.

There will be no change in the Agenda.

Jack Gray
Home Research Secretary

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FABIAN SOCIETY :: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET LONDON S W 1

MINUTES of a meeting of the EDUCATION COMMITTEE held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Wednesday, 6th September, 1944, at 5 p.m.

Present Mr. Shearman (chair), Mrs. Drake, Dr. Leybourne-White, Lady Simon, Dr. Yates, Jack Gray (Sec.)

Apologies from Mr. Amfelt and Mrs. Cole.

1 Private Schools Though cut down to the length of a pamphlet, this document had not received favourable comments from readers. In view of this it was decided not to publish it in its present form. After some discussion it was agreed to sponsor a pamphlet on the private schools, which would be up-to-date, would take the Fleming Committee's Report and Part III of the Act into consideration, resort to the original objective of a 'common school', and draw freely upon the factual material already prepared. Mrs. Drake agreed to draft the pamphlet after Christmas.

2 The Education Act: How To Make The Best Of It Lady Simon's outline was discussed, amplified and approved. She consented to delay drafting for some weeks, in case some of the government regulations promised before April 1st, 1944, were issued in the near future. The Committee agreed, though, to meet before the end of November to discuss a draft, with a view to publication early in the New Year.

3 Scholarships Material Dr. Leybourne-White, Lady Simon, Dr. Yates, and Jack Gray to meet later in the month and discuss what to do with this.

4 Next Meeting In November. Date to be fixed later.

FABIAN SOCIETY ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

ECONOMICS COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the Committee on

WEDNESDAY, 1st NOVEMBER, 1944, at 6 p.m.

at 11, Dartmouth Street.

Minutes of the last meeting are attached;
later there will be available a short report of
decisions made by the Research Planning Committee
on the future of our economic and industrial
research.

Will members please initial and return the
enclosed reply note if they can manage the date?

Jack Gray
Secretary
14.10.44

MINUTES of a meeting of the ECONOMICS COMMITTEE held at 11, Dartmouth Street on Wednesday, 1st November, 1944, at 6 p.m.

Present: Dr. H. Chamberlain, Mrs. Clark, Edwards, Flanders, Gollancz, Kaidor, J. H. Wilson, Young, Gray (Secretary)

Apologies: Albu, Clarke, Tress, T. Wilson, Worswick.

(1) NEW MEMBERS L. John Edwards was welcomed to the Committee. At the suggestion of the Research Planning Committee, Ian Mikardo and David Worswick were also co-opted.

(2) REPORT ON WORK IN HAND

(a) Cost of Reconstruction A first pamphlet, limited to the cost of social services only, to be drafted as soon as possible.

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(f) Employment Policy Question and Answer pamphlet, on the Beveridge Report and the White Paper, in preparation.

(g) Coal Industry Book in preparation.

(3) REPORT FROM RESEARCH PLANNING COMMITTEE on the future work of the Economics Committee. This was received and its recommendations accepted, i.e. to give priority to (a) the fundamental theory of socialism and economic planning, (b) statistical studies, (c) the relation of the State to industry not yet socialised. Socialisation studies would be undertaken if qualified people became available to do them.

P.T.O.

NEXT MEETING Wednesday, 15th November, at 6 p.m. to discuss the remaining suggestions for future work.

(4) FUTURE WORK --- Section A of the Chairman's suggestions were fully discussed and the following decisions taken:

A.1 Marxist economic thought A longish pamphlet on a wider theme, "A Socialist Guide to Modern Economic Thought", should be written for popular consumption. It should take modern Marxist ideas in its stride and compare them with "orthodox" lines of thought. Suggested authors: (1) Joan Robinson, (2) H. D. Dickenson, (3) John Strachey.

A.2 Economic Planning and Social Ownership R. W. B. Clarke to be invited to write a pamphlet on the long-term aspects of this theme when the draft of his final chapter of the book on Industrial Controls had been received.

A.3 Economic Planning and Political Liberty No decision to be made until Barbara Wootton's book comes out.

A.4-5. Pricing - Costing - Cost Accountancy These subjects to be tackled together by a Group of economists and accountants. Tom Wilson to be invited to convene, Fletcher, R. S. Edwards and Kaldor to join, and R. W. B. Clarke, Gaitskell and H. W. Singer to be consulted.

A.6 Changing Class Structure To be linked with D.6-7 and become largely statistical, giving a comprehensive survey of changes in ownership of income and property, industrial classifications, and class structure proper. Suggested authors (1) Mark Abrams, (2) D. Caradog-Jones. Failing these, Durbid to ask A. M. Carr-Saunders' advice.

A.7 Training for Industrial Control. D. N. Chester to be asked to suggest an author

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MINUTES of meeting of WOMEN'S WORK AND WAGES RESEARCH COMMITTEE held on Thursday, 22nd June, 1944, at 6.30 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present: Mrs. Malone (Chair), Miss Bowie, Miss Godwin, Miss Hart, Miss Hill, Mrs. Hughes, Miss Jeeves, Miss Lockhart, Miss Loeb, Mrs. E.V. Parker, Miss Perkins, Mrs. Pollard, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Murray (Secretary)

Apologies received from Mrs. Cole, Miss Elliott, Miss Leybourne, Miss Peake.

Consideration of the Report on Women's Work and Wages, resulting from the work of Miss Hill and Miss Loeb, which had been previously circulated to all members of the Committee, was the reason for this meeting.

The Chairman desired that in considering the report page by page all minor corrections as to style and small inaccuracies should be reserved for sending in by post, to save time, and that attention should be confined to definite errors, omissions or differences of opinion.

The report was then considered page by page and various points agreed as stated below, but before getting to the end of the report it was decided to discuss wider matters as one or two members had to leave.

Quality of Report: Miss Godwin thought it an excellent document, and considered that the first chapter would give a clear picture of Civil Service conditions to anyone not familiar with the Civil Service. She also thought it would make an excellent pamphlet, as it would be very useful for reference purposes to have such information available all in one place. Mrs. Parker considered that the section on teachers was remarkably well done and was astonished that such an accurate picture of the teaching profession could be made by someone outside it. Miss Jeeves said that her Union (P.O.B.U.) were disappointed that nothing had been done on the industrial side. It was explained that the Women's Group themselves were extremely disappointed regarding this fact, as the original object had been to compare the industrial with the professional conditions, but there had been difficulties regarding collaboration of the T.U.C. It was appreciated that the T.U.C. might themselves wish to make the industrial investigations to use as their evidence to the Royal Commission on Equal Pay, but the opinion was expressed that possibly the T.U.C. would not desire to give evidence in such detail and might be content to enunciate broad details. Miss Murray stated that she would try once more to get definite information from the T.U.C.

Use to which Report should be put: After discussion it was decided that irrespective of further work being done on the industrial side the present Report could best be used as the basis of evidence to the Royal Commission on Equal Pay. It was therefore agreed that a sub-committee of the Fabian Women's Group should redraft the report for that purpose, incorporating all the suggestions made at this meeting and by post. It was agreed that the evidence should thereafter be published as a pamphlet. Miss Godwin, in particular, thought it would be extremely useful to have this information available all in one pamphlet, as at present it can only be found by extensive reference to documents.

MINUTES of a meeting of the ECONOMICS COMMITTEE held at 11, Dartmouth Street, on Wednesday, 1st November, 1944, at 6 p.m.

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FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET WESTMINSTER S W 1

25th May, 1944

Dear

The Fabian Women's Group is calling a meeting of the Committee set up in connection with research on Women's Work and Wages. This will be held at the Fabian Society, 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, 22nd June, 1944.

The part-time research workers whom we have employed have now completed a report on the Civil Service, Local Government Officers, Women Police, the Teaching, Nursing and Medical professions and Social Workers, which is circulated herewith. Copies have also been sent to Miss Florence Hancock and Dame Anne Loughlin as representing the women's side of the industrial movement, though as both are at present in the United States it is not certain that any comments of theirs will be available before the date of the meeting.

We very much hope that you will be able to attend and give us the opinion of your association. The main purpose of the meeting will be to decide what should be done with the material here presented - whether, for example, it should be privately circulated or made into a pamphlet for public distribution; and also to discuss what further steps, if any, should be taken.

You will see, therefore, that the meeting will be of considerable importance, and we shall be very glad if you will give it your earnest attention.

As the meeting may continue for some time, we are arranging for coffee and sandwiches to be provided for those who wish it; but as these have to be ordered in advance I should be glad if you could let me know on the slip below if you are requiring them.

Yours sincerely,
AGNES MURRAY

Hon. Secretary, Fabian Women's Group

Miss Agnes Murray, Fabian Women's Group, 11, Dartmouth Street,
London, S.W.1.

I will be attending the meeting on June 22nd, and will
(will not) require coffee and sandwiches.

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Conference: Miss Murray drew attention to the fact that at a previous meeting of the Committee it had been decided that when the report was completed consideration should be given to calling a conference of women's organisations to consider what should be done with the report. It was decided that no useful purpose would be served by calling such a conference at the present time.

Detailed adjustments required in report.

Civil Service, Chapter I.

- p.1. An addition should be made to cover the period between the admission of women into the Civil Service and the present time.
- p.3. at foot. Executive Class. A very brief insertion should be made to explain what Departmental Executives are and what their work is - the existing paragraph should be rewritten
- p.5. Second half of first paragraph should be rewritten to make clear whether classes or grades.
Second para. under (d) should be rewritten. (How could 23% of employees in April 1938 be women if it is previously stated that before the war the posts were wholly reserved to men ?)
- p.5. (e) It should be made clear that opposition came from men within the Service.
- p.6. (also last para.re Marriage Bar on p.41). It should be made clear that although in theory women with special qualifications can be retained on marriage, in fact in every case it is difficult for the necessary permission to be obtained.
- p. 9. Staff Officers and H.C.O.'s are omitted and should be put in. Amplify the Higher Clerical Class related to p.8.

Local Govt. Service, Chapter 2.

- p.12. First para. The sentence "The salaries and conditions of service of employees with some exceptions do not vary greatly but there are no national scales in operation" should be amended to make the meaning clear.
- p.13. It should be ascertained where, as stated by one member of the Committee, high-salaried Housing Managers have recently been appointed.
- p.15. 4th para. Should be Executive and Clerical Grades - not vice versa - major establishment is comparable to Executive Grade of Civil Service and General Grade comparable with Clerical Grade of Civil Service.
- p.16. Table of National Whitley Council Recommended Scales. "Numbers not available" should be stated in last column. Further figures should be put in, if possible, of the total number of people employed in Local Government. If not available, small para. should be put at bottom of table explaining that they are not available. It might also be stated that NALGO are pleased with the number of authorities recognising the national machinery.

Miss Taylor who arrived after this section was criticised, said she would send her comments in by post, and would in fact redraft where she considered too little or too great emphasis had been made.

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WOMEN POLICE, Chapter 3.

P.20. What appears to be an error in figures of salaries should be corrected. Women inspectors at 145/- per week equals £377 a year and is thus higher than men inspectors at £375. If the inspectorate rates of women do compare favourable with men (in spite of living allowances, etc.) that fact should be emphasised, as the report should state facts favourable to women as well as those unfavourable. Are the women doing the same work as the men? If not, we should state that fact. There was at one time an assertion that women were being enrolled to do clerical work inside the stations and not street work. This point must be clarified.

p.21. 10th line. Expression "stay-out strike" should be altered. The point that women were not attracted to the police force because of lack of promotion prospects should be emphasized, but the phrase altered.

TEACHERS, Chapter 4.

p.21 Although statement that Govt. was defeated by one vote on question of equal pay is strictly correct, some alteration should be made. Mrs.Parker was asked and agreed to draw up a paragraph to explain why the Union did not wish the issue to be fought on a particular clause. This should go in as a footnote. Another paragraph should be put in about the action taken by the teachers themselves to get equal pay.

There should also be included some description of the Burnham machinery.

Last para.under "Introductory". Typing error - "authorities" should be "employees".

Eliminate this last para. - substitute another dealing with the teaching profession, not education.

Mrs.Parker stated that before the war 80% of all graduates went into elementary schools. This was because they couldn't get into secondary schools, since the latter catered for only about 10% of the children. About 90% of the Oxford and Cambridge graduates went into secondary schools, but this figure was almost reversed for provincial universities. This applied to both men and women.

1st sentence under "Relative Numbers Employed" should be looked into. Whole paragraph should in fact be looked into.

p.22. 1st para. check up whether one in ten or one in seven.

Percentages and actual figures are all mixed up. The report here should stick to either all percentages or all figures.

Para. commencing "All infant schools" It was queried whether there were actually 19 headmistresses in mixed secondary schools in 1938. This point must be checked.

p.25. Lord Soulbury did not make the first award of War Bonus. The first was made by the teachers and authorities. It was in 1.....

(c) Before the war it wasn't so easy for teachers to get jobs. This sentence should be cut out. It should be made clear that once in a post the teacher is secure.

p.26 (d) The whole paragraph on Extraneous Duties should be omitted.

NURSING, Chapter 5.

p.27. Words "on the State Register" should be added after the figure 400,000 in third line from end.

p.29. Para. after the one numbered 6. The sudden pronouncement of policy re Ward Sisters should come out.

MEDICAL, Chapter 6

p.30. Slightly different wording required at the end of first para. of Introductory.

2nd para. Since Dr. Garrett Anderson is mentioned, the name of the first woman doctor should also be stated.

Further enquiry regarding figures will come in by post and must be considered when report is being adjusted.

SOCIAL WORKERS, Chapter 7.

It was decided that it was not necessary to include the recent appointments in Ministry of Health and Ministry of Labour.

Paragraphs on Industrial Welfare Workers necessary. Also on Club Leaders.

It was not considered necessary to go too deeply into matters of Social Workers.

p.40. "C.O.S." in margin to come out

£1050 should be added in

Mrs. Pollard will write in regarding a few details and these should be considered when report is being adjusted.

MARRIAGE BAR, Chapter 8.

Removal of marriage bar by L.C.C., although mentioned in Local Government section, should be mentioned again.

As stated regarding p.6, the last paragraph should be re-written and emphasis made as to the difficulty of women remaining in Civil Service even with special qualifications.

To bring up to date, reference should now be made to the fact that in the new Education Bill the marriage bar has been removed regarding teachers.

Take out suggestions in last para. that conditions will have to be changed if married women stay on in employment.

22.6.44

Comments by Miss Lockhart, deputising for Miss Caroline Haslet, on Women's Group Report.

- p.7. 7th line under (a) Regulations governing salaries.
The words "last-mentioned" should be used instead of "latter".

- p.22. Numbers of Teachers in Public Elementary Schools
Third line of text. Should be one in seven or one in six uncertificated, not one in ten ?

Fifth line of text. 94% instead of 90% ?

Number of teachers employed in Grant-Aided Secondary Schools.
Sixth line of text. "less than half" should be 43½%

- p.31. First three lines at top of page. "150 women competed and as many more." Does "as many more" mean 300 or 150 ? This should be stated more clearly.

III Work and Numbers of Women Doctors "Thus only 15%; or one in seven". Should not this be "Thus only 11% or one in nine" ?

- p.35. Second para. "selection and placing of tenants for suitable houses." Should not this be "selection and placing of suitable tenants for houses" ?

- p.37. School Nurses. Rates of pay. (a) should come before "as above".

- p.38. Sanitary Inspectors. Rates of pay. "£500, then by £20 to £420". There is obviously a typing error here.

- p.41. 12th line of para.3. Should read "posts equally as well as men."

FABIAN SOCIETY 11 DARTMOUTH STREET SW 1

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This is to confirm that there will be a meeting of the EVIDENCE COMMITTEE of the Fabian Women's Group on Friday, 20th October, at 6 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

There will also be a meeting of the Women's Group EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE on Wednesday, 25th October, at 5.30 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1) Report of the Evidence Committee.
- 2) Future arrangements.

Agnes Murray, Hon. Sec.

12.10.44

FABIAN SOCIETY 11 DARTMOUTH STREET SW 1

General Secretary : JOHN PARKER, M P

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A meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at the Fabian Society, 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Wednesday, 25th October, at 5.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

- 1) Report of the Evidence Committee
- 2) Future arrangements.

Agnes Murray,
Hon. Secretary

12.10.44

MINUTES of meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the WOMEN'S GROUP held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Wednesday, 25th October, 1944, at 5.30 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Malone (Chair), Miss Bowie, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Hughes, Miss Perkins, Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Murray (Secretary).

Apology for absence received from Miss Sutherland.

1 Correspondence

The Secretary reported having received an invitation from the Joint Standing Committee of Working Women's Organisations to send two representatives to attend a Conference on Infant Mortality on Monday, 13th November. Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Thompson agreed to represent the Fabian Women's Group at this conference.

The Secretary had received a letter from Miss Hancock regretting that it was not possible for the T.U.C. to co-operate in the work of the Fabian Women's Group on Women's Work and Wages.

- 2 Report of Evidence Committee . The Evidence Committee had met, and the rough draft of the form the Evidence to be submitted to the Royal Commission on Equal Pay should take, which had been drawn up by Mrs. Cole and circulated to all members of the Executive Committee, was discussed and formally approved. The Evidence Committee were meeting again on November 3rd, and the Secretary was asked to invite comments on the draft from members of the Executive not present. The Evidence Committee were given full powers to draft the Evidence and lay it before the Royal Commission. It was agreed that the draft when further expanded should be submitted to Mrs. Joan Robinson for her comments.

- 3 Fabian Pamphlet on Women's Work and Wages. It was agreed that the material which had been collected should be published as a Fabian pamphlet. Mrs. Cole was asked if she would write it up into a form suitable for publication and agreed to do so.

- 4 Annual General Meeting. It was agreed to postpone arrangements for this until the next meeting.

- 5 Discussion Meetings. It was agreed that monthly Discussion Meetings should be resumed in the New Year, and suggestions for subjects and speakers would be welcomed at the next meeting. Two suggestions for speakers were made - Miss I. M. Davies and Mrs. Paneth, author of "Branch Street."

- 6 NEXT MEETING. Wednesday, 29th November, at 5.30 p.m.
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MINUTES of meetings of the RESEARCH PLANNING COMMITTEE held on Tuesday
July 16 and July 25 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Cole (chair), Albu, Mrs. Cole, Creech Jones, Durbin, Mitchison,
Robson, Woolf, Parler, Gray, Rita Linden, Mrs. Sanford, Fiske.

- 1 Staff The research staff were invited to attend after a preliminary discussion.
- 2 Letters of Cole and Durbin These were considered.
- 3 Recommendations (1) Machinery (a) A Research Planning Committee to be appointed on a permanent basis to meet at least quarterly and report to the Executive Committee. (b) All suggestions for research (outside the accepted plan) and raising of special funds for research to be reported to the Research Planning Committee. (c) A meeting of the Executive Committee every quarter to be held to deal primarily with research matters.
(2) Gaps Not Covered by Existing Committees (a) India An effort to be made to get special funds and personnel to do work in this field. (b) Dominions A Dominions Advisory Group to be set up and run by the Organisation Secretary; the following were to be asked to serve with powers to co-opt: Flanders, Creech Jones, White and Drummond Shiels.
- 4 International Bureau (a) Research Worker It was decided to recommend to the Executive the appointment of a research worker at a salary of about £250 for a year, the necessary funds having been offered, who should work on "An International Authority" and generally undertake research. The research worker was to have the use of a room offered by Woolf; an effort was to be made to get funds for a longer period than a year's work;
(b) Further work It was suggested that a study should be made "of the balance of power as determined by demographic and military forces".
- 5 Colonial Bureau (a) A further report was to be received on staff difficulties in the research and administrative fields together with concrete proposals; (b) A suggestion for drawing up a new Colonial Policy for the Labour Party was to be referred to the Colonial Bureau.
- 6 Home Research (a) It was decided to recommend that a research assistant to work in this field under the present Home Research Secretary should be appointed.

7 Industrial Group (a) The following group was appointed to investigate its work and report back: Cole, Albu, Flanders, Mikardo, Silverman, Worswick. (b) No new panels were to be set up pending its report. Derelict panels were to be dissolved. (c) The Industrial Group was to go through and consider all reports on the reconstruction of particular industries.

8 Date of next meeting September 7 at 4.30

9 Interim Report A report on first two meetings was to be made to the next Executive. The Committee recommended its reappointment to draw up a short term programme.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, September 25 1944, at 4.30 p.m. at PEP, 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of July 24 (already sent)
- 2 Minutes of meetings of Research Planning Committee of July 18 and 25 (enclosed)
- 3 Minutes of sub-committees (enclosed)
- 4 Report on Autumn Lectures
- 5 Date of Finance and General Purposes Committee
- 6 Other Business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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LIBERIAN SOCIETY :::: 11 BARTHOLOMEW STREET WESTMINSTER LONDON S.W. 1

MINUTES of a meeting of the RESEARCH PLANNING COMMITTEE held on October 9, 1944, at 11 Bartholomew Street, S.W. 1.

Present Cole (chair), Albu, Mrs. Cole, Durbin, Mitchison, Parker, Gallanetz, Gray, Dr. Linden, Mrs. Bamford, Fiske. *Robson.*

concluded

Apologies from Creech Jones, Wolf.

1. Minutes of meetings of July 10 and 25 These were accepted subject to the following corrections and additions:

(2) b) Dominions Advisory Group Progress reported; it was decided to approach David Lewis for a pamphlet on the U.C.A.

(4) a) The research worker's salary was to be at £200 a year.

b) Further work The following addition was made "and studies of problems of foreign policy on a regional basis".

(5) Colonial Bureau Decisions taken at E.C. reported. It was recommended that the new Research and Administrative Assistant should be engaged at £200 a year.

(6) Home Research It was decided to recommend that the proposed new research assistant should not be advertised for until the field of applicants for the International and Colonial Bureau posts had been seen.

2. Minutes of Committee appointed to consider work of Industrial Group These were approved subject to the following alteration. The non-research activities of the various panels were to be under the supervision of an Industrial Advisory Committee responsible direct to the E.C. with the following membership: Albu (chairman), Worswick, Hilardo, John Edwards, Hines (if available), Fiske (secretary).

3. Agricultural Committee A report on progress of book was received. It was suggested that further work should be done on Import Policy and an International Agricultural Policy.

4. Economics Committee Report on work in hand received. It was suggested that work should be put in hand on Foreign Trade, and State and Private Industry (especially industrial efficiency and costing).

5. Local Government Gray to discuss possible work on Rating Reform with Lady Simon. Chester was to be asked if he would consider writing up his lectures into a pamphlet and Miss Hardy to write an article for the Quarterly as a basis for discussion. A weekend conference on Local Government in the near future to be considered.

6. Political Committee No action to be taken for the present to set this up. Approval was given to proposed discussion group on the Civil Service bureaucracy, with special reference to industrial department. Eustace Cohen to be asked to draw up an outline of discussions and submit to Robson for comments.

7. Social Security Committee The original Beveridge Evidence Committee to be asked to go through the Government White Paper and consider possible statement and future research; report of suggestions to come back to R.E.C.

8. Education Committee Work suggested on University Education, in addition to proposals put forward.

9. Date of Next Meeting To be settled by E.C.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

FABIAN SOCIETY ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the above on Wednesday, December 6th, at 5.30 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1, the main purpose of which will be to discuss the draft of Lady Simon's pamphlet on The Education Act: How to Make the Best of It. A copy of this draft will be circulated to all members in good time before the meeting.

The provisional Agenda is as follows:-

- (1) The Education Act: discussion of draft pamphlet.
- (2) The Universities After the War) Recommendations for
) future research made
) by the Research Planning
- (3) Technical Education) Committee of the
) Society.
- (4) Children in Institutions. Discussion of
 synopsis of unsolicited pamphlet. (The
 synopsis will be circulated before the
 meeting).

Jack Gray
Home Research Secretary
15.11.44

Copy of Minutes of last meeting attached.

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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Committee, held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Wednesday, 8th December, 1944, at 5.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Cole (Chair), Mrs. Drake, Lady Simon, Dr. Bates.

APOLOGIES: Miss Doyle.

MINUTES: These were accepted.

PAMPHLET ON THE EDUCATION ACT

Lady Simon reported on progress up to date. It was agreed that the pamphlet should be completed with all possible speed, without waiting for the issue of further regulations. The general treatment of the completed section was approved and certain modifications and additions suggested during a detailed discussion.

CHILDREN WITHOUT HOMES

Helen Donington's synopsis (on the table) was welcomed. Members of the Committee were asked to send in comments to the Secretary as soon as possible so that they could be sent to Mrs. Donington, along with an invitation to prepare a draft soon.

CONFERENCE ON TYPES OF SECONDARY SCHOOL.

To be held early in 1945. Details to be worked out in the office and put before the next meeting.

WORK ON THE UNIVERSITIES AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Postponed until next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 20th December, at 5.30 p.m.

FABIAN SOCIETY ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

There will be a further meeting of the Committee
on

WEDNESDAY, 20th DECEMBER, 1944, at 5.30 p.m.

at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes (attached) and matters arising.
- 2 Items held over from last meeting:
 - (a) Universities
 - (b) Technical Education
- 3 Conference on Types of Secondary School:
consideration of programme.
- 4 Other business

For members who were not present at the last meeting I am enclosing for comment a copy of Mrs. Donington's synopsis for a pamphlet on "Children Without Homes". As we would like her to go ahead quickly, will members please let me have their criticisms and suggestions by Tuesday next?

Jack Gray
Home Research Secretary
7.12.44

FABIAN SOCIETY ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday, 20th December, 1944, at 5 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Drake, Miss Doyle, Lady Simon, Jack Gray.

Apologies: Mrs. Cole, Dr. Leybourne-White.

MINUTES of the last meeting. Accepted.

THE EDUCATION ACT

Lady Simon hoped to be able to produce a first draft of most of her pamphlet for discussion early in the New Year.

CONFERENCE ON "TOMORROW'S SECONDARY SCHOOLS"

To be arranged in March, if possible, with three speakers - first choice to be Dr. F. M. Earle, Professor G. Kefauvre, Miss Margery Wise. Lady Simon agreed to act as Chairman. Mr. E. G. Savage was to be asked to open the discussion informally, and the possibility of devoting one session completely to discussion was to be considered.

THE UNIVERSITIES

It was agreed that a pamphlet should be prepared (possibly preceded by a conference) on the future organisation of university education, covering questions of (1) Number and size of Universities, (2) Standards and staffing, (3) Courses, (4) Relationship with technical and training colleges. Mrs. Barbara Wootton to be asked to advise and, if she could, assist in this piece of research.

NEXT MEETING

To be arranged when Lady Simon's pamphlet was nearer completion.

FABIAN SOCIETY ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

ECONOMICS COMMITTEE

We regret that it has been found impossible to hold the next meeting of the Committee on Wednesday next, as previously arranged. It is being held instead on Wednesday, November 22nd, at 6 p.m.

I hope that this new arrangement will not inconvenience you and that you will be able to attend. Would you please initial the attached postcard and return it to me, crossing out those words which do not apply?

Minutes of the last meeting are attached. The Agenda for the coming meeting will be as follows:-

- (1) Progress Report (on proposals made at the last meeting).
- (2) Consideration of future work on Applied Theory, Statistics, etc.

Jack Gray,
Secretary,
7.11.44

MINUTES of the meeting of the ECONOMICS COMMITTEE, held at
11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on November 22nd, 1944, at 6 p.m.

Present: Durban (Chair), Albu, Chantler, Meddaway, Tress, Gray.

Apologies: Mrs. Clarke, Edwards, Flanders, Worswick, Young.

FUTURE WORK

(a) Statistics

D.1. Cost of Post-war Social Services In hand

D.2. Post-war Labour Budget Agreed that the Cost of
Reconstruction Group should be asked to tackle this
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D.4. Balance of Payments To be considered as part of
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suggestions.

D.6. Changing Social Structure Dealt with last time.

D.7. Distribution of Income and Property D. Caradog
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B.2. Employment Policy In hand - popular, Quiz pamphlet.

B.3. Structural Unemployment In hand.

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Albu, Chantler and Tress.

B.5. Future of the Engineering Industry To be held
over for the time being.

B.7. Control of Monopoly In hand.

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At this stage the Chairman left, and Albu took his place.

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Albu to draft a short synopsis for discussion by a Group.

PROGRESS REPORT (on decisions taken at the last meeting)

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- 3) Costing, etc. A Group was now being formed, with T. Wilson as convenor. Agreed that Albu should join the Group, and Basil Smallpiece and John Diamond to be considered as possible members.
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- 5) Training for Industrial Control Mrs. Layton, Col. Urwick and Appley to be considered as possible authors.

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The independent groups on Labour Management (convenor: Joan Thompson) and The Future of the Gas Industry (possible author: Joan Mitchell) were, at the suggestion of the Secretary, taken on by the Committee; also the pamphlet on The Machine Tool Industry by L.A. Forno, originally planned by the Industrial Group.

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Present: Durbin (Chair), Albu, Chantler, Maddams, Tress

Apologies: Mrs. Clarke, Edwards, Flanders, Worswick, Young.

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FABIAN SOCIETY 11 DARTMOUTH STREET SW 1

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The meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE fixed for Wednesday, 29th November, has had to be postponed, and will take place instead on Friday, 8th December, at 6 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Arrangements for Annual General Meeting
- 2 Arrangements for future Discussion Group meetings

Agnes Murray

Hon. Secretary
24.11.44

There will be a meeting of the Evidence Committee following the Executive.

FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP ::: 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, LONDON, S.W.1.

Minutes of Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the WOMEN'S GROUP at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Friday, 8th December, 1944 at 6-P.M.

Present. Mrs. Malone (Chair), Miss Bowie, Mrs. Cole, Mrs Hughes, Miss Perkins, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Murray (Secretary).

1. Arising out of the Minutes of the last Meeting Mrs Cole reported that the T.U.C. had itself undertaken the necessary research on women's work and wages in the industrial field in connection with the Royal Commission on Equal Pay. Mrs. Malone and Mrs. Thompson reported that they had attended on 13th November the Conference on Infant Mortality organised by the S.J.C. of Working Women's Organisations.
2. Annual General Meeting. It was resolved that, in view of war conditions, no meeting should be held.
3. Discussion Group. The Secretary reported that Miss I.M. Davies had agreed to speak at the January meeting, and the following programme was suggested for the next four months:

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T E S 13th December, 1944.

ECONOMICS COMMITTEE

There will be a third meeting of the Committee to complete the discussions on Orders (chair), Chantler, Mrs. Clarke, future work, at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. Ardo, Tress.

WEDNESDAY, 13th DECEMBER, at 6.30 p.m.

bu, Durbin, Edwards, J. H. Wilson, Worswick

I hope that as many members as possible will be able to come.

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Please note that the meeting will be held half an hour later than usual.

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Provisional Agenda:

- (1) Remainder of items headed Applied Theory
- (2) Foreign Trade
- (3) Other suggestions

Pamphlet
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It was agreed that a group should be
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Jack Gray
Home Research Secretary
28.11.44

A pamphlet to be written as soon as
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pamphlet covered sufficient ground for the

No further suggestions were made. Tho
to undertake any work on Socialisation
confirmed, with the exception that, pro-
or could be found, we should go ahead
on Insurance.

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M I N U T E S 13th December, 1944.
ECONOMICS COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Flanders (chair), Chantler, Mrs. Clarke,
Mikardo, Tress.

APOLOGIES: Albu, Durbin, Edwards, J. H. Wilson, Worswick

The discussion of plans for future work was completed.

Central Planning Machinery - Machinery of Control
These two items to be taken together. Durbin to be asked to write ^{a pamphlet} it or suggest an author.

Trade Unions in Socialist Industry It was reported that attempts to set up a group on this subject had so far failed. It was agreed that a group should be established at a later date, if possible, and that in the meantime steps should be taken to find a convener. Jim Griffiths and Harold Clay to be asked for suggestions

Foreign Trade A pamphlet to be written as soon as the Government plans appear. It was thought that Schumacher's pamphlet covered sufficient ground for the present.

Other Work No further suggestions were made. The decision not to undertake any work on Socialisation Studies was confirmed, with the exception that, provided an author could be found, we should go ahead with a study on Insurance.

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

MONTHLY DISCUSSION MEETINGS

As you will have noted, our monthly discussion meetings have been suspended for a while. This was thought desirable owing to various considerations arising out of enemy activities, but it is now proposed to start them again.

The first meeting will be held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1 on

FRIDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1945, at 6 p.m.

and the subject will be:

GOVERNMENT POLICY ON REHABILITATION

(as recommended in the Tomlinson Report).

It is very much hoped that as many members as possible will be present.

Coffee will be available from 5.45 p.m.

Agnes Murray,
Hon. Sec.

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R.S.V.P. to

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Minutes of the last meeting are enclosed.

Agenda will be circulated nearer the date
of the meeting.

Jack Gray
Home Research Secretary
22. 3.45

FABIAN SOCIETY :

AGENDA for
11, Dartmouth St
19th April, at 6

- 1) Minutes of
- 2) Report from
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- 3) Progress Report
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FABIAN SOCIETY : 11 DARTMOUTH STREET LONDON S W 1

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MEETINGS COMMITTEE

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- 1) Minutes of the last meeting
- 2) Report from Research Planning Committee
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- 3) Progress Report on work in hand.
- 4) Discussion and projects for which no
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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the committee will be held on
Monday, 5th February, 1945 at 4-30 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1) Minutes (attached)
- 2) The Education Act (discussion of preliminary draft of Lady Simon's pamphlet, shortly to be circulated).
- 3) To-morrow's Secondary Schools (Progress Report on Conference).
- 4) The Universities (Progress report on pamphlet under consideration).
- 5) Other business.

Jack Gray,
Secretary.

Re Item (3) The conference has been fixed for Saturday, March 10th, 2-15 - 6-30 p.m. at the Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, W.C.1. We hope that all members of the Committee will be able to come.

The provisional program is as follows:-

- 1) Pros and Cons of the Multilateral School.
Speaker: Dr. F. M. Earle.
 - 2) Lessons from the U.S.A. High School.
Speaker invited: Prof. G. Kefauvre.
 - 3) The "Modern School" Child.
Speaker invited: Margery Wise.
Chairman: Lady Simon.
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FABIAN SOCIETY ::: 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, WESTMINSTER, LONDON, S.W.1.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

MINUTES of a Meeting held on Monday, 5th February, 1945, at 4-30 P.M. at 11, Dartmouth Street.

PRESENT: Harold Shearman (Chair), Margaret Cole, Barbara Drake, Lady Simon, Rosemary Burke, Jack Gray (Secretary).

TO-MORROW'S SECONDARY SCHOOLS. It was reported that Conference arrangements were now complete, except that Prof. G. Kefauver, who was still in the U.S.A. had not yet replied to our invitation to speak. It was agreed that Kefauver should be persuaded to come if possible, but that, failing him, Miss Morley or Mrs. Sargent Florence should be approached for suggestions. Lady Simon and Mrs Drake should meet Marjorie Wise to discuss the subject-matter of her speech.

THE EDUCATION ACT. Lady Simon's second draft was discussed in detail. As to presentation, it was agreed to recommend publication at 1/-, but not to cut down the M.S. to the length of a shilling pamphlet. Economies in space could be obtained by omitting the section on Parents, making minor cuts, and printing the appendices in small type. Suggested rearrangements in order of treatment, changes in phrasing, and expansion of both the introduction and the glossary of terms, were accepted by the author. It was further decided to send the T.S. to press at the earliest possible moment, in order to ensure publication before the remainder of the Act came into force on April 1st, rather than wait indefinitely for the Ministerial Regulations covering finance and direct grant schools.

NEXT MEETING. Date not fixed.

FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

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THURSDAY, 19th APRIL, 1945, at 6 p.m.

when the subject will be:

SECONDARY EDUCATION AFTER APRIL FIRST
BY A COUNTRY SCHOOLMASTER - MR. A. INGHAM,
HEADMASTER OF MALDON (ESSEX) GRAMMAR
SCHOOL

Coffee will be available from 5.45 p.m.

It is hoped that as many members as possible will
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Agnes Murray
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Annual Subscriptions (1/-) are now due, and may
be paid either at the next meeting or by post.
(Receipts will not be sent for this small amount)

FABIAN SOCIETY 11 DARTMOUTH STREET SW1

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There will be a discussion Meeting organised by the
Fabian Women's Group on Thursday, April 19th, at 6 p.m.
at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. (near St. James's Park
Underground Station) when the subject will be SECONDARY
EDUCATION AFTER APRIL FIRST BY A COUNTRY SCHOOLMASTER -
Mr. A. Ingham, Headmaster of Maldon (Essex) Grammar School.
Coffee will be available at 5.45 p.m.

The Women's Group will welcome any of your members
who would care to attend this meeting.

R.S.V.P. to

Agnes Murray,
Hon. Secretary
Fabian Women's Group

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FABIAN SOCIETY : Jack Gray, Secretary.
21 BARTMOUTH STREET S.W.I.

13.4.45.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the
Committee on Wednesday, 25th April, at
5 p.m., at 11, Bartmouth Street, S.W.I.

A G E N D A

- 1) Minutes of last meeting
- 2) Pamphlet on Education Act,
(matters arising)
- 3) Report on Conference "To-morrow's
Secondary Schools" (enclosed).
- 4) Suggested pamphlet on U.S.A. High
Schools.
- 5) Universities Conference - Report
on arrangements made.
- 6) "Children Without Homes". (Pro-
gress report on pamphlet).
- 7) Other business.

Jack Gray,
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13.4.45.

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Present: Mrs. Cole (Chair), Albu, Durbin, Mitchison, Robson, Mrs. Bamford, Miss Burke, Gray (Secretary).
Apologies received from Cole, Woolf.

Reports from the Economics Committee, the International Bureau, and from the Home Research Department in respect of non-economic research, were discussed separately and the following decisions were reached:

I. ECONOMICS COMMITTEE

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the Society, it was agreed to incorporate this subject in the syllabus of the group working on the structure of post-war industry.

II. INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

It was suggested by Albu that greater collaboration was needed between the Economics Committee and the Advisory Committee of the Bureau on international and economic research, in particular on (1) the economic aspects of an international political authority, and (2) the reconstruction of agriculture and industry in Europe. These matters were referred back to the two committees in question. It was further agreed that the Society should start research into foreign trade at the earliest possible opportunity and that this could also be a subject of collaboration between the two committees.

III. NON-ECONOMIC RESEARCH

Local Government In amplification of the written report, it was stated that Lord Astor was willing to pay expenses, plus a fee, to cover research into the working of local democracy, including a sample analysis of the results of the last local elections before the war. A member of the Society, Thornhill, at present investigating this very subject, had written in for assistance, and steps had been taken to see if he was interested in working under the Society's auspices. His reply was favourable and he thought he would be free to undertake the work. The Committee gave general approval to the project, subject to the success of negotiations with Lord Astor and the receipt of satisfactory testimonials from Thornhill.

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The new group on the Future of Films has met once and encountered difficulties in recruiting personnel from the feature film industry. Taking account of its present limitations in personnel, and of the work already done by Arts Inquiry on documentary films, the group is at present attempting to investigate three distinct problems.

- 1) The operation of the law with regard to the film industry
- 2) The structure of the industry after the war
- 3) The development of international exchange of films

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A Report from the Home Research Department and the Colonial and International Bureaus on current research and proposals for future research was discussed in considerable detail. The following main conclusions were reached:

- (1) FUTURE RESEARCH IN GENERAL. The Society should continue to be mainly concerned with independent research on both short-term and long-term problems, whilst co-ordinating its activities with the work of the Labour Party Research Department so as to avoid duplication of personnel and effort. In particular it was agreed that the Society should give attention to those parts of the Government's short-term policy which had not yet fully been worked out and on problems of policy for the Labour Party at the next General Election. It was agreed not to give general assistance to individual M.P.'s but to invite suitable M.P.'s, e.g. those elected to the proposed Parliamentary Committees of the Party, to join the Society's Groups or Committees which are discussing the same subjects. The officers were instructed to look around for a young M.P. who would be prepared to act as liaison officer between the Research Department and other M.P.'s. This work should, of course, be linked with the activities of the Fabian Forum.
- (2) POLITICS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
 - (a) It was agreed to establish a Political Committee at the earliest possible moment together with a sub-Committee on Local Government. Dr. Robson agreed to become Chairman of the Committee and among names suggested as possible members were F. Hardie, R.S.T. Chorley, J.E. McColl (Local Government only), W.T. Wells, R.H.S. Crossman and R.S.W. Pollard. It was further agreed to commence the work of the Committee with a Conference which Dr. Robson consented to call.
 - (b) In the meantime the items of research now being carried on into Local Government were noted and the officers were requested to take steps to get the standard local government tracts on Borough, Urban District, Metropolitan Borough, Parish and County Councils revised for republication, as well as new pamphlets on the functions of the more important local Committees, e.g. the Health and Town Planning Committees. The E.C. should be requested to grant small fees for the revision of each tract.
 - (c) Public Relations. The Editor of the "Quarterly" was requested to include an article on the general problems of the new Government's public relations in the next issue of the "Quarterly." A detailed enquiry into the subject would be one of the tasks of the proposed Political Committee.
 - (d) Future Legislation Although it might be impossible for the Society to bring out pamphlets on all pieces of major legislation during the next five years, in cases where the effectiveness of an Act depended largely on its interpretation by Local Authorities an explanatory pamphlet should be issued, if we had the available personnel, e.g. the Health

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A Report from the Home Research Department and the Colonial and International Bureaus on current research and proposals for future research was discussed in considerable detail. The following main conclusions were reached:

(1) FUTURE RESEARCH IN GENERAL. The Society should continue to be mainly concerned with independent research on both short-term and long-term problems whilst co-ordinating its activities with the work of the Labour Party Research Department so as to avoid duplication of personnel and effort. In particular it was agreed that the Society should give attention to those parts of the Government's short-term policy which had not yet fully been worked out and on problems of policy for the Labour Party at the next General Election. It was agreed not to give general assistance to individual M.P.'s but to invite suitable M.P.'s, e.g. those elected to the proposed Parliamentary Committees of the Party, to join the Society's Groups or Committees which are discussing the same subjects. The officers were instructed to look around for a young M.P. who would be prepared to act as liaison officer between the Research Department and other M.P.'s. This work should, of course, be linked with the activities of the Fabian Forum.

(2) POLITICS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(a) It was agreed to establish a Political Committee at the earliest possible moment together with a sub-Committee on Local Government. Dr. Robson agreed to become Chairman of the Committee and among names suggested as possible members were F. Hardie, R.S.T. Chorley, J.E. McColl (Local Government only), W.T.Wells, R.H.S.Crossman and R.S.W.Pollard. It was further agreed to commence the work of the Committee with a Conference which Dr. Robson consented to call.

(b) In the meantime the items of research now being carried on into Local Government were noted and the officers were requested to take steps to get the standard local government tracts on Borough, Urban District, Metropolitan Borough, Parish and County Councils revised for republication, as well as new pamphlets on the functions of the more important local Committees, e.g. the Health and Town Planning Committees. The E.C. should be requested to grant small fees for the revision of each tract.

(c) Public Relations. The Editor of the "Quarterly" was requested to include an article on the general problems of the new Government's public relations in the next issue of the "Quarterly." A detailed enquiry into the subject would be one of the tasks of the proposed Political Committee.

(d) Future Legislation Although it might be impossible for the Society to bring out pamphlets on all pieces of major legislation during the next five years, in cases where the effectiveness of an Act depended largely on its interpretation by Local Authorities an explanatory pamphlet should be issued, if we had the available personnel, e.g. the Health

It was intended to call a meeting of the Women's Group Executive Committee early this month, but this has proved to be impracticable as so many people have been away. It seemed desirable to have a talk from Mrs. L'Estrange Malone on the Leeds Labour Women's Conference, which she attended as our delegate, and in order to have this before the subject is out of date I have taken leave to call a Discussion Meeting for this purpose, which will take place on Thursday, 18th October, at 6 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. I hope you will be able to attend.

It is hoped to call a meeting of the E.C. shortly.

Agnes Murray, Hon. Sec.

 FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP :: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET SW 1

DISCUSSION MEETINGS

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THURSDAY, 18th OCTOBER, 1945, at 6 p.m.

When

MRS. L. L'ESTRANGE MALONE, J.P., L.C.C.

who was our delegate at the recent Labour Women's Conference at Leeds, will open a discussion on

THE LABOUR WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AND AFTER

It is felt that members of the Group will welcome this opportunity to supplement the short reports which were available in the Press concerning this conference and to discuss their own views on the questions raised.

Agnes Murray
 Hon. Secretary

FABIAN SOCIETY 11 DARTMOUTH STREET SW1

General Secretary: JOHN PARKER, M.P.

Telephone: WHITEHALL 3077

A meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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12th November, at *5.30* p.m.

A G E N D A

- (1) Resignation of Secretary
- (2) Pamphlet on "Women's Work and Wages"
- (3) Representative on Standing Joint Committee and future of Women's Advisory Council of League of Nations Union (now United Nations Association)
- (4) Future arrangements.

Agnes Murray
Hon. Sec. (1945)

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FABIAN SOCIETY ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

ECONOMICS COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the above Committee on Wednesday, November 7th, at 5.30 p.m. A meeting place has not yet been fixed, but you will be notified later. So many members of the Committee are now M.P.'s, it is hoped to arrange for a meeting place in or near the House of Commons.

The agenda will consist principally of two items:

1. A report of the work in hand
2. Discussion of new work.

This being the first meeting of the Committee since the new Government came into power, item 2 of the agenda will, we believe, require a good deal of consideration and discussion.

E.F.M. DURBIN, M.P.
J.C. GRAY

(Meeting arranged for 17th May and postponed to 6th June, neither took place.)

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: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

ECONOMICS COMMITTEE

Difficulty in getting a room in the House of Commons on Wednesday, November 7th, has led to the cancellation of the meeting fixed for that date and will arrange for a new date as soon as possible. We will be notified as soon as we can.

E.F.M. DURBIN, M.P.
J. C. GRAY

3.11.45

ECONOMICS COMMITTEE

Apologies for the delay in fixing a date for the meeting of this Committee. It is hoped that the meeting will be held on:

WEDNESDAY 29th, at 5 p.m.

in the House of Commons, Committee Room 11.

I hope you will be able to manage this date.

A short report of work in hand will be sent you just before the meeting.

J. C. Gray
Secretary
19.11.45

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FABIAN SOCIETY ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

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ECONOMICS AND INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting held on Thursday, 29th November, 1945,
at 5 P.M.

Present: Jay (Chair), Albu, Edwards, Flanders, Kaldor,
Worswick, Gray (Secretary).

Apology: Durbin.

MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICERS It was decided to co-opt E. F. Schumacher,
C. Mayhew, M.P. and C. Smith, M.P. Jay and Albu agreed
to become Vice-Chairmen of the Committee and to take an
interest in economic and industrial research respectively.

RESEARCH REPORT This was taken paragraph by paragraph.
Decisions taken were as follows:-

A.1 Book on Controls The last chapter should be
published as soon as possible, but that on Raw Materials
should be held over until the peace-time set-up of
controls had been completed.

A.5 Structural Unemployment If Margaret Stewart
could not finish this pamphlet, M.P. Fogarty should
be asked if he could help.

A.7 Distribution C. Smith, M.P. should be asked to
take responsibility for the work of this Group, which
should be requested to consider two additional matters:

(1) The work now being done by Worswick and
Bellamy in Oxford, when it is published, and

(2) the problem of licensing small shops.

C.2 Foreign Trade A discussion group should be set
up immediately. Albu and Kaldor agreed to join it
and the Secretary was asked to invite A. T. K. Grant,
H. T. N. Gaitskell, M.P. and E. F. Schumacher in
addition.

C.3 Economics of Land Use It was agreed that the
author should endeavour to complete the pamphlet, no
matter how soon the Government's plans might be
announced.

E.1 Wages Policy under Full Employment Joan Mitchell
should be asked to confer with Worswick about a
possible pamphlet.

E.2 Control of profits Discussion of this was held
over, because of shortage of time.

E.3 National Income and Expenditure Kaldor reported
that it had been impossible for him to revise his
Appendix C to the Beveridge Report. He promised to
look through it again with a view to producing a short
pamphlet on methods of financing the Government's
economic and social programme.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WOMEN'S GROUP held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Monday, 12th November, 1945, at 5.30 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Malone (Chair), Mrs. Bolton, Miss Bowie, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Hughes, Miss Perkins, Miss Sutherland, Miss Murray (Secretary).

Apology received from Mrs. Thompson.

- 1) Minutes of last meeting (Dec.8, 1944) approved.
- 2) Resignation of Secretary Miss Murray regretted having to tender her resignation, as her new appointment took her so much out of London. She would, however, like to remain a member of the Committee. The Committee accepted Miss Murray's resignation with great regret and expressed grateful thanks to her for having kept the Group active during the difficult war years. They were glad that she would be able to remain a member of the Committee.

It was proposed that Miss Perkins, who had assisted Miss Murray with the clerical work of the Group for some time, should be asked to take over the secretaryship. Miss Perkins agreed to do so while the Group's activities remained at arranging Discussion Meetings. It was agreed that in future Miss Perkins should use her married name of Watson in connection with the Group's work.

- 3) Pamphlet on Women's Work and Wages Mrs. Cole regretted that personal circumstances had prevented her from writing this. It was decided that it was still desirable to produce the pamphlet, and Mrs. Cole agreed to write it as soon as she was able, though she could promise no date.
- 4) Representative on Standing Joint Committee It was agreed that Mrs. Malone should continue to represent the Women's Group for 1946, and should also be nominated for the General Purposes Committee, though she would be willing to withdraw if variation on that committee was desired.
- 5) League of Nations Women's Advisory Council The Secretary was instructed to reply to their recent letter and express willingness to co-operate should any similar committee be set up by the United Nations Association. Mrs. Watson to be nominated as the Group's representative for the first year of any such committee.
- 6) Future arrangements
 - (a) Discussion Meetings should continue to be arranged and on varied topics so as to interest as many members as possible, there being no intention for the meetings to lead to work by the Group unless

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people emerged who were anxious to press for specific work. Subjects and speakers suggested were:

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| New Housing Standards | Elizabeth Denby Mrs. Cook of Women's Co-op. Guild |
| Nationality of Married Women | Miss Billson Ambrose Appelbe's partner Barbara Gould |
| Homes and Institutions for Children needing Care | Madeline Symons |
| What is the work of a Councillor Like? | Mrs. Creech Jones Mabel Crout of Woolwich Mrs. Newman of Woolwich Mrs. de Vergier of Hackney Town Hall |
| Standards and Status of Social Workers | Amy Sayle Irene Barclay |
| Industrial Welfare | Miss Sharp, Institute of Labour Management |
- Housing to be first, if possible, owing to its topicality. Other dates to be arranged to suit speakers.

b) Annual Meeting It was agreed that the delayed Annual Meeting should take place, and about April or early May if possible. Dr. Edith Summerskill to be asked to speak on what it is like to be a woman Minister in a Labour Government. If Dr. Summerskill unable to agree, another woman M.P. to be asked to speak on current happenings. Suggested that meeting might take place at P.E.P. with tea.

Care to be taken to avoid Easter, local elections and Labour Party Conference.

- 7) Fabian News Suggested that note might be inserted in Fabian News asking for help from people with expert experience likely to be useful to the S.J.C. Secretary to consult with Mrs. Malone and Miss Sutherland regarding subjects needing assistance. Similar note might also be put in Local Societies' Directive.

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DISCUSSION MEETINGS

The following meetings have been arranged to take place at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. at 6 p.m. (Coffee 5.45 p.m.).

MONDAY, JANUARY 14th, 1946

Subject; Nationality and Domicile of Married Women

Speaker: COUNCILLOR MARION BILLSON

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 1946

Subject : New Housing Standards

Speaker: MISS ELIZABETH DENBY

It is hoped that as many as possible will attend to discuss these topical subjects. Members are reminded that they are welcome to bring their friends.

Dorothy Watson
Secretary

FRIDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, 1946, at 6 p.m.
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DISCUSSION MEETINGS

Reminder:

The next meeting will be held on:

FRIDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, 1946, at 6 p.m.
when MISS ELIZABETH DENBY
will speak on
NEW HOUSING STANDARDS

A further meeting has also been arranged for

THURSDAY, MARCH 21st, 1946, at 6 p.m.
when MRS. MADELINE J. ROBINSON
will speak on
CHILDREN DEPRIVED OF NORMAL HOME LIFE

Both meetings will take place at 11,
Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Coffee will be available from 5.45 p.m.

Members are reminded that they may
bring their friends.

Dorothy Watson
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WESTMINSTER S W 1

DISCUSSION MEETINGS

MARCH The next meeting will be held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on THURSDAY, 21st MARCH, 1946, at 6 p.m. when MRS. MADELINE J. ROBINSON (MADELINE SYMONS) will open a discussion on CHILDREN DEPRIVED OF NORMAL HOME LIFE.

Coffee available at 5.45 p.m.

Members are reminded that they are welcome to bring their friends.

APRIL No meeting

MAY Will you make a note to reserve Friday, May 17, at 5.30 p.m. for the Annual General Meeting of the Group, when DR. EDITH SUMMERSKILL, M.P. has kindly consented to speak on THE WORK OF A LABOUR MINISTER. Details of place, etc. will be advised nearer the date.

Dorothy Watson
Secretary

RESEARCH PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Research Planning Committee held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Tuesday, 5th March, 1946, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cole (Chair), Durbin, Faringdon, Hughes, Monck, Parker, Robson, Young, Gray, Mildred Bamford, Marjorie Nicholson, Rosemary Burke.

Apologies from Margaret Cole and Leonard Woolf.

A GENERAL

The meeting was convened to discuss how far the Society's research personnel should be asked to devote themselves to long and short-term work respectively. Documents dividing current and projected research roughly into these two categories had been circulated to members in advance.

The Committee re-affirmed its previous decision (of 13.9.45) that "The Society should continue to be mainly concerned with independent research on both short and long-term problems, while co-ordinating its activities with the work of the Labour Party Research Department so as to avoid duplication of personnel and effort. In particular the Society should give attention to those parts of the Government's short-term policy which had not yet been fully worked out and on problems of policy for the Labour Party at the next General Election." But it realized that these generalized principles now need to be stated more concretely and in greater detail. The Society has clearly certain short-term functions to perform. Firstly, it can prepare policy statements for immediate issues - the future of British broadcasting for instance. Secondly, it can examine and focus attention on problems which will have to be tackled during the Government's present term of office but which may not otherwise receive early or sufficient consideration; distribution, wages and the House of Lords are among such subjects. But there is an all-too-marked tendency for members of Fabian groups, and in particular M.P.'s, to be pre-occupied with such short-term problems. The Society should be giving consideration to problems which may not assume practical importance until the Government is ready to face the electors again. Some work on Labour's next election programme can already be done by groups, etc. working on transitional problems, though detailed plans can be worked out only after taking stock of what has been achieved in Labour's first five years of power. Again, the Society needs to think beyond the mere implementation of election programmes and consider what steps need to be taken to make economic planning, and later socialism, work, i.e. to secure the co-operation of the people as workers, consumers and citizens in the building of a new Society.

The Committee tried to break down these long-term plans into specific tasks, and did so mainly under the heads of existing sub-committees. But certain tasks, it found, require to be tackled in a very general way - for the present at any rate - and the best method seemed to be a series of conferences.

- (1) It was agreed to recommend to the E.C. that a small, select conference should soon be held to discuss what kind of life we as Fabians want to see developed under socialism. This would be a wide subject, covering

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(2) The following were asked to form a sub-committee to discuss the programme and arrangements for such a conference: Margaret Cole, Durbin, Gray, Hughes, and Parker.

B POLITICAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

This Committee was asked to consider at its next meeting the possibility of commencing research at once on the following long-term problems:-

- (1) The central machinery for economic planning and how to make it work smoothly and effectively.
- (2) The relation of central and local government, with particular regard to finance.

It was suggested that some of this work - or the research which the Committee proposes to do on civil service reform - might conveniently be undertaken by a group working in Oxford. Fulton, Harrison and McKenzie were given as possible names and D. N. Chester was suggested as a possible convener and link with the Political Committee.

C ECONOMICS AND INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE

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- (1) Prepare a five-year plan of industrial research, giving special attention to problems of efficiency and workers' co-operation and participation in management of both socialized and privately-owned industries.
- (2) Hold a weekend conference on incentives to efficiency as soon as sufficient material had been prepared by D. G. MacRae for his group.
- (3) Set up a small working group to conduct research into the position of trade unions in a planned economy. (It was realised that the Economics Committee had endeavoured to set up such a group before, but had encountered difficulties in securing personnel; names suggested for this group were G. Brown, M.P. (Chair), E. Fletcher, B. Roberts, Williamson, Legge, L. J. Callaghan, M.P., A. Filson, T. Young and H. Hynd, M.P.)
- (4) Form a similar group with E. V. Francis on his proposed study on Co-ops and the Community. W. P. Watkins should be one of its members.
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- (1) The Education Committee should think out the steps that need to be taken in order to implement fully and in the right order the provisions of the 1944 Act.
- (2) The Films Group should consider the possible use of film strip in a visual education programme.

E INDIAN AFFAIRS GROUP

It was agreed that

- (1) In view of the imminence of momentous political decisions on India, this Group should for the time being confine its activities to research.
- (2) Each of the six documents should be pressed forward and fully discussed with a view to speedy publication as and when political events make such a step desirable; that on the future of the Indian State should be given priority.
- (3) If a suitable author can be found, work should be started on the future of the British military and civil service in India.
- (4) During the absence of Woodrow Wyatt, M.P. with the Government mission in India, Edith Moore should be asked to act as secretary.

(Note: At the meeting of the Indian Affairs Group on Tuesday, 12th March, Woodrow Wyatt, M.P. tendered his resignation from the position of Honorary Secretary. Edith Moore agreed to act for two or three months but feels that a full-time secretary should be appointed when circumstances permit).

F INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

- (1) It was agreed that the projects listed under this heading should be referred back to the Advisory Committee for discussion. There was some discussion on the question of British-Soviet relations insofar as they may be considered as Socialist/Communist relations. The Advisory Committee to be asked to investigate this question.
- (2) The Advisory Committee are recommended to consider the formation of a Group to consider the future political and economic relations between U.S. and Britain.
- (3) It was agreed that a pamphlet should be produced at an early date on future relations between France and Britain with contributions from both French and English writers.
- (4) The question of military organisation is referred to the Advisory Committee for consideration. What is to be done in view of the fact that there is not sufficient manpower available to increase exports and also to meet military commitments?

G COLONIAL BUREAU

Held over

The Executive are asked to take note of these Minutes.

The approval of the Executive is requested for the recommendation in Par.A (1).

18.3.46.

CHART OF WORK

HOME RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

(1) ECONOMICS COMMITTEE

| <u>Work in Hand</u> | <u>Group or Individual Responsible</u> | <u>Results Expected</u> |
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| Relations of Govt. with Public and Private Industry | Individual project: by H. Fraser Urquhart on basis of chapter from Controls book. | First draft out with readers. |
| Raw material's controls | Worswick's chapter for Controls book awaiting personal amendment. | Draft to be made when final set-up of controls is determined |
| Allocation of resources between industries | Group, with L. Rostas temporarily in charge | Draft possibly by Autumn (early) |
| Monopoly policy | Group with Allan Flanders in charge | uncertain |
| Labour Management | Group, under Patricia Mayo | Draft in April |
| Structural Unemployment | Individual - Margaret Stewart | Draft always expected - never comes |
| Distribution | Group, under Charles Smith, M.P., Enquiry on short-term policy about to begin | Enquiry must be completed by September |
| Cost of Social Services | Group under Mrs. E. Clarke | Draft pamphlet (unsuitable) in; to be discussed and re-written (by May?) |
| Foreign Trade | Group under N. Kaldor preparing policy for International Trade Conference | Must be completed by June |
| Land Use | Individual - Lord Piercy | One just hopes for the best |
| Rating Reform | Individual - M. P. Fogarty | Completed - final editing in progress |
| Socialist Guide to Modern Economic Thought | Book by H. D. Dickinson | Should be in by the summer |
| Industrial Incentives | Group with D. G. MacRae as paid research officer | Pamphlet expected Sept.-Nov. Conference in May-June |
| <u>Tentative Proposals</u> | <u>Group or Individual Responsible</u> | <u>Results expected</u> |
| Long-term trade policy. Effects on Employment Policy | Foreign Trade Group? | ? |
| Co-ops and the Community | Group under E. V. Francis? | ? |
| Trade Unions under a Labour Government | Group under George Brown, M.P.? | ? |
| <u>Longer-term Ideas</u> | <u>Group or Individual Responsible</u> | <u>Results expected</u> |
| Five year plan of industrial research | To be prepared | Next meeting - April? |

(2) POLITICAL COMMITTEE* (Chairman: Dr. Robson)

| <u>Work in Hand</u> | <u>Group or Individual Responsible</u> | <u>Results Expected</u> |
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| N.B.C. | Sub-Committee (Francis Noel-Baker, M.P., Chairman) | April |
| Regionalism | Committee to be formed from meeting to be held 5th April | |
| Reform of the House of Lords | Sub-committee Chairman: Lord Chorley | Synopsis in May |
| <u>Tentative</u> | | |
| Function and Composition of Local Statutory Committees | Group on the subject just formed under R. S. W. Pollard | Pamphlet in about six months? |
| Relations of local and Central Government (particularly Finance) | Will come within province of the proposed Group on Regionalism | |
| Central machinery for economic planning | To be considered at next full committee meeting | |
| Reform of the Civil Service | It is proposed to set up a Group in Oxford to do research on this subject | |
| <u>Long-term</u> | | |

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(3) EDUCATION COMMITTEE (Chairman: Harold Shearman)

| <u>Work in hand</u> | <u>Group or Individual Responsible</u> | <u>Results Expected</u> |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| Revised edition of the Education Act pamphlet | Lady Simon | April |
| Technical education and juvenile employment | Mrs. Large | Draft expected within six months |
| <u>Tentative</u> | | |
| Future of the Universities | To be discussed at next meeting, 19th March | |
| <u>Long-term</u> | | |
| Co-operation with Education Group in House of Commons | 5 M.P.s on the Education Group have agreed to join the Committee | |
| A policy for the full implementation of the provisions of the 1944 Act | To be considered by full Committee meeting | Should be worked out during the year |

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(2) POLITICAL COMMITTEE* (Chairman: Dr. Robson)

| <u>Work in Hand</u> | <u>Group or Individual Responsible</u> | <u>Results Expected</u> |
|--|---|-------------------------------|
| B.B.C. | Sub-Committee (Francis Noel-Baker, M.P., Chairman) | April |
| Regionalism | Committee to be formed from meeting to be held 5th April | |
| Reform of the House of Lords | Sub-committee Chairman: Lord Chorley | Synopsis in May |
| <u>Tentative</u> | | |
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CHART OF WORK

HOME RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

(1) ECONOMICS COMMITTEE

| <u>Work in Hand</u> | <u>Group or Individual Responsible</u> | <u>Results Expected</u> |
|--|---|--|
| Relations of Govt. with Public and Private Industry | Individual project: by H. Fraser Urquhart on basis of chapter from Controls book. | First draft out with readers. |
| Raw material's controls | Worswick's chapter for Controls book awaiting personal amendment. | Draft to be made when final set-up of controls is determined |
| Allocation of resources between industries | Group, with L. Rostas temporarily in charge | Draft possibly by Autumn (early) |
| Monopoly policy | Group with Allan Flanders in charge | uncertain |
| Labour Management | Group, under Patricia Mayo | Draft in April |
| Structural Unemployment | Individual - Margaret Stewart | Draft always expected - never comes |
| Distribution | Group, under Charles Smith, M.P., Enquiry on short-term policy about to begin | Enquiry must be completed by September |
| Cost of Social Services | Group under Mrs. E. Clarke | Draft pamphlet (unsuitable) in; to be discussed and re-written (by May?) |
| Foreign Trade | Group under N. Kaldor preparing policy for International Trade Conference | Must be completed by June |
| Land Use | Individual - Lord Piercy | One just hopes for the best |
| Rating Reform | Individual - M. P. Fogarty | Completed - final editing in progress |
| Socialist Guide to Modern Economic Thought | Book by H. D. Dickinson | Should be in by the summer |
| Industrial Incentives | Group with D. G. MacRae as paid research officer | Pamphlet expected Sept.-Nov. Conference in May-June |
| <u>Tentative Proposals</u> | <u>Group or Individual Responsible</u> | <u>Results expected</u> |
| Long-term trade policy. Effects on Employment Policy | Foreign Trade Group? | ? |
| Co-ops and the Community | Group under E. V. Francis? | ? |
| Trade Unions under a Labour Government | Group under George Brown, M.P.? | ? |
| <u>Longer-term ideas</u> | <u>Group or Individual Responsible</u> | <u>Results expected</u> |
| Five year plan of industrial research | To be prepared | Next meeting - April? |

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(4) HOUSING COMMITTEE (Chairman: G. D. H. Cole)

| <u>Work in hand</u> | <u>Group or Individual Responsible</u> | <u>Results Expected</u> |
|---|--|--|
| Survey of local authority housing plans | Mark Abrams and Ruth Glass | Draft pamphlet in about three months |
| Direct Labour | E. J. Cole | Quarterly article in next issue |
| <u>Tentative</u> | | |
| Price rings in the building industry | Ian Bowen?))) | These projects will be discussed at the next meeting Thursday, 21st March, 1946. |
| Pre-fabrication of permanent houses | | |
| Housing administration. Housing legislation | | |
| <u>Long-term</u> | | |
| Obsolescence in Housing | Mark Abrams and Ruth Glass | ? |
| Supply and training of building workers. | | ? |
| Building priorities | | ? |

(5) FILMS GROUP (Chairman: H. L. Beales)

| <u>Work in hand</u> | <u>Group or Individual Responsible</u> | <u>Results Expected</u> |
|--|--|---|
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| <u>Tentative</u> | | |
| Examination of the legal position with regard to showing films | W. Farr | Held up because Farr was ill. Possibly about June |
| Inquiry into supplies of film equipment | Baxter and Road | Uncertain |
| <u>Possible future work</u> | | |
| Use of film strip in visual education | | |
| Continued agitation for the setting up of an adequate Visual Education Council | | |

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|---|---|--------------------------|
| Series of Tracts "Socialism To- day and Tomorrow" | This projected series of Tracts was discussed by an informal Committee on non- research publications | ? |
| Life under a Socialist State | Conference proposed at Research Planning Committee | ? |
| Local Democracy at Work (local election results) | W. G. Thornhill | Draft due any day now |

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

| <u>Work in hand</u> | <u>Group or Individual Responsible</u> | <u>Results Expected</u> |
|--|---|---|
| The I.L.O. (Final title still to be decided) | Verbal report can be given | End of March or early in April |
| A Plan for the Reform of the B.C. European Service | Draft by A.F.G.Roy. To go to a group for discussion | Middle of April |
| The Future of Trade Unions in the British Zone of Germany | A. F. G. Roy | End of April |
| Socialist hand- book on Belgium | Group of Belgian Socialists | In view of postal and translation dif- ficulties no date can be given - any- thing up to 12 months |
| Socialist hand- book on Italy | Group of Italian Socialists | Ditto |
| Soviet Foreign Policy | Name can be given verbally | 1st MS at end of March - amount of work then required cannot be determined until 1st draft is seen |
| <u>Work planned (Preliminary negotiations in hand</u> | | |
| International Broadcasting | Pauline Sharpston, from material collected by Noel Newsome. | May |
| Reform of Foreign Office & Services | Preliminary negotiations only in hand | |
| International Authority | Leonard Woolf has this under consideration | |
| Czechoslovakia (Socialist hand- book) | Visiting Group of British Socialists to be arranged by Fabian B.C. Draft synopsis in hand | |
| A policy for the Ruhr | Group. Document to be drawn up by Rudolf Hermann | May |
| <u>Work proposed but not yet under way</u> | | |
| International Year Book on International Organizations | Documentary side to be done in office - commentary to be done by group, probably by correspondence | Cannot be decided until plans are more concrete. |

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| Continued agitation for the setting up of an adequate Visual Education Council by the Ministry of Education | | |

| <u>Work proposed but not yet under way</u> | <u>Group or Individual Responsible</u> | <u>Results Expected</u> |
|--|---|-------------------------|
| A Plan for the Ruhr Valley | Group. This will be a continuation of the work begun by Hermann. The final document will probably be prepared by Dr. Oliver Atkey (on the lines of "A Blue Print for a D.V.A.") | Spring, 1947 |
| Extent and kind of work to be undertaken on Political and Economic Relations in the Far East not yet determined. | | |

COLONIAL BUREAU

| <u>Work in hand</u> | <u>Group or Individual Responsible</u> | <u>Results expected</u> |
|--|--|----------------------------|
| Five years work of the Fabian Colonial Bureau (linking up with developments in Colonial policy during this period) | Pamphlet to be written by Rita Hinden | To be read by May |
| Local Government in the Colonies | Book, edited by B. Hutchinson. Material on different Colonies being provided by people in colonies | To be ready at end of 1946 |
| <u>Proposed research plans</u> | | |
| Malaya | Pamphlet. Harold Davies M.P., to be asked to write it. | |
| Jamaica | Pamphlet. Nethersole, President Jamaica T.U.C. to be asked to write it | |

Further details to follow after approval by the Advisory Committee of the Bureau.

A meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Friday, 3rd May, 1946, at 5.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

- 1) Arrangements for Annual General Meeting
- 2) Suggested Annual Report
- 3) Financial Statement
- 4) Officers and Committee for ensuing year
- 5) Future meetings: suggestions for subjects and speakers
- 6) Any other business.

Dorothy Watson
Secretary
5. 4. 46

FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP :: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET WESTMINSTER LONDON S W 1

MINUTES of a meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Friday, 3rd May, 1946, at 6 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Malone (Chair), Mrs. Bolton, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Hughes, Miss Murray, Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Watson (Secretary).

- 1) Minutes of last meeting (12.11.45) approved.
- 2) Arrangements for Annual General Meeting

(a) Draft Annual Report approved after several small adjustments had been made. This should not be read at the meeting but should be circulated beforehand to all members of the Group. It should be moved from the Chair and seconded from the floor. The gratitude of the Group should be expressed to the organisations who gave money for the Women's Work and Wages research and it should be emphasised that the results of the research work were put forward in evidence to the Royal Commission on Equal Pay. Mrs. Cole should move the financial statement and answer questions, if any.

(b) Officers and Committee for ensuing year. Those present were willing to stand again for election. The three absent should be formally asked if they wished to stand again. The Group should be circularised with the names of the Committee who were standing again and further nominations should be asked for in writing before the meeting. Should no nominations be received beforehand, nominations should be invited from the floor. Nominees must be members of the Society. Present E.C. numbers 11, but there is no reason to limit it to any particular number.

(c) Chairmanship It was agreed that it was desirable to change the chairmanship of the Group from time to time. Mrs. Cole proposed that Miss Agnes Murray might be put forward at the meeting to become Chairman and Mrs. Hughes seconded. Mrs. Malone to remain as the Group's representative at the Standing Joint Committee.

(d) Mrs. Malone, as representative of the Standing Joint Committee, should give a report of the recent work of that Committee. If time did not permit of an adequate report, she should be invited to make a report to a meeting of the Group later in the year, since her report is always of extreme interest.

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FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Fabian Women's Group will take place at P.E.P., 11, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1. (near St. James's Park Underground Station.) on

Friday, 17th May, 1946, at 5.30 p.m.

• DR. EDITH SUMMERSKILL, M.P.
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Food

will speak on

THE WORK OF A LABOUR MINISTER

Tickets, including tea, 2s. each.

Owing to limited accommodation and catering difficulties we must ask for tickets to be booked in advance, and it will be appreciated if they are applied for as soon as possible - preferably before May 10th. Non-members of the Group will be welcome.

Booking Slip attached.

To the Secretary, Fabian Women's Group,
11, Dartmouth Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

Please send me tickets for the meeting on
Friday, May 17th, at P.E.P., 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1
for which I enclose

Name _____

Address _____

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

ECONOMICS COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the ECONOMICS COMMITTEE in Mr. Durbin's room at the Treasury, Whitehall, S.W.1. on

MONDAY, MAY 13th, at 4 p.m.

Efforts to get most members of the Group on the telephone to check if this date is suitable have been unsuccessful. It is, however, hoped that it will be a convenient time and date and that as many members as possible will be present.

Agenda and papers will follow nearer the date.

Bosworth Monck
General Secretary
3. 5. 46

FABIAN SOCIETY : 11 BARTHOLOMEW STREET S.W.1

MONDAY, MAY 13th, at 4 p.m.

ECONOMICS COMMITTEE

You have already been advised that a meeting of this Committee will take place on Monday next, 29.11.46, at 4 p.m. in Mr. Durbin's room at the Treasury, Whitehall, S.W.1. The agenda is as follows:-

- (1) Approval of minutes of meeting on 29.11.45 (attached)
- (2) Discussion on future work of the Committee and its Groups. (EIC(46)1 circulated herewith)

Bosworth Monck
8.5.46.

MEMORANDUM
TO: THE SECRETARY
FROM: BOSWORTH MONCK
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE

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- (k) Cost of the Social Services)
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- (j) Labour Management) on lines
- (l) Rating Reform) at present
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P.T.O.

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II SUGGESTIONS OF RESEARCH PLANNING COMMITTEE 5.3.46

- (3) Trade Unions in a Planned Economy Group meeting to be called. Charles Madge to be added to it. Jack Gray to act as secretary.
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III FURTHER SUGGESTED PROJECTS

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- (b) Methods of increasing unemployment in selected industries. Monck to draft letter for Durbin to send to Noel Baker.

NEXT MEETING. Monday, 27th May, 1946, at 2.45 p.m. in Durbin's room at the Treasury.

- (o) Agricultural Policy Group. No further work.
- (p) Democracy and Local Government Jack Gray to progress.
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D R A F T

ANNUAL REPORT

For Annual General Meeting - 17th May, 1946

The title of this meeting is in a sense a misnomer, since there has not been an Annual General Meeting of the Women's Group since September, 1943. We hope everyone will agree that there has been good reason for putting off the meeting from time to time. In 1944 not only were members extremely busy in their daily work because of the war, but first one and then another was affected by difficulties created by the flying bombs. In this connection we would like to extend our particular sympathy to our Chairman, Mrs. L' Estrange Malone, who for the second time during the war was seriously involved in a bombing incident. During 1945 members were extremely busy working in the General Election and Borough Council elections.

In December 1944 the Group submitted written evidence to the Royal Commission on Equal Pay. This was based on the research work done by Miss Anne Hill and Miss Edith Loeb, which was only partially completed when our last Annual General Meeting took place.

Since then a pamphlet has been written round this Evidence and has recently been published by the Fabian Society. It is entitled The Rate for the Job and has been written for us by Mrs. Margaret Cole. The publication of this pamphlet was delayed through the illness of Mrs. Cole and various members of her family, and we are greatly indebted to her for writing it for us in these and other difficult circumstances, including the bombing of her home.

Discussion Meetings arranged by the Group were naturally less frequent in the early part of the period under review, but they never entirely ceased and we hope now to hold them nearly every month. The subjects discussed and the speakers were as follows:

- The Position of Women in America -
Miss Dorothy Crook, of the Office of War Information,
American Embassy.
- Jobs for All - Women Included -
John Parker, M.P.
- The County of London Plan -
Mrs. Molly Bolton, L.C.C.
- Care and Education of Children up to 7 years of Age
Miss M. L. Harford.
- Government Policy on Rehabilitation
"Branch Street" -
Mrs. Marie Bneth
- Secondary Education after April 1st 1945 by a
Country Schoolmaster - Mr. A. Ingham
- The Labour Women's Conference and the Future -
Mrs. L. L' Estrange Malone
- Nationality and Domicile of Married Women -
Miss Marion Billson
- New Housing Standards -
Miss Elizabeth Denby
- Children Deprived of Normal Home Life -
Mrs. Madeline Robinson

The attendance at our meetings is not large, usually varying between 15 and 30, but perhaps because of their smallness and informality those present do not hesitate to express their views

At one of the recent Discussion Meetings the question was raised as to whether there was still any need for a specific Women's Group within the Fabian Society, seeing that whereas at its foundation the Group was closely connected with the suffrage agitation, today the vote is won and there are many women's organisations which deal with problems of particular interest to women. It was unanimously felt that the Group should continue, as it was most useful to provide opportunity to discuss questions not merely as Women, but as Socialist Women.

The Executive Committee very much regrets that Miss Agnes Murray, who kept the Group in existence during the war years, has felt compelled by pressure of other work to resign the secretaryship. We are glad, however, that she has been able to remain a member of the Executive Committee, and would like to express our gratitude to her for her able services in difficult circumstances. The secretary is now Mrs. Dorothy Watson, who for some time assisted Miss Murray with the work of the Group.

We are pleased to be able to record that as a result of the recent local elections several of our members are among the new Borough Councillors, and one member of our Executive Committee now has the distinction of being the youngest London County Councillor. We are particularly pleased to report that Mrs. M. D. Spikes, a former secretary of the Fabian Women's Group, was appointed in October, 1945, as the first Women's Affairs Attachee at the British Embassy, Washington.

On the financial side, the Group has now no separate Treasurer and its funds are dealt with in the general accounts of the Fabian Society. The figures to end of March, 1946, were as follows:-

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| Balance in hand at September 1943 | £35.18.6 | <u>Expenditure</u> Oct. 1943 to Mar. 1946 | |
| Receipts Oct. 1943 to March 1946 * | 2. 4.- | Postage | £3.14.- |
| | | Speakers' expenses | 8.10 |
| | | Conference fees | 7. - |
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| | | Salaries and incidental expenses of two part-time research workers | £248. 3. 2 |
| | | Rent of room and typewriter at outside premises | 43.15. - |
| | | Telephone account at outside premises | 2. 5. 8 |
| | | Miscellaneous: expenses re engagement of research workers (advertisements, fares), etc. | 6.14. 4 |
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and there is always vigorous discussion. Although a nucleus attends these meetings regularly, each subject attracts a special audience in addition, so that the Group actually serves a much wider circle than the mere numbers attending each meeting would indicate. Some of those who attend are not specifically members of the Group, since all members of the Fabian Society can see announcements of the meetings in Fabian News and any Fabian may attend. Non-members of the Society may also attend.

At one of the recent Discussion Meetings the question was raised as to whether there was still any need for a specific Women's Group within the Fabian Society, seeing that whereas at its foundation the Group was closely connected with the suffrage agitation, today the vote is won and there are many women's organisations which deal with problems of particular interest to women. It was unanimously felt that the Group should continue, as it was most useful to provide opportunity to discuss questions not merely as women, but as Socialist women.

The Executive Committee very much regrets that Miss Agnes Murray, who kept the Group in existence during the war years, has felt compelled by pressure of other work to resign the secretaryship. We are glad, however, that she has been able to remain a member of the Executive Committee, and would like to express our gratitude to her for her able services in difficult circumstances. The secretary is now Mrs. Dorothy Watson, who for some time assisted Miss Murray with the work of the Group.

We are pleased to be able to record that as a result of the recent local elections several of our members are among the new Borough Councillors, and one member of our Executive Committee now has the distinction of being the youngest London County Councillor. We are particularly pleased to report that Mrs. M. D. Spikes, a former secretary of the Fabian Women's Group, was appointed in October, 1945, as the first Women's Affairs Attachée at the British Embassy, Washington.

On the financial side, the Group has now no separate Treasurer and its funds are dealt with in the general accounts of the Fabian Society. The figures to end of March, 1946, were as follows:-

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| Balance in hand at September 1943 | £35.18.6 | <u>Expenditure</u> Oct. 1943 to Mar. 1946 | |
| Receipts Oct. 1943 to March 1946 * | 2. 4.- | Postage | £3.14.- |
| | | Speakers' expenses | 8.10 |
| | | Conference fees | 7. - |
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The title of this meeting is in a sense a misnomer, since there has not been an Annual General Meeting of the Women's Group since September, 1943. We hope everyone will agree that there has been good reason for putting off the meeting from time to time. In 1944 not only were members extremely busy in their daily work because of the war, but first one and then another was affected by difficulties created by the flying bombs. In this connection we would like to extend our particular sympathy to our Chairman, Mrs. L' Estrange Malone, who for the second time during the war was seriously involved in a bombing incident. During 1945 members were extremely busy working in the General Election and Borough Council elections.

In December 1944 the Group submitted written evidence to the Royal Commission on Equal Pay. This was based on the research work done by Miss Anne Hill and Miss Edith Loob, which was only partially completed when our last Annual General Meeting took place.

Since then a pamphlet has been written round this Evidence and has recently been published by the Fabian Society. It is entitled The Rate for the Job and has been written for us by Mrs. Margaret Cole. The publication of this pamphlet was delayed through the illness of Mrs. Cole and various members of her family, and we are greatly indebted to her for writing it for us in these and other difficult circumstances, including the bombing of her home.

Discussion Meetings arranged by the Group were naturally less frequent in the early part of the period under review, but they never entirely ceased and we hope now to hold them nearly every month. The subjects discussed and the speakers were as follows:

- The Position of Women in America -
Miss Dorothy Crook, of the Office of War Information,
American Embassy.
- Jobs for All - Women Included -
John Parker, M.P.
- The County of London Plan -
Mrs. Molly Bolton, L.C.C.
- Care and Education of Children up to 7 years of Age
Miss M. L. Harford.
- Government Policy on Rehabilitation
"Branch Street" -
Mrs. Marie Baneth
- Secondary Education after April 1st 1945 by a
Country Schoolmaster - Mr. A. Ingham
- The Labour Women's Conference and the Future -
Mrs. L. L' Estrange Malone
- Nationality and Domicile of Married Women -
Miss Marion Billson
- New Housing Standards -
Miss Elizabeth Denby
- Children Deprived of Normal Home Life -
Mrs. Madeline Robinson

The attendance at our meetings is not large, usually varying between 15 and 30, but perhaps because of their smallness and informality these present do not hesitate to express their views

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, 17th May, 1946, at 5.30 p.m.

at P.E.P., 16, Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, S.W.1

Further to previous notice of this meeting, please note:

- 1) Draft Annual Report attached.
- 2) The following members of the Women's Group Executive Committee are willing to stand again for election:

Mrs. Molly Bolton
Miss M. Bowie
Mrs. Margaret Cole
Mrs. Beryl Hughes
Mrs. L. L'Estrange Malone
Miss Agnes Murray
Mrs. B. Pollard
Mrs. Joan Thompson
Miss Mary Sutherland
Mrs. Dorothy Watson

Further nominations are invited and should be sent to the Secretary before May 17th. Nominees must be members of the Fabian Society and their consent should be obtained in advance by the nominator.

Dorothy Watson
Secretary
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, 17th May, 1946, at 5.30 p.m.
at P.E.P., 11, Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, S.W.1

A G E N D A

- 1) Tea
- 2) Minutes of last Annual General Meeting (Sept. 22, 1945)
- 3) Annual Report and Financial Statement (already circulated)
- 4) Future Activities
- 5) Election of Committee and Officer holders
- 6) Report of representative on Standing Joint Committee of Working Women's Organisations.
- 7) Dr. EDITH SUMMERSKILL, M.P.,
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Food, on THE WORK OF A LABOUR MINISTER.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FABIAN
WOMEN'S GROUP

held at P.E.P., 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.
on Friday, 17th May, 1946, at 5.30 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR: MRS. L'ESTRANGE MALONE

- 1) Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 22nd September, 1945,
approved.

- 2) Annual Report and Financial Statement

The Secretary's report, which had been circulated before the meeting, and the Financial statement showing balance in General Account of £35.12.8, was approved.

Mrs. Malone gave particular thanks to the organisations who had helped with the work on Women's Work and Wages, and expressed the gratitude of the Group to Miss Agnes Murray, who as Secretary had kept the Group together during the difficult war years. She also thanked Mrs. Dorothy Watson who had taken over the secretaryship recently.

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- 4) Election of Chairman and Secretary

Miss Agnes Murray was elected as Chairman and Mrs. Dorothy Watson as Secretary.

IN THE CHAIR: MISS AGNES MURRAY

- 5) Thanks to Mrs. L'Estrange Malone

After taking the Chair, Miss Murray thanked the meeting for electing her as Chairman and referred to the excellent lead given to the Group throughout the war by Mrs. Malone who, although having suffered severe personal injury on two

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occasions in the blitz, had rarely missed a meeting of the Group.

6) Report from representative on Standing Joint Committee of Working Women's Organisations

Mrs. Malone gave an interesting report on the recent activities of the Standing Joint Committee.

7) THE WORK OF A LABOUR MINISTER

Dr. Edith Summerskill, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Food, then addressed the meeting on "The Work of a Labour Minister."

8) Mrs. Molly Bolton, L.C.C. moved a vote of thanks to Dr. Summerskill.

9) Next meeting. The Chairman announced that the next meeting of the Group would be held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Thursday, 20th June, when Mrs. V. Creech Jones, J.P. would speak on "The Councillor's Job."

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DISCUSSION MEETINGS

The following meetings have been arranged, and it is hoped you will be able to reserve the dates.

THURSDAY, 20TH JUNE, 1946

At 6 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.
(Coffee at 5.45 p.m.)

MRS. V. CREECH JONES (Councillor of the
Metropolitan Borough of Lambeth) on
THE COUNCILLOR'S JOB

THURSDAY, 25th JULY, 1946

At 6.30 p.m. at Livingstone Hall (Second Floor),
Broadway, Westminster, S.W.1. (Opposite St.
James's Park Underground Station).

MISS AMY SAYLE

on

STANDARDS AND STATUS OF SOCIAL WORKERS

This meeting is being arranged jointly with the Social Services Group of the Socialist Medical Association. It is hoped that as many Women's Group members as possible, especially those with social work experience, will attend, so as to provide an interesting discussion.

(Please note that this meeting starts half an hour later than the usual Women's Group meetings).

Dorothy Watson
Secretary

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REMINDER

We have had pleasure in arranging the following meeting jointly with the Social Services Group of the Socialist Medical Association.

DISCUSSION MEETING:

Thursday, 25th July, 1946, at 6.30 p.m.

At Livingstone Hall, (Second Floor),
Broadway, Westminster, S.W.1
(Opposite St. James's Park Underground Station)

Speaker: MISS AMY SAYLE, M.B.E., Alderman, L.C.C.
(Chairman, Women Public Health Officers' Association; Vice-Chairman, British Federation of Social Workers)

Subject: STANDARDS AND STATUS OF SOCIAL WORKERS

The discussion will be opened by a representative of the Social Services Group of the S.M.A. and it is hoped that the ensuing exchange of views will be valuable to both Groups.

Please note:

That this meeting is at 6.30 p.m., viz. half-an-hour later than our usual meetings; also that no coffee will be available.

There will be no meeting of the Group in August or September.

Dorothy Watson
Secretary

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EIC (46) 2nd meeting

ECONOMICS AND INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Committee will be held in Evan Durbin's room at the Treasury on Monday, May 27th, at 2.45 p.m.

A G E N D A

- 1 Approval of Minutes of 18/5/46. [EIC(46) 1st meeting herewith.]
- 2 Suggestions of Research Planning Committee at its meeting 5. 3. 46
 - (a) To prepare 5-year plan of economic research in the industrial field, giving special attention to problems of efficiency and workers' co-operation and participation in management of both socialised and privately-owned industries. [EIC(46)2 circulated herewith.]
 - (b) To form a small working group to conduct a study on Co-ops. and the Community. E. V. Francis has been proposed for this and also W. P. Watkins should be one of its members.

Bosworth Monck
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ECONOMICS AND INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE.

MINUTES of a meeting held in Mr. Durbin's room at the Treasury on Monday, 27th May at 2.45 p.m.

Present:- Durbin (chair); Kaldor, Monck.

Apologies from:- Hughes, Jay.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 13.5.46 - E.I.C. (46) 1st meeting.

(a) In connection with the proposal for a pamphlet on Wages Policy under Full Employment, G.D.H. Cole was unable to undertake this. It was therefore agreed to ask the author of the article on this subject for Fabian Quarterly by 'Industrial Economist' to consider whether he would undertake the job. It was thought that he was Bernard Armstrong, who attended the meeting in the House of Commons addressed by Durbin and Dukes. Alternatively, if he could not be traced, Joan Robinson was to be asked to write a pamphlet on this subject, taking in control of profits as well.

(b) Foreign Trade Group. As it was unlikely that Gaitskell could attend further meetings of the Group, it was agreed that Mayhew be asked to join in his place.

2. Five-Year Programme of Economic Research in the Industrial Field - E.I.C. (46) 2.

The Committee considered some suggestions by Allan Flanders for projects in the economic and industrial field which could be examined. In discussion it was agreed that the problem of public boards merited further examination of the general position and, in particular, of coal, iron and steel. There was difficulty in getting technicians in any one industry rather than in the factory or any one section of such industry.

It was agreed that Hugh Weekes should be asked to become a member of the Committee and should be invited to take the chair over the industrial half of the Committee. Other members to include:- Durbin, Cobb, Mikardo, John Edwards, Anderson, Diamond, Flanders, Pacey, Mansbrough, Kaldor and a Director of the British Oxygen Co.

It was necessary for such a committee to investigate the functions of public boards, to consider how they should be run and what should be their relations on the one hand with the public and the government on the other and to deal with questions concerning the personnel management, profits and workers' incentives. In the light of discussion, the committee:-

Agreed

(a) That Hugh Weekes should be invited to become a member of the Committee, with a view to the formation of an industrial half of the Committee, over which he would preside.

(b) Invited the proposed Committee to consider Allan Flanders' suggested programme and in particular to study the composition, powers and functions of public boards.

(c) Agreed that certain items of the existing programme should be transferred to the new Industrial Committee, details of such items to be worked out by the Committee once it was formed.

3. Study of the Co-operative Movement in the Community.

The Committee then considered the suggestion from the Research Planning Committee for the formation of a working group to study the future of the Co-operatives and the community. It was proposed that E.B. Francis and Watkins should be members of the Group. The Committee:-

- (a) Decided to set up the proposed group.
- (b) Agreed to invite Dr. Barou to take the chair of this Group.

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RESEARCH PLANNING COMMITTEE.

CONCLUSIONS of a meeting of the Research Planning Committee held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Tuesday, 4th June, 1946 at 4.30 p.m.

Present:- Margaret Cole (Chair); Faringdon, Parker, Robson, Young.
Staff - Rosemary Burke, Monk.

1. Approval of Minutes.

- (a)(i) Economics and Industrial Committee of 13.5.46 - E.I.C. (46) 1st meeting. The Committee approved these minutes.
- (ii) Economics and Industrial Committee of 27.5.46 - E.I.C. (46) 2nd meeting.

In connection with Item 2, Robson said that the Boards for the coal and other industries had political as well as economic implications. Considerable comments on the functions of Public Boards were included in the revised edition of 'Public Enterprise', E.V. Francois was dealing with Coal Boards and the section dealing with the forestry commission was also being revised. The Committee:-

- (1) Approved that a further edition of 'Public Enterprise' should be produced, irrespective of any work done by the E. & I.C. on the functions of Public Boards.
- (2) Instructed the General Secretary to inform the E. & I.C. of the state of work in connection with the new edition of 'Public Enterprise.'
- (b) Political and Local Government Committee of 20.5.46 - P.L.G. (46) 1st meeting. The Committee approved these minutes.
- (c) Research Planning Committee of 5.3.46. In connection with conclusion (a)(i):-
- (i) The Committee instructed the General Secretary, in conjunction with the Local Societies Committee, to report further on the possibility and desirability of holding a Conference on ideals when the tracts on 'Socialism Today and Tomorrow' were nearing publication.
- (ii) In connection with Item (c)(iii), the Committee suggested ~~that~~ the group of Trade Unions should be formed to discuss the position as soon as the tract in the series 'Socialism Today and Tomorrow' was ready.

2. Conservative Proposals for Constitutional Reform.

Dr. Robson reported that a group of Conservative M.Ps. had now published proposals for constitutional reform. After a short discussion, the Committee instructed the General Secretary to ask Professor Laski to prepare a pamphlet by way of reply.

3. The Society's Research Programme.

The Committee considered the draft plan of research which had been referred back by the Executive Committee. The following suggestions were made:-

- (a) In connection with the Socialist Handbooks on Belgium, Italy, Czechoslovakia and the Book on International Functional Organisations the Committee proposed that the General Secretary should discuss with the International Secretary of the Labour Party whether the Socialist Information Centre would sponsor these publications.
- (b) In connection with the work on 'Danube Valley Authority' the Committee proposed that in view of its length, this might be treated as a 2/6d book.
- (c) In connection with the proposed memorandum on Distribution, the Committee suggested that the group should consider whether the proposals to be forwarded to the President of the Board of Trade could not also usefully be discussed with the Ministry of Food.
- (d) In connection with the tracts in the series 'Socialism Today and Tomorrow' it was thought better to invite Lord Lindsay to prepare the tract on "The Socialist Attitude Towards Democracy" instead of Margaret Cole, who would however undertake the work should Lord Lindsay refuse.

4. The Labour Party's Platform at the Next Election.

John Parker suggested that it would be useful to hold a select weekend conference, possibly late in July, to start consideration of the Labour Party's next election programme. Michael Young said that the Labour Party's Secretariat intended to prepare a paper for consideration by the Labour Party's Policy Committee and subsequently by the Executive Committee dealing with the principles on which the next election programme should be based. It might then be for consideration whether suitable parts of the work involved - in the light of discussion of this paper - should not be allotted after discussion to various organisations such as the Fabian Society, who might make the necessary detailed investigations. The Committee:-

- (i) Agreed to recommend to the Executive Committee that a select conference should be held in the autumn to consider items for the next five-year programme and instructed the General Secretary, in conjunction with John Parker and Michael Young, to report to the Executive Committee as soon as the time seemed ripe to hold the conference.
- (ii) Invited John Parker, in conjunction with Margaret Cole and the General Secretary to prepare a document on the principles which might underline the Labour Party's next election programme to form the basis for group work during the Summer Schools

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DISCUSSION MEETINGS

OCTOBER

The next meeting will be held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on THURSDAY, 24th OCTOBER, 1946, at 6 p.m. when MISS ELIZABETH PEPPERRELL will open a discussion on THE SCOPE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT IN MODERN INDUSTRY.

Coffee will be available at 5.45 p.m.

Members are reminded that they may bring their friends

NOVEMBER

There will be no meeting of the Group in November as it is assumed that members will prefer to attend the Fabian Society's autumn lectures, which will take place during that month on Wednesday evenings 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. There will also be autumn lectures on Wednesday evenings December 4th and 18th. Details of these lectures have already been sent to all members.

Dorothy Watson
Secretary

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

General Secretary: BOSWORTH MONCK

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A meeting of the Women's Group Executive Committee will be held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Friday, October 11th, at 6 p.m.

A G E N D A

- 1) Arrangements for winter programme.
- 2) Any other business.

Dorothy Watson
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MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the WOMEN'S GROUP held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Friday, 11th October, 1946, at 6 p.m.

Present: Miss Murray (Chair), Miss Davies, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Malone, Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Watson (Secretary).

Apologies from Miss Adamson, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Thompson.

1 The Secretary was requested to convey to Margaret Cole the Executive Committee's regrets at her recent accident and their wishes for a speedy recovery.

2 Future Meetings

(a) It was decided that notwithstanding the Fabian Society autumn lectures the Group should hold meetings in November and December, subject to the General Secretary's agreement, the meetings of course not to clash with the dates of the lectures.

(b) It was decided that in the new Year Discussion Meetings should be arranged as far as possible on the 4th Monday of each month.

(c) Subjects and speakers suggested were:

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| Experiences of an UNRRA worker with Displaced Persons | Miss Peg Manton Miss Marjorie Rackstraw |
| National Institute of Houseworkers | Miss Dorothy Elliott |
| The Work of a Magistrate | Miss Sibyl Campbell or a magistrate from outside London. |
| The Position of Women in one of the Dominions | Miss Mary Sutherland to be asked to advise on a suitable speaker. |

(d) A letter from the Social Services Group of the S.M.A. suggesting a further joint meeting, on the Training of Social Workers, was read. It was decided that it would be advisable to have several ordinary meetings before another joint meeting, and that the Social Services Group should be asked, therefore, if February or March would be suitable, in which case the Women's Group would be pleased to join with them. The Secretary to ask the S.M.A. if in this instance they would care to arrange the meeting and invite the Women's Group.

(e) The meetings to be arranged in the above order if possible.

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(c) The meeting to be held in the month of November.

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(f) Dates for the meetings to be as follows if possible:

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| November | Monday 18th or Friday 22nd |
| December | Friday 13th or Monday 9th |
| January, 1947 | 4th Monday, viz. Jan. 27th. |
| February | 4th " " Feb. 23rd |
| March | 4th " " Mar. 23rd. |

- 3 The Secretary reported that Margaret Cole's pamphlet "The Rate for the Job" was almost sold out and that a reprint of 750 was on order. Attention was also drawn to various excellent reviews of this pamphlet, which had been particularly liked by staff journals.
- 4 The Secretary reported that the Women's Advisory Council of the United Nations Association had met three times during the year, and that as the Group's representative she regretted she had been unable to attend owing to pressure of other work at the time of the meetings. As the W.A.C. have announced that future meetings will be held in the evenings, it was decided that the Secretary should continue to be the Group's representative for the time being.
- 5 It was decided that another meeting of the Executive Committee should be called in a few months' time.

A. Murray

DISCUSSION MEETINGS

Notwithstanding the suggestion in our last notice, it has been decided to hold Women's Group meetings during November and December.

It is, therefore, very much hoped that members will be able to attend the following meetings, which will take place at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. at 6 p.m. (Coffee 5.45 p.m.)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1946

Subject: Displaced Persons in Germany

Speaker: Miss P. B. MANTON, recently an
UNRRA Welfare Officer in Germany

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1946

Subject: The National Institute of Houseworkers

Speaker: Miss DOROTHY ELLIOTT, O.B.E., J.P.,
Chairman of the Institute.

Members are reminded that they are welcome to bring their friends.

Dorothy Watson
Secretary

As most members will have ideas of their own on the domestic help problem, they will no doubt be very glad of the opportunity to learn about the Institute from Miss Elliott and to discuss their views with her.

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W.G. (47) 1st meeting

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A meeting of the Women's Group Executive Committee will be held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1 on THURSDAY, 16th JANUARY, 1947, at 5.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

- 1 Suggestion for work on a Housewife's Charter
- 2 suggestion of Crosby Fabian Society and Married Women's Association for pamphlet on women's legal disabilities in the police courts.
- 3 Representative on London Labour Party Women's Advisory Council
- 4 Status of Women Committee and Equal Pay Campaign Committee Mass Meeting on Equal Pay, January 30th.
- 5 Subjects and speakers for future Discussion Meetings
- 6 Any other business

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MINUTES of a meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Thursday, 16th January, 1947, at 6 p.m.

Present : Miss Murray (Chair), Miss Bowie, Miss Davies, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Malone, Mrs. Pollard, Miss Sutherland, Mrs. Watson (Secretary).

Apologies from Mrs. Bolton, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Thompson.

- 1) Minutes of last meeting (11th Oct. 1946) approved.
- 2) Representative on London Labour Party Women's Advisory Council. Confirmed that Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas should be the Group's representative in place of Mrs. Joan Thompson, who had recently resigned from this representation.
- 3) Co-option. Decided to co-opt Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas to the Executive Committee.
- 4) Standing Joint Committee Conference on Equal Pay Report on Feb. 1st at Gaxton Hall. Two delegates appointed - Miss Davies and Mrs. Watson.
- 5) Status of Women Committee and Equal Pay Campaign Committee Mass Meeting on Equal Pay Report, Jan. 30th. Decided that name of Fabian Women's Group may go forward as supporting this meeting.
- 6) Suggestion for work on "Housewife's Charter." Secretary explained that at a recent Fabian Society private conference it had been suggested that the Women's Group might give consideration to points likely to appeal to women in Labour Party's next election campaign. Decided that as many bodies have dealt with housing, and the S.J.C. has dealt with or is dealing with many of the other points likely to arise, no useful purpose would be served by the Fabian Women's Group calling a conference on the subject. Decided, however, that it would be useful to circulate a questionnaire to all Local Fabian Societies asking which of various heads likely to appeal to women should have priority in any suggestions to the Labour Party as to its future programme. Members of the Committee to send to the Secretary suggested heads for this questionnaire, e.g. improved laundry services, delivery of goods, amendment of divorce laws, improvement of legal position of married women, etc. etc.

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- 7) Arising out of (6), the Group agreed to accept questionnaires on Leisure from Miss Sutherland with a view to getting them filled in by professional people.
- 8) Unsolicited pamphlet on Legal Disabilities of Married Women. Suggestion of Crosby Fabian Society and Married Women's Association deferred for consideration until the material is received for inspection.
- 9) Married Women's Association letter of Jan.6th. Secretary to acknowledge receipt of copy of Yugo-Slav marriage law and to inform M.W.A. that the Group has legal status of women under consideration together with S.J.C.
- 10) Annual Meeting Decided that an annual meeting should be held, in the late spring if possible, and that it should be a special meeting with tea at P.E.P. if this can be arranged. Prominent speaker to be asked. Possible names to be suggested at next meeting of E.C.
- 11) Donation The Committee noted with thanks the donation of one guinea to the Women's Group funds from Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck.
- 12) Joint Reception Agreed to co-operate with Fabian International Bureau if they should arrange a reception to the German women from the Social Democratic Party who are shortly to be visiting this country.
- 13) Future Discussion Meetings

Secretary reported that Miss Cicely M. Craven, J.P. had agreed to speak on The Work of a Magistrate on Monday, 24th February.

Monday, 24th March, to be (as previously arranged) date of the following meeting if speaker could be arranged. Suggested subject - the disabilities under which professional women suffer in comparison with men in making headway in their professions. Mrs. Dorothy Wise of Women's Employment Federation to be asked to suggest suitable speaker.
- 14) Next meeting. A further meeting of the E.C. to be called in about two months, in particular to discuss arrangements for Annual Meeting.

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DISCUSSION MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Monday, February 24, 1947, at 6 p.m. when

MISS CICELY M. CRAVEN, M.A., J.P.,

(Hon. Secretary, Howard League for Penal Reform)

will open a discussion on

THE WORK OF A MAGISTRATE

Coffee will be available at 4.45 p.m.

Members are reminded that they may bring their friends.

Dorothy Watson
Secretary

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

General Secretary : BOSWORTH MONCK

Telephone : WHitchell 3077

A meeting of the Women's Group Executive Committee will be held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on FRIDAY, 25TH APRIL, 1947, at 6 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. To meet the new General Secretary of the Fabian Society.
2. Annual General Meeting.
3. Any other business.

Dorothy Watson, Secretary
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FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET SW 1

MINUTES of a meeting of the Fabian Women's Group had at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Friday, 25th April, 1947, at 6 p.m.

Present: Miss Murray (Chair), Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Watson (Secretary).

Apologies from Mrs. Bolton, Miss Bowie, Miss Davies, Mrs. Malone, Mrs. Pollard, Miss Sutherland.

Present as visitor: Andrew Filson.

1 Possible practical work for the Women's Group

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Filson and expressed the pleasure of those present that the new General Secretary of the Society should be so interested in the Women's Group as to ask to meet the Executive Committee members.

Mr. Filson said he was interested in the particular problems of women both on their own merits and because he considered women's votes would be most important at the next election. He was therefore anxious to consider whether any useful work could be done by the Women's Group in connection with these problems. He had read the Minutes of the last E.C. meeting and agreed that most of the items mentioned in the discussion on a Housewife's Charter were being dealt with by other organisations, and he thought perhaps some work on broader lines would be preferable for the Fabians to undertake. A discussion followed on such points as mass production of labour-saving devices, their supply at differential prices, what labour-saving machines are most needed, the need for extended municipal services, including laundries and a baby's nappy service, extension of the Home Help scheme, child minders, shortage of man and woman power to service proposed schemes, etc. It was agreed that subjects on which work might usefully be done were:

(a) Part-time work for women

(i) an estimation of appropriate employment for part-time women workers, particularly older women who felt unable to work full time,

(ii) how much part-time labour would be likely to be available.

(b) the possibilities of the Labour movement working together with existing voluntary organisations, such as the W.V.S. and National Council of Social Service.

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After Mr. Filson's departure it was decided that the items mentioned should be brought before the next meeting of the Women's Group Executive and that the possibility of doing work on the two main items mentioned should be explored later in the year.

2 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Decided

- (a) that of the very few dates available at P.E.P. in the near future the meeting should be held on Monday, 23rd June, at 5.30 p.m.
- (b) that as the price of tea had gone up to 2/3d, in addition to the charge of £2.2.0. for the room, the charge for tickets should be 3/- each.
- (c) that arrangements as to time, etc. should be as for last year's annual meeting.
- (d) speaker to be asked should be Miss Sybil Thorndyke on "The Place of the Theatre in a Socialist Britain" or some similar title if she preferred it. If Miss Thorndyke unable to accept, Mrs. E. Arnot Robertson or Miss Dilys Powell to be asked to speak on the Films in some aspect of particular interest to socialists.
- (e) Mrs. Malone to be asked if she will again give an account of the current work of the Standing Joint Committee.
- (f) Absent members to be asked if they wished to remain on the Executive. Further nominations to be asked from members of the Women's Group.
- (g) An Annual Report to be circulated to members of the Group. This was likely to be brief and could be agreed by the Chairman and Secretary.
- (h) It was reported that the School of Stenotyping had offered to report a meeting of the Fabian Society as a demonstration. It was decided to suggest that the speech at the Women's Group Annual Meeting might be the subject of this demonstration.

3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Decided to recommend to the new Executive that Miss Joan Bourne, Miss Herbison, M.P. and Mrs. Elsie Boltz be asked if they would accept co-option to the Committee.

Should Mrs. Watson remain secretary of the Group, she was to obtain as much help from Mrs. Thomas as was practicable.

4. Letter from International Women's Day Committee suggesting that Women's Group should occasionally send observers to its Committee meetings should lie on the table.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Fabian Women's Group will take place at P.E.P., 11, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1. (near St. James's Park Underground Station) on

Monday, 23rd June, 1947, at 5.30 p.m.

MISS MARGARET HERBISON, M.P.
(Member for Lanark, Northern Division)

will speak on

THE WORK OF A BACK BENCHER

Tickets, including tea, 3s. each.

Owing to catering difficulties it will be helpful if tickets are booked in advance, and it will be appreciated if they are applied for as soon as possible - preferably before June 14th. Non-members of the Group will be welcome.

Booking Slip attached.

To the Secretary, Fabian Women's Group,
11, Dartmouth Street, London, S.W.1,

Please send me tickets (3s each) for the meeting on Monday, June 23rd, at P.E.P., 11, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1., for which I enclose

Name _____

Address _____

note:

- 1) Minutes of last Annual General Meeting (17 May, 1946) attached

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 23rd June, 1947, at 5.30 p.m.
at P.E.P., 16, Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster,
S.W.1.

Further to attached details of this meeting, please note:

- 1) Minutes of last Annual General Meeting (17 May, 1946) attached
- 2) Draft Annual Report attached.
- 3) The following members of the Women's Group Executive Committee are willing to stand for election:

Mrs. Molly Bolton
 Miss M. Bowie
 Mrs. Margaret Cole
 Miss I. M. Davies
 Mrs. Beryl Hughes
 Mrs. L. L'Estrange Malone
 Miss Agnes Murray
 Mrs. B. Pollard
 Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas
 Mrs. Joan Thompson
 Miss Mary Sutherland
 Mrs. Dorothy Watson

Further nominations are invited and should be sent to the Secretary before June 21st. Nominees must be members of the Fabian Women's Group and their consent should be obtained in advance by the nominator.

Dorothy Watson

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ANNUAL REPORT

FOR YEAR APRIL 1946 to MARCH 1947

The activities of the Women's Group during the year ended March, 1947, have been mainly confined to arranging Discussion Meetings.

There was first a most successful Annual Meeting in May, at which Dr. Edith Summerskill, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Food, spoke on The Work of a Labour Minister, and Mrs. L'Estrange Malone gave an account of the current year's work of the Standing Joint Committee of Working Women's Organisations, on which she is the Fabian Women's Group representative.

During the year small informal discussion meetings have been held with the following speakers and subjects:-

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| The Councillor's Job | - Mrs. V. Crooch Jones, J.P. |
| The Scope of Personnel Management in Modern Industry | - Miss Elizabeth Pepperell |
| Displaced Persons in Germany | - Miss P. B. Manton |
| The National Institute of Houseworkers | - Miss Dorothy Elliott, C.B.E., J.P. |
| The Work of a Magistrate | - Miss Cecily Craven, J.P. |
| Standards and Status of Social Workers | - Miss Amy Sayle, M.B.E. |

The last-mentioned meeting was arranged in conjunction with the Social Services Section of the Socialist Medical Association.

The Group's pamphlet "The Rate for the Job" by Margaret Cole, published in March, 1946, sold out, and a further supply was printed in the autumn. The pamphlet received excellent reviews, particularly in the journals of various staff organisations.

Finances The funds of the Women's Group are dealt with in the general accounts of the Fabian Society. Figures to end of March, 1947, are as follows:-

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The Scope of Personnel
Management in Modern Industry - Miss Elizabeth Pepperell
Displaced Persons in Germany - Miss P. B. Manton
The National Institute of
Houseworkers - Miss Dorothy Elliott, C.B.E., J.P.

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Receipts

Expenditure

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| Balance b/f from March, 1946 | £33, 12, 8 | Advertisement in "New Statesman" | 18. - |
| Sale of tickets for Annual Meeting, May 1946 | 5, 14, - | Expenses of Annual Meeting, May 1946 | 6. 4. 6 |
| Subscriptions and donation | 3, 1. - | Hire of room, July 1946 | 12. 6 |
| | | Speakers' expenses | 10. - |
| | | Delegate's fee | 2. 6 |
| | | Postages | 2. - . - |
| | | Balance c/f | 32, - . 2 |
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 23rd June, 1947, at 5.30 p.m.
at P.E.P., 11, Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, S.W.1

A G E N D A

- 1) Tea
- 2) Minutes of last Annual General Meeting (May 17, 1946) - herewith.
- 3) Annual Report and Financial Statement - already circulated.
- 4) Election of Committee and Office holders
- 5) Report by Mrs. L'Estrange Malone on current work of Joint Committee of Working Women's Organisations
- 6) MISS MARGARET HERBISON, M.P. (Member for Lanark, Northern Division) on THE WORK OF A BACK BENCHER
- 7) Any other business.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP

held at P.E.P., 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.
on Monday, 23rd June, 1947, at 5.30 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR: MISS AGNES MURRAY

- 1) The Chairman expressed regret at the absence of Mrs. Margaret Cole, to whom the Group owed so much for the interest she had taken in its work and for her constant attendance at its meetings. The meeting desired that a message should be sent to Mrs. Cole expressing good wishes for her recovery.

- 2) Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 17th May, 1946, approved.

- 3) Annual Report and Financial Statement

The Secretary's Report, which had been circulated before the meeting, and the financial statement showing balance of £32. 0. 2., were approved.

- 4) Election of Committee The following were elected to the Executive Committee:

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| Mrs. Molly Bolton | Miss Agnes Murray |
| Miss M. Bowie | Mrs. B. Pollard |
| Mrs. Margaret Cole | Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas |
| Miss I. M. Davies | Mrs. Joan Thompson |
| Mrs. Beryl Hughes | Miss Mary Sutherland |
| Mrs. L'Estrange Malone | Mrs. Dorothy Watson |

- 5) Election of Chairman and Secretary

Mrs. L. L'Estrange Malone was elected as Chairman and Mrs. Dorothy Watson as Secretary.

IN THE CHAIR: MRS. L. L'ESTRANGE MALONE

- 6) After taking the Chair, Mrs. L'Estrange Malone expressed thanks to Miss Murray for her work for the Women's Group, not only as Chairman during the past year, but also as Secretary for several years.

- 7) Report on Standing Joint Committee of Working Women's Organisations

Mrs. Malone then gave an account of the work of the Standing Joint Committee during the past twelve months.

- 8) THE WORK OF A BACK BENCHER

Miss Margaret Herbison, M.P. addressed the meeting on "The Work of a Back Bencher." Her friendly and interesting description of her work as a Member of Parliament was very much appreciated.

- 9) The Chairman announced that the Women's Group has been asked by the Fabian Society to do some work on a "Housewives' Charter" and invited offers of help.
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There will be a meeting of the Women's Group Executive Committee at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1 on Friday, 18th July, 1947, at 5.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

- (1) Forthcoming activities regarding "Labour's Programme for the Housewife."

(This matter has already been discussed at the last two meetings of the E.C. under the somewhat misleading title "A Housewives' Charter." The Social Services and Amenities Committee of the Fabian Society has now asked the Women's Group if it will undertake some specific work on the subject of what matters are likely to be of most interest to the housewife at the next election, and it is hoped that at this meeting some plans can be made for action to be started in the near future. It is therefore hoped that as many members of the E.C. as possible will be able to attend).

- (2) Future programme of discussion meetings.
- (3) Any other business.

Dorothy Watson
Secretary
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FABIAN SOCIETY : : : 11 DARTMOUTH STREET WESTMINSTER—LONDON SW 1

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the WOMEN'S GROUP held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Friday, 18th July, 1947, at 5.30 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Malone (Chair), Miss Murray, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Watson (Secretary).

Apologies from Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Pollard, Miss Sutherland, Mrs. Thompson.

- 1 Labour's Programme for the Housewife After a brief discussion of what matters are likely to appear urgent to women at the time of the next election, it was decided that, as so few were present, it would be better to leave the question of priorities for discussion later at a special meeting of the E.C. and others; this meeting to discuss what work, if any, it is desirable to undertake, and whether it is possible for the Women's Group to attempt it. If it is decided that action is possible, a sub-committee should be formed of those members of the Women's Group E.C. who are most interested and able to spare the time and others who are willing to assist.

- 2 Special Meeting It was decided that some time in September would be the most suitable time to call the special meeting. The Chairman and Secretary were requested to write to the following, inviting them to the special meeting, with a view to discussing a possible plan of action:- Mrs. Elsie Boltz, Miss Joan Burne, Mrs. Ashley Bramall, Mrs. James Callaghan, Mrs. Joan Clarke, Miss Jean Copeland, Miss Eirene Lloyd Jones, Mrs. Grahame Millar, Mrs. Bessie Ramage. Of the Executive Committee, Miss Mary Sutherland to be specially asked if she could help if any work is undertaken, and also Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, who has already been asked by the Fabian Society to write a pamphlet on Home Helps.

- 3 Future Programme of Discussion Meetings As several of those present had urgent meetings to attend later in the evening, there was no time to discuss this item of the Agenda. It was decided, therefore, to call another meeting to discuss it on Thursday, 7th August, at 5.30 p.m.

 L. H. Strangford above
 ✓ Aug. 7th 1947

WGEC (47) 4th meeting

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There will be a further meeting of the
FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE at 11,
Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on

THURSDAY, 7th AUGUST, at 5.30 p.m.

to discuss the autumn programme of Discussion
Meetings, as this item was not reached at the
meeting last night.

If you are unable to attend, could you send
in writing some suggestions for subjects and
speakers?

Minutes of yesterday's meeting will be sent
later: as I am going away today there is no time
to send more than this notice of the meeting date.

Dorothy Watson
Secretary
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MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the WOMEN'S GROUP held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Thursday, 7th August, 1947, at 5.30 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Malone (Chair), Mrs. Hughes, Miss Murray, Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Watson (Secretary).

Apologies: Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Thompson.

- 1 Minutes of last meeting. Approved.
- 2 Labour's Programme for the Housewife It was decided:

- (a) that if an enquiry is undertaken it should not be merely related to the next election programme but should be on wider lines. Any report should, in the Fabian tradition, be objective, and consider as such the actual needs of women during the next 5 or 10 years. If from the report any points could be taken for use in the next election programme, so much the better, but the enquiry should not be conducted only in consideration of possible electioneering points.
- (b) that the immediate future, when the country is being asked to accept greater austerity, will be quite inappropriate for sending out questionnaires on any large scale. So many of the articles and services required for ameliorating the housewife's difficulties - Home Helps, day nurseries, labour-saving devices, housing, etc. - will need labour and materials which will be scarcer than ever, and it would merely irritate women to be asked to name priorities at such a time. Any questionnaire deemed necessary should, therefore, be held up till a more appropriate time, or only sent to Fabian members with a full explanation of the long-term intentions of the enquiry.
- (c) to proceed with the projected special meeting on this subject and, as September is impossible for various members of the E.C., the date was fixed at Friday, 10th October, at 5.30 p.m.
- (d) Mrs. Cecily Cook, Mrs. Hadyri Davies, Miss Marjorie Green, Miss Stanbridge, Miss Grace Tavener, Miss Jean Thompson, and any others suggested later by Mary Sutherland, to be asked to attend the meeting and to assist in the enquiry if it is undertaken.

- 3 Discussion Meetings The following suggestions were approved:

| <u>Subjects</u> | <u>Possible speakers</u> |
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| X Conditions in South Africa | Mrs. Freedman |
| ✓ Part-time work | Mr. R. L. Webster, or a recommendation of the Institute of Labour Management |

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Subjects

Possible speakers

- ✓ Redeployment of manpower with particular reference to foreign labour
 - ✓ Food
 - Denning Report
 - ✓ Germany
 - Commonwealth Conference in Canada
 - ✗ Socialism in France
 - Importance of Administration
- Miss Margaret Yates (name not to appear in Fabian News) or a recommendation from Miss Yates.
 - Charles Smith, M.P.
 - Mrs. Jessie Smith
 - Miss Margaret Stewart
 - Miss Alice Bacon, M.P.
 - Miss Eirene Lloyd Jones
 - Possibly Mrs. Malone

A meeting to be held on Monday, 22nd September, if this can be arranged in time for Fabian News. A meeting also to be held on Monday, 20th October. Further dates to be arranged later.

- 4 Agreed that at some point the Women's Group should organise a tea meeting for some of the Colonial students who are now studying in this country, and possibly also a tea party at which the Group could meet some of the new women M.P.'s.

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DISCUSSION MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held at
11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Monday, 20th
October, 1947, at 6 p.m., when

Mr. R. L. WEBSTER

(Chief Personnel Officer of a large firm)

will open a discussion on

PART-TIME WORK FOR WOMEN:
PROBLEMS AND POSSIBILITIES

This subject being of great topical
interest, members will no doubt be glad to have
this opportunity of discussing it.

Coffee will be available at 5.45 p.m.

Members are reminded that they may bring
their friends.

Dorothy Watson
Secretary

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WGEC (47) 5th meeting

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May I remind members of the Executive Committee of the special meeting to discuss the possibility of work on "Labour's Programme for the Housewife," which is to be held on Friday, October 10th, at 5.30 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street.

Various of the invitees expect to come, and it is hoped there will be a good attendance of E.C. members, as the Social Services and Amenities Committee of the Society is very anxious for the Group to make some decisions as soon as possible.

Note: The special meeting on Friday the 10th is at 5.30 p.m.

The Discussion Meeting on Monday the 20th is at 6 p.m.

Dorothy Watson
Secretary
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Dorothy Watson
Secretary

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FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP :::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET LONDON S W 1

MINUTES of a special meeting of the Fabian Women's Group Executive Committee held on Friday, 10th October, 1947, at 5.30 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present:

Executive Committee: Mrs. Malone (Chair), Miss Murray, Miss Sutherland, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Watson (Secretary).

Visitors: Mrs. Elsie Boltz, Mrs. Audrey Callaghan, Mrs. Cecily Cook, Miss Elliott, Miss Marjorie Green, Miss Jean Thompson.

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Executive Committee: Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Pollard.

Visitors: Mrs. Margaret Bramall, Miss Birene Lloyd Jones.

- 1) The Chairman explained to the visitors that the Fabian Women's Group Executive Committee had been asked by the Fabian Society if they could undertake an enquiry into the needs of housewives, and that after preliminary discussions it had been decided that before any enquiry was undertaken, outside help and advice would be needed. Various points that had been mentioned in previous discussions were outlined, e.g. extended municipal services (municipal laundries, babies nappy service, Home Helps schemes, child-minding schemes), delivery of goods, mass production of labour-saving devices, increased facilities for part-time work for women, amendment of divorce laws, improvement of legal position of married women, equal pay, etc., and the visitors were asked whether they thought it was worth while to undertake such an enquiry and if so on what lines.
- 2) After much discussion it was decided that an enquiry would be worth while and that if it were undertaken the Fabian Society should be told that it would be an objective enquiry into the likely requirements of women over the next 5 or 10 years and not have any special relation to the next General Election.
- 3) It was left to a further meeting to decide how the work should be carried out.
- 4) In the course of the discussion it was agreed that it would be extremely useful, in order to see if anything could be done to ease women's short-term difficulties, if an official of the Board of Trade could be persuaded to give an explanation of what methods of enquiry, etc. it adopts on which to base its policy of production, allocation and distribution of supplies. It was felt that a body like the Fabian Society was likely to have such a request granted. It was therefore agreed that the Board of Trade should be approached to send a speaker to a meeting on Monday 3rd or 10th November at 5.30 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, the meeting to be private with no Press present: those invited to be only the Women's Group E.C., those others who had been invited to this evening's meeting, and Miss Grace Colman, M.P. or one of the other Labour women M.P.'s.

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FABIAN WOODS'S GROUP :: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S.W. 1

Referring to item 4 of the attached Minutes, there will be a small private meeting at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, at 6.30 p.m.

when Miss A. Kilroy of the Board of Trade will give some information regarding the Board's methods of enquiry.

Miss Kilroy is speaking to us on condition that the meeting is a private one with no Press present.

It is very much hoped that you will be able to attend.

Dorothy Watson, Secretary.
30.10.47

Note for members of the E.C.

Before 27th Nov. it is necessary for the E.C. to nominate the Group's representative on the Standing Joint Committee of Working Women's Organisations and also to suggest dates for Discussion Meetings in January, February and March.

To avoid calling a further E.C. meeting in addition to the above, could members come on the 10th prepared to deal with these two points at the end of the meeting, or, if they are unable to attend, could they let me have their views in writing?

At the moment the only suggestion for the E.J. representative is again Mrs. L'Estrange Malone, who would also be willing to be nominated for the E.J.C. General Purposes Committee.

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DISCUSSION MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Monday, 26th January, 1948, at 6 p.m. when

MISS MARGARET STEWART

will open a discussion on

INDUSTRIAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF GERMANY

No doubt members will have read many of Miss Stewart's articles in the Press, as well as her Fabian pamphlet "Taking Work to the Workers", and will be glad of this opportunity to meet her.

Members are reminded that they may bring their friends.

Dorothy Watson
Secretary

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DISCUSSION MEETINGS

The following meetings have been arranged,
to take place at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1 at
6.15 p.m.

Monday, March 15, 1948

Subject: FOOD

Speaker: CHARLES SMITH, M.P.

Tuesday, April 20, 1948

Subject: FOREIGN MANPOWER IN THE U.K.

Speaker: MISS MARGARET YATES

Members are reminded that they may bring their
friends to these meetings.

Dorothy Watson
Secretary

Your annual subscription to the Group (1/-)
is due and may be paid either at the next meeting
or by post. (Receipt will not be issued for this
small amount).

*This portion omitted from some
notes.*

WGEC (48) 1st meeting

FASIAN WOMEN'S GROUP :: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

There will be a meeting of the Women's Group Executive Committee at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1 on Wednesday, 3rd March, 1948, at 6 p.m. It is hoped you will be able to attend.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of last meeting (10th Oct. 1947 - herewith)
- 2 "Labour's Programme for the Housewife."
- 3 Future Activities:
 - (a) Annual Meeting
 - (b) Discussion Meetings
- 4 Any other business

Dorothy Watson
Secretary
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Note:

I hope you will be able to keep the following dates free for Discussion Meetings that have been arranged:

Mon. Mar. 15 at 6.15 p.m. Charles Smith, M.P. on Food

Tue. Apr. 20 at 6.15 p.m. Margaret Yates on Foreign Manpower in the U.K.

 FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP :: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET WESTMINSTER S W 1

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Fabian Women's Group held on Wednesday, 3rd March, 1948, at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1

Present: Mrs. Malone (Chair), Miss Bowie, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Hughes, Miss Wharry, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Watson (Secretary)

Apologies: Miss Davies, Miss Sutherland, Mrs. Thomas.

1 ANNUAL MEETING

Decided that this should take the form of a Dinner meeting at P.E.P. Of the very few dates which the secretary had ascertained were available at P.E.P., Monday evening, 26th July, was chosen. Dinner meeting to be arranged provided cost of dinner not more than 6/-. Otherwise a tea meeting to be arranged. Mrs. Annet Robertson and Mrs. Mary Agnes Hamilton to be asked to speak.

2 DISCUSSION MEETINGS

Decided to arrange a meeting on Monday, 31st May. David Maco to be asked to speak on Marriage Guidance or Terence Donovan, M.P. on the Denning Report.

3 15th MARCH DISCUSSION MEETING

The Secretary reported that the printer had omitted reference to this from Fabian News and asked those present to do their best to stimulate attendance.

4 "LABOUR'S PROGRAMME FOR THE HOUSEWIFE"

(a) Mrs. Cole reported that the Social Research Committee of the Fabian Society approved of something being done on this subject and had informed her that a voluntary worker, Miss Walton, might possibly help with work on it. Mrs. Cole had therefore promised to chair the opening session of a small group, in connection with the Women's Group E.C., if Miss Walton agreed to help. Mrs. Cole felt it was no use writing down a lot of things that could be put in a "Housewives' Charter." There must be somebody prepared to give time to looking things up.

(b) Mrs. Thompson reported that she had spoken to Miss Walton, who would be prepared to work with a group provided it was very small and had a chairman who would keep the group together. Her assistance, however, would be connected with writing up. She would not be able to do any research - having a full-time job - and presumed that the office could get any

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4 "LABOUR'S PROGRAMME FOR THE HOUSEWIFE"

to this from Fabian News and asked those present to do their best to stimulate attendance.

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information from Local Authorities, etc.

(c) The Secretary pointed out that there was no-one in the office available to do any research on this subject and that what was needed was a voluntary worker prepared to deal with this. She reported that the General Secretary of the Society had just learned of a Mrs. Holmes who might be able to help in this way.

(d) Mrs. Thompson said that she herself would be prepared to do the work necessary for a short pamphlet, but was afraid that the work would not stop at a short pamphlet.

(e) On the suggestion that the Fabian Society should be told that the Women's Group had decided it had no facilities for dealing with this project and that the Group would therefore prefer the Fabian Society to take it over if it is dealt with at all, it was agreed that no decision on this could be reached until members of the Committee had read the outline of a speech made by Mrs. Thompson at a recent Fabian conference, and until Mrs. Holmes had been approached. It was therefore decided that a copy of Mrs. Thompson's speech should be circulated to the Women's Group E.C. and that the members of the Committee should attend another meeting shortly, prepared with their ideas as to whether it would be a reasonable item to tackle with a working group, however constituted. Mrs. Cole agreed to see Mrs. Holmes, if possible, and it was agreed that if necessary Miss Walton and Mrs. Holmes should be invited to the meeting.

5 The meeting to discuss item 4 to be held on Tuesday, 16th March, at 5.30 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street.

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At the Executive Committee meeting yesterday the item "Labour's Programme for the Housewife" was left unresolved, partly so that a probable voluntary worker who has just been contacted might be interviewed, and partly so that members of the Committee might have the opportunity to read the outline of a speech made by Joan Thompson at a recent Fabian Conference and which it is considered might form the basis of any work if it is undertaken.

The Society is urgently wanting the Group to decide whether or not it can assist in any work on this subject, and it was therefore decided to hold another Executive Committee meeting on

TUESDAY, 16th MARCH, at 5.30 p.m.

A copy of the points in Joan Thompson's speech will be sent you in a few days: this notice is sent immediately in the hope that you will be able to reserve the date.

Dorothy Watson
Secretary
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Discussion Meeting, 15th March, at 6.15. p.m.
Charles Smith, M.P. on Food. By an unfortunate printer's error the notice of this meeting has been omitted from Fabian News. This means that attendance is likely to be adversely affected. If, therefore, members of the E.C. can help to stimulate attendance it will be greatly appreciated.

- AGENDA
- 1 Minutes of last meeting (3rd March) - herewith
 - 2 "Labour's Programme for the Housewife."
In connection with this the following papers are enclosed as a basis for discussion:
 - (a) Outline of Joan Thompson's speech at Fabian "Brighter Britain" conference (WGEC (48) 1)
 - (b)

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As has already been advised, there will be a meeting of the Fabian Women's Group Executive Committee at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on TUESDAY, 16th MARCH, 1948, at 5.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of last meeting (3rd March) - herewith
- 2 "Labour's Programme for the Housewife."
In connection with this the following papers are enclosed as a basis for discussion:
 - (a) Outline of Joan Thompson's speech at Fabian "Brighter Britain" conference (WGEV (48) 1)
 - (b) Chairman's Notes (WGEV (48) 2)
- 3 Further details re Annual Meeting arrangements
- 4 Any other business.

Dorothy Watson
Secretary

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FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET WESTMINSTER S W 1

MINUTES of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Fabian Women's Group held on Tuesday, 16th March, 1948, at 5.30 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Malone (Chair), Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Watson (Secretary).

Visitor: Mrs. Marjorie Holmes

Apology: Mrs. Pollard

1) LABOUR'S PROGRAMME FOR THE HOUSEHOLD LIFE

- (a) Mrs. Holmes kindly said that she was prepared to do voluntary research work on this subject, thus making it possible for work to be proceeded with.

Decided, since the Women's Group has no facilities for dealing with this, that the project would henceforth be the responsibility of the Social Research Committee of the Fabian Society, who were prepared to be in charge of a small group which would advise and direct Mrs. Holmes in the work. Margaret Cole, as requested by the Social Research Committee, would chair the first meeting of the group, though she could not at this stage promise to take on permanent chairmanship.

Mrs. Malone and Mrs. Watson to be invited to the first meeting.

Mrs. Holmes agreed to be convener and secretary of the group and to prepare a report of today's meeting for presentation to the meeting on April 22nd of the Social Research Committee, who would then appoint further members of the small group.

(b) Purpose of the Investigation

The Group proceeded to consider Mrs. Thompson's paper (WGEC (48) 1) and the Chairman's notes thereon (WGEC (48) 2), which had both been circulated.

The former seemed to cover two distinct issues - first, the upgrading of conditions of women in the home, and second, making provision for homemakers to work outside the home. Decided to recommend to the Social Research Committee that the former question would the better repay investigation.

It was felt desirable that the objective set should not be too wide for Mrs. Holmes to tackle.

- (c) Agreed that Miss Walton be informed that there would be little to write up for some time.
- (d) Suggestions as to items to be included in the enquiry were:
- (i) Home Helps (Elizabeth Thoms, who is preparing a pamphlet, to be asked to discuss the subject with Mrs. Holmes)
- (ii) Care of Children Following the suggestions made in § (g) of Mrs. Thompson's paper it was proposed to follow up by discussion with Mrs. Cecily Cook on the possibility of arranging voluntary co-operation through such groups as the Women's Co-operative Guilds.

It was further agreed to ask Mrs. Thompson to provide more information on the voluntary street groups mentioned in her paper.

(iii) Mass Production of Labour-Saving Devices

Agreed that wide-scale investigation on this point was not practicable for the group at the moment and it was suggested that Ian Mikardo might be asked to contribute a paper on his own suggestions, which could be submitted for comment to suitable members of the Fabian Society.

It was further suggested that enquiries might be made on the possibility of instituting communal washing machines in districts other than those now being equipped.

- (iv) Delivery Services Desirable to make enquiries into the costs of these from (a) Co-ops, (b) chain stores, (c) small shops, if possible. Such investigations to deal with cost in manpower as well as in money.
- (v) Home Meals Service A suggestion was made about the possibility of Civic Restaurants supplying meals to the home, particularly for the aged.
- (vi) Nursery Schools Agreed that these be not investigated at present.
- (vii) Mrs. Malone promised to make enquiries of Mrs. Jay with a view to prevention of overlapping with the work of the Royal Commission on Population.
- (viii) Day Nurseries Agreed that Mrs. Mabel Crout might be asked to supply information upon the cost of Day Nurseries and the staffing required.

4) ANNUAL DINNER

Decided that the charge shall be 6/6d, any slight deficit to come out of the Group's funds. Annual General Meeting business to be held after the dinner and speeches. Time 6.45 for 7 p.m. First speaker to be asked: Rose Macaulay. Railing her, Mrs. Arnot Robertson and Mrs. Mary Agnes Hamilton as decided at last meeting. Failing them, Dilys Powell, Jennie Lee, Mrs. Braddock. Subjects to be of their own choosing.

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DISCUSSION MEETINGS

at 11, Dartmouth Street, London, S.W.1

Reminder

Tuesday, April 20, 1948, at 6.15 p.m.

Subject: FOREIGN MANPOWER IN THE U.K.

Speaker: MISS MARGARET YATES

The following meeting has also been arranged:

Monday, May 31, 1948, at 6.15 p.m.

Subject: MARRIAGE GUIDANCE

Speaker: REGINALD PESTELL, J.P.
Secretary, London Marriage
Guidance Council.

Members are reminded that they may bring their
friends to these meetings.

Dorothy Watson
Secretary

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WGEC (48) 3rd meeting

FABIAN SOCIETY ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

URGENT

There will be a meeting of the Women's Group Executive Committee at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Monday, 26th April, 1948, at 6 p.m.

A G E N D A

- 1) Resignation of Secretary
- 2) To discuss whether the Fabian Women's Group should continue.
- 3) Any other business.

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Secretary
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FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET S W 1

R E V I S E D A G E N D A

for meeting (of which you have already been advised) of the Women's Group Executive Committee at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Monday, 26th April, 1948, at 6 p.m.

- 1) Minutes of last meeting (WGEC (48) 2nd meeting) - herewith.
- 2) Resignation from Executive Committee of Miss I. Davies.
- 3) Resignation of Secretary
- 4) To discuss whether the Fabian Women's Group should continue
- 5) Any other business.

Dorothy Watson
Secretary
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FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP ::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET WESTMINSTER S.W.1

MINUTES of a meeting of the WOMEN'S GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, 26th April, 1948, at 6 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present: Mrs. Malone (Chair), Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Watson (Secretary).

Apology: Miss Murray.

- 1) MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (March 16, 1948) agreed.
- 2) Point arising: ANNUAL DINNER The Secretary reported that Mrs. E. Arnot Robertson would speak on "What to Look for in the Films." Agreed that if Miss Jeannie Lee, who had also been invited, replied in the negative, no further attempt should be made to get a second speaker.
- 3) RESIGNATION OF MRS I. DAVIES Miss Davies' resignation from the Executive Committee, due to difficulty in attending meetings, was accepted with regret, which the Chairman was asked to express in a letter.
- 4) RESIGNATION OF SECRETARY Mrs. Watson's resignation was accepted with the deepest regret; and the warmest appreciation and thanks were expressed for her outstanding services as Secretary during the past two years, and for the very great help which she had previously given, as Assistant Secretary to Miss Murray.
- 5) CONTINUANCE OF WOMEN'S GROUP Unanimously decided that it is desirable for the Women's Group to continue. The Discussion Meetings serve a very useful purpose in appealing to some people who appear to be afraid of the larger Fabian meetings and who enjoy expressing themselves at these smaller informal meetings. Also the assumption that women's questions would automatically be solved within the framework of a Socialist society has not yet been realised, and should it appear at any time that the Fabian Society might usefully tackle some specific women's problems the existence of the Women's Group will provide a useful starting point.
- 6) FUTURE SECRETARY Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas kindly offered to take up the secretaryship of the Group provided that, as when Miss Murray was Secretary, the typing is done by the Fabian office. She could not, however, do so until September. In view of this, Mrs. Watson agreed to continue acting as Secretary till the end of July, arranging in conjunction with the Fabian office the organisation of the Annual Meeting.

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Payment to speaker The Chairman and Secretary reported that owing to exceptional circumstances they had agreed to the payment of One Guinea for plus expenses (likely to be small) to the Marriage Guidance Council in respect of speaker on May 31st. The Committee disapproved of this, and desired it to be laid down for the future that no fees should be paid to speakers. Expenses, of course, should be paid where required.

- 7) ANNUAL REPORT The Committee asked Mrs. Watson to draw up an Annual Report and circulate it to all members of the Group before the Annual General Meeting. The draft first to be submitted to members of the E.C. in writing for their approval.
- 8) ACTIVITIES OF THE GROUP Decided that for the time being the Women's Group activities should be limited to the organising of 4 Discussion Meetings a year, plus one larger Annual Meeting, and about two Executive Committee Meetings per year.
- 9) FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS Subjects and speakers suggested for future Discussion Meetings:

- The New "General Certificate of Education" - Lady Simon of Wythenshawe
- Lightening the Household Burden - Mrs. M. D. Spikes
- Should Wives have Wages? - Mrs. Nicholson, of the Married Women's Association.
- Population - Mrs. Peggy Jay.

The last to be timed according to the appearance of the Royal Commission on Population Report. The first two meetings to be in October and December, if possible, Thursday or Wednesday evening being preferred, though only Tuesday evenings need definitely be avoided. Mrs. Watson to get these two meetings arranged in the near future, if possible.

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- 11) Women's Group Funds The Secretary reported that the now Accountant of the Fabian Society had been through the Fabian Society's books and agreed the women's Group cash balance at March 31st, 1948, at £31.10.2d. Provided the Auditor and the Hon. Treasurer of the Society agreed this figure it would be brought forward as the amount standing in the Fabian Society's books to the Group's credit.
- 12) POSSIBLE WEEKEND CONFERENCE A suggestion was made that at some time in the future the Women's Group might suggest that the Fabian Society runs a weekend conference at Rasture Wood specifically on Women's subjects. This would have to be organised and run by the Society itself. Agreed that this should come up for discussion at some later date.

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24th May, 1948

To members of the Executive Committee

- 1) Minutes of last meeting (26th April) herewith.
- 2) Election to Committee

At the forthcoming Annual General Meeting the members of the E.C. are retiring and standing again for election. Will those who were not present at the meeting on 26th April please let me know if it is their intention to stand again?

- 3) Draft Annual Report

In accordance with item 7 of the enclosed Minutes, draft Annual Report is enclosed. Will you please confirm if this meets with your approval, or let me have suggestions for amendment.

- 4) I should be glad to receive your reply to these two points by Wednesday, June 2nd. If I do not hear from you by then I will assume (a) that you are standing again for the E.C. and (b) that you agree to the Draft Annual Report.

Dorothy Watson
Acting Secretary

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Notice to all members

- 1) The Annual General Meeting of the Group will take place on Monday, 26th July, 1948. Details are attached, and it is hoped that members who expect to attend will apply for tickets as soon as possible.
- 2) At the date of this notice it is understood that the following members of the Women's Group Executive Committee are willing to stand for re-election:

Mrs. Molly Bolton
Miss M. Bowie
Mrs. Margaret Cole
Mrs. Beryl Hughes
Mrs. L. L'Estrange Malone
Miss Agnes Murray
Mrs. E. Pollard
Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas
Mrs. Joan Thompson
Miss Mary Sutherland

Further nominations are invited and should be sent in before July 17th. Nominees must be members of the Fabian Women's Group and their consent should be obtained in advance by the nominator.

- 3) Annual Report for April 1947 to March 1948 is attached.

Dorothy Watson
Acting Secretary
7th June, 1948

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 26th July, 1948, at 6.15 p.m.
at P.E.P., 11, Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, S.W.1

A G E N D A

6.15 p.m.

- 1) Minutes of last Annual General Meeting
(23rd June, 1947) - herewith.
- 2) Annual Report and Financial Statement -
already circulated.
- 3) Election of Committee and Office Holders.
- 4) Report by Mrs. L. L'Estrange Malone on
current work of Standing Joint Committee of
Working Women's Organisations (time permitting).
- 5) Any other business

7.0 for 7.15 p.m. DINNER

Guest speakers:

Miss JENNIE LEE, M.P. on
Is British Socialism too Conservative?

Mrs. E. ARNOT ROBERTSON on
What to Look for in Films.











